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Dear Fellow/Member,

Every year at our Annual Meeting, we are reminded of the incredible bond that unites our members in their shared commitment to advancing our field. The American Laryngological Association (ALA) continues to a premier organization dedicated to promoting education and research in the realm of laryngology. Our mission encompasses the dissemination of critical scientific information, the study of basic science, the presentation of the latest scientific discoveries, the publication of peer-reviewed reports, and the establishment of funding sources for pilot research studies that pave the way for subsequent NIH funding.

Last year, Dr. Dinesh Chhetri and the Council established a goal to fulfill its objectives of promoting education and research. To achieve this through various means, we created initiatives to enhance a smooth transition from Post-Graduate Membership (PGM) to Active, or Corresponding Membership. This member category continues to grow with an outstanding group of clinicians and researchers. With the establishment of the PGM Best Paper Award, and the PGM Breakfast Symposium funded by Dr. Bob Ossoff and Gerald Berke, respectively, we are able to award and incentivize our members.

Several years ago, Dr. Eugene Myers established an award recognizing our international fellows and colleagues by funding the Eugene N. Myers International Award in Laryngology. We have seen an increase in engagement from that community. We have also acknowledged excellence in research through the Casselberry Award, Young Faculty/Practitioner Award, and the Resident Research Award.

The ALA continues to emphasize the role that scientific research plays in the progress of our specialty. The Association began awarding the first research grant, ALA/ALVRE Research Grant in 1940. The second grant, the ALA/Seymour R. Cohen Research Grant, was funded in 1989 for pediatric laryngology and/or pediatric neurolaryngology research. Funding remained unchanged until last year when the award amounts were increased. Dr. Chhetri, along with the ALA Council, established a new grant mechanism

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specifically tailored to early investigators with funding in the amount of \$15,000. With a goal to raise \$300,000 for additional research funding, the Council will continue to seek out research opportunities within the Association.

As we approach the season of gratitude and the holiday spirit, we humbly request your support in making the 2025 campaign a resounding success. You may join other esteemed ALA Fellows to take an opportunity by adding your name to a current award, create a newly named award or contribute to the ongoing growth of the Sustainers' Fund with a tax-deductible donation. All funds received will be invested in our membership in the form of research grants. The enduring impact of your generosity will nurture laryngeal research early in the careers of aspiring Laryngologists.

To make your contribution, please find the attached donation card or use the convenient link on our website at <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/2268037>. Your contributions will be recognized at our 146th Annual Meeting in New Orleans in May 2025. Should you wish to explore naming opportunities for substantial gifts, please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly via our website, www.alahns.org.

Please know that we appreciate you for being an integral part of the ALA and for steadfastly supporting its goals and missions. We extend our warmest wishes for joyful and festive holiday seasons.

Sincerely,



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