

# Resident's Monthly Newsletter

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## President's Blog May 2011

It was great seeing all the residents who attended the ACA this year in Tucson, AZ. For those residents who participated in poster presentations and resident lectures, I applaud your great effort at expanding the scope of education for all those who attended.

I would like to congratulate all the winners of the poster presentations this year along with the Patrick Murray award winners. As you may be aware, the Foundation every year offers monetary awards for those who achieve academic excellence on the in service exams along with having the best poster presentation.

Resident papers will also receive awards based on the best papers submitted. Travel grants can be applied to offset some of the cost of attending the meeting.

As President of the Colleges and the Foundation, I want you to take advantage of what the Colleges and the Foundation can offer you. I hope you continue to use the Colleges as a resource for your educational needs and as a way to express your academic talents.

Sincerely,

David D. Gossage, DO, FAOCO

President of the AOCCO-HNS and Foundation

## Dear Fellow Residents,

The 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Assembly was a great success with over 400 members in attendance. During the meeting, the Council of Residents and Fellows met, and held elections for next year. Please take a second to read the attached minutes, especially concerning poster grading for next year. Also it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you, your next CRF Officers.

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- Chair-Elect – Wendy McConnell, DO (St. Louis) [Mcconnell\\_wendy@yahoo.com](mailto:Mcconnell_wendy@yahoo.com)
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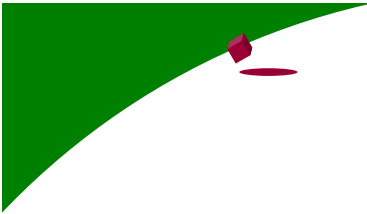
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- Chair – Mathew Lowrance, DO (Hillsdale) [maplowrance@yahoo.com](mailto:maplowrance@yahoo.com)
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### **Award Winners**

All of the Poster and Paper Award Winners will be published in the June Resident Newsletter, along with the list of Patrick Murray Award Recipients.





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Remember that this passionate crew of residents were elected to represent your opinions and voices within the College. Please contact them with all your concerns and they will do their best in addressing them. This year has been an honor serving as the eyes and ears of our resident body.

Thank you,  
Richard Chu, DO  
Past- Ophthalmology CRF chair

### ACA CRF Minutes

#### Old business

- 2011 Resident Survey Results
  - Residents feel their resident programs better prepare them for examinations.
  - Residents have strong general surgical case load but want better didactic training.
  - Resident opinion that the AOCOO-HNS cares about their education improved from neutral to agree.
  - The number of residents who attend conferences is low due to expense and approved leave.
  - Otolaryngology residents feel they need more research opportunities.
  - Majority of residents did not attend the research forum but the same majority would also like to see it repeated next year.
  - Inter-program communication can improve with an online forum.
  - Majority of residents read the Resident Newsletter and are curious about fellowship applications and research criteria.
  - The AOCOO-HNS website is being visited more frequently by residents.
  - Residents are technologically literate and would like to help develop an online log system.
- AOCOO-HNS Website – call for suggestions?
- Newsletter- Majority in attendance read the Newsletter
  - Dr. Lowrance proposed to have all residency programs participate and write an update.
- Poster grading form to be trialed this ACA (May 2011) and implemented next ACA (May 2012). The College will publish a copy of the form when finalized.
- Call for Resident Research Forum ideas/presentation topics?
- Paper approval by Program Director by April 1st.
  - Suggestion to include grading form into first Newsletter.
  - Propose to Education Committee to not include paper type in point grading system for papers.

#### New Business

- American Academy of Ophthalmology Midyear Forum
  - CRF chair sponsored by College and state society.
  - Presentation on Advocacy Ambassador Program, role of state societies, and need for advocacy.
- Potential academic probation based on in-service scores.
- Elections.