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A Message from the President

Dear ALA Community,

I hope that you are staying safe and healthy in the new year. Our program for the 146th ALA meeting at COSM 2025 is now set! The program committee lead by Dr. Karla O'Dell (program chair) and Dale Ekbohm, Alex Gelbard, Adam Klein, Robbi Kupfer, and Phil Song have curated an exceptionally strong program with 43 podium presentations, 88 poster presentations, and 4 interactive panels. The Baker lecture will be delivered by Dr. Clark

Rosen, entitled: **Story Time: Key Moments in 30 Years of Laryngology**. The State-of-the-Art lecturer is Dr. Adam Rubin: **Playing Doctor: Lights, Camera, Action!**

Come in person and learn the recipients of the 2025 American Laryngological Association Award, the Casselberry Award, the Young Faculty/Practitioner Award, the Robert H Ossoff, DMD, MD Post-Graduate Member Best Paper Award, the Resident Research Award, the Eugene N. Myers MD International Paper Award, and the Dysphonia International Travel Awards. Finalize your travel plans for May 17th and 18th, 2025 in New Orleans!

Also, If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a look at our member-driven strategic plan and upcoming new initiatives, now published on our website here:

[ALA-Strategic-Plan-2024-Final-Draft.pdf](#).

Here's a summary of some of the key initiatives:

- Establish a new committee called the **Education, Communication, and Outreach Committee** which will focus on curating and creatively presenting educational and outreach material relevant to the ALA community via enhanced ALA email messaging, a stronger website and increased social media presence. The committee will also develop new educational initiatives outside of annual meeting program such as podcasts and webinars.
- Form a new **Partnerships and Liaisons Committee** which will foster collaboration and engagement with partner organizations for joint initiatives in the field of laryngology. This includes key partners ABEA and the Triological Society as well AAOHNS entities, ABOHNS, ACS, ASHA, international organizations, and ensure ALA representation as requested by partner organizations.
- Create a new **Laryngology Fellowship Committee** which will seek to enhance laryngology fellowship education by defining best practices and standards for fellowship training, and curate resources to improve laryngology fellow education.
- The Membership Committee will become the **Membership and Engagement Committee** with an expanded roster and charge to foster ALA membership engagement and value.
- The Research Committee will become the **Research Advancement Committee** with an expanded roster and charge to support laryngology research including a new ALA Laryngology Research Collaborative. (continued on page 2)



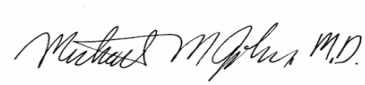
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• **Membership criteria:** Revisions to bylaws reaffirming the high-level scholarly requirements for active ALA fellowship induction; clear articulation of specific criteria in our rules and regulations including completion of a Triological Society Thesis or demonstration of substantial scholarship and innovation in laryngology as a component of one's laryngological scholarship; creation of a pathway to active fellowship based on substantive contributions to the field of laryngology over one's career in the absence of thesis completion.

We will seek engagement from all our ALA members to drive our plan forward and elevate our association. Stay tuned for a call for participation soon as well as bylaws changes for membership review and vote. All ALA Fellows and Members will have an opportunity to apply for the many new opportunities that we are creating.

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans for ALA 2025!

Warmly,



Michael M Johns III, MD
2025 American Laryngological Association President



	Thur May 15	Fri May 16	Sat May 17	Sun May 18
			7am Business Meeting	
AM	ABEA	ABEA	ALA	ALA
PM	ABEA	1:00-2:00 Laryngology Research Collaborative 2:30-3:30 Neurolaryngology Study Group 4:00-5:00 PGM Symposium + Light Reception	ALA	
			5:30-7 President's Reception	

2025 President's Reception
May 17, 2025, 5:30 PM

Join us to celebrate Dr. John's term as the ALA President as he is presented the President's Medal, Watch, and Past President's Pin. During the President's Reception, Dr. Johns will recognize recipients of the deRoaldes and Newcomb awards. The Eugene N. Myer's MD International Award will be presented to its awardee and others for their contribution to the Association's specialty.

If you enjoy the sounds of New Orleans Jazz and Blues, you will be entertained by one of New Orleans' multi-talented Jazz Combo, Milesteauxne Music. New Orleans, a city renowned for its vibrant culture, music, and cuisine, offers a culinary experience that is both rich and diverse. The hors d'oeuvres of New Orleans are no exception, providing a splendid introduction to the flavors that make this city a gastronomic paradise. Whether you're planning a memorable evening or simply looking to indulge in a taste adventure, these iconic appetizers are sure to delight.

Tickets will become available for advanced purchase on March 1st through April 30th for **\$75** for ALA members. Beginning on **May 1st**, the price will increase to **\$100**. To our Non-ALA Member colleagues, we hope you will also join us to celebrate Dr. John's presidency. You may purchase tickets during the same time period for **\$90** until April 30th and **\$115** effective **May 1st**.

To purchase tickets for this event, please contact the ALA Administrator, Maxine Cunningham, at Maxine.c@comcast.net or by calling her at 615-812-6170. Please request a payment invoice for the purchase amount from our Administrator. Acceptable methods of payment are credit card (VISA, MasterCard or American Express) and US bank check.

Please join us for Dr. Dinesh Chhetri's talk on "**Evolution of Laryngeal Reinnervation: Past Milestones and Future Prospects**"

2025 Winter Council Meeting Recap

President's Report Dr. Johns provided an update on the 146th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. He has selected Dr. Michael M.E. Johns as the 2025 Guest of Honor. A record number of abstracts were submitted, with 43 selected for podium presentations. The program will feature three interactive panels, including one on AI in laryngology, "Are You Smarter Than a Machine?". Another panel will focus on laryngeal transplantation with Dr. David Lott as the moderator. The Baker Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Clark Rosen, and the State-of-the-Art Lecture will be given by Dr. Adam Rubin on the state of the performing arts. Dr. Johns will award Presidential Citations to several practice partners in recognition of their contributions. The President's Reception and Council Dinner will be held on Saturday May 17.

For the next steps in the strategic planning process, Dr. Johns asked each Councilor to look at the expanded and new committees that they are the liaisons for and think about how to expand the rosters to increase membership involvement. There will be a call for membership engagement, which will provide the opportunity for members to indicate interest on certain committees.

Secretary's Report Dr. Mau reported that three requests for elevation to Emeritus status were submitted by Drs. Stephen Parnes, Randal Weber, and Joseph Kerschner. He announced that Dr. Brad Kesser was elected as the new chair of the COSM Secretaries Liaison Committee. COSM 2024 was successful financially, with each participating society receiving a distribution. Future COSM meetings will be held in Phoenix (2026) and Seattle (2027). Locations for 2028 are being considered.

The Council had extensive discussions on the proposed bylaws revisions. The 7-year post-training requirement for Active Fellows was clarified to be 7 years post-residency, not 7 years after fellowship. The Council affirmed that the scholarship expectations for Corresponding (International) Fellows are the same as for Active Fellows. However, previously there was no attendance requirement for Corresponding Fellows, so that in theory someone who had never attended an ALA meeting could become a Corresponding Fellow. The Council agreed to propose an eligibility requirement for Corresponding Fellow that they should have attended at least one ALA meeting in the past five years. Finally, the draft of the Membership Qualification Guidelines spearheaded by Dr. Chhetri was reviewed in detail, modifications made, and approved by Council.

Treasurer's Report Dr. Buckmire reported that the Association remains financially healthy, benefiting from a strong stock market performance in 2024. Delinquent dues were reviewed, with Council members asked to assist in follow-ups. The search for a new legal counsel resulted in the selection of attorney Sarah Mooney, with an increased budget allocation for legal fees.

Editor's Report Dr. Kost reported that the fellowship match for 2026 has 27 programs participating with 29 available positions. NRMP is implementing a fee increase, which will impact the individual programs. She will clarify the nature of the fee increase with the NRMP.

Historian's Report Dr. Merati reviewed the 2025 Sustainers Fund campaign launched in December. He emphasized the importance of clearly communicating fund objectives to members. He also reported on the passing of several ALA Fellows and proposed incorporating memorial acknowledgments into the annual business meeting.

PGM Updates For the first time, the PGM Chair was invited to report at the Council meeting. Dr. Gao reported that the mentorship program between active fellows and PGM members remains strong, with 15 new pairs added in 2024, which was a record, and bringing the total to 69. Discussions are ongoing about improving mentor-mentee engagement. The Breakfast Symposium, sponsored by Dr. Berke, featured a panel on surgical clinical innovation. A proposal was made to add an in-person mentorship event or online mentor profiles. The PGM Best Paper Award will be supported through Dr. Ossoff's generous ongoing sponsorship.

Membership Committee Report Dr. Mau presented the committee's recommendations for new fellows and PGM candidates. Council discussed the bylaw revisions regarding membership qualifications and the application review process which will apply to the next cycle. There was strong consensus that while the proposed bylaws revisions would remove the Trio thesis as an absolute requirement for Active Fellow, a quality Trio thesis is still the best mark for scholarship for ALA membership, and that the proposed new criteria are meant for those choosing not to go through the Trio pathway. The Council will propose to move up the membership application deadline from the 3rd Monday in September to the 1st Monday to allow the Membership Committee more time to review applications and to submit its report in late October so that the vetting of candidates could occur during the fall Council meeting.

Ballots for 2025 Candidates and By-laws Revisions

The Association will provide the 2025 digital ballot of candidates and bylaws revisions to eligible Fellows (Active, Emeritus) no later than April 1, 2025. In order to receive the digital ballot, a valid email address must be in your profile on the website. Please confirm your email address by logging into the **Members Portal at www.alahns.org/members-area**. **If you are unable to access your profile, you may request a temporary password.** If you do not utilize email, please confirm your mailing address with the Administrator so a ballot book may be mailed to you. You may select one of the two methods but the digital is most preferred. Remember to vote, sign, and return your ballot no later than **April 7, 2025**. Ballots returned **incomplete and after April 7, 2025** will be considered invalid. Please read and follow the instructions on the first page of the ballot book.

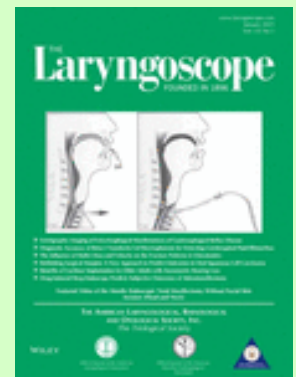
Our Administrator Maxine Cunningham can be reached at Maxine.c@comcast.net or by calling her at 615-812-6170.

Please Accept Manuscript Review Requests!

From The Associate Editors, *The Laryngoscope*

As you know, all oral and poster presentations at ALA Meetings are required to be accompanied by manuscript submission to *The Laryngoscope* by April 22, 2025. To maintain the high quality of peer review, the Associate Editors for Laryngology and Bronchoesophagology will need your assistance in reviewing these manuscripts. Your acceptance of review assignments is greatly appreciated, and thank you for your generous contribution of time and expertise. To become a reviewer, please contact thelaryngoscope@gmail.com

- Joel Blumin, MD, Dinesh Chhetri, MD, Julina Ongkasuwan, MD



Laryngology Research Collaborative

One of the major outcomes of the ALA Strategic Plan was to develop a Laryngology Research Collaborative (LRC). The preliminary proposed mission of the LRC is to serve as an official platform for the community of clinician-scientists in laryngology to share ideas, support one another, develop the next generation of clinician-scientists in laryngology, and expand the cohort of NIH-funded laryngologists and laryngologists with extramural funding. To that end, some possible activities for the LRC are to connect early career investigators with potential mentors, curate new funding opportunities, track NIH funding to laryngologists, and to host in-person meetings at COSM. These will also be planned with input from the ABEA to maximize benefit to the field.

A survey sent to current and former NIH-funded laryngologists as well as early career laryngologists preparing their first NIH applications generated many ideas and topics for future LRC meetings. The survey also identified potential mentors, and several mentee-mentor arrangements are being made.

The first LRC meeting will be held at COSM, on **Friday, May 16 at 1pm**. The preliminary agenda includes a mock study section review, followed by a 15-minute talk on the Importance of Advocacy especially for new reviewers. There will also be a Roundtable discussion on "Struggles and Perspectives in Obtaining Funding". There will be ample opportunity to discuss real-life scenarios from folks who have been through the process before.

All laryngology researchers at any career stage are invited. If you would like to be added to a mailing list, please contact ALA Research Committee Chair Jennifer Long (jloug@mednet.ucla.edu) or Ted Mau (ted.mau@utsouthwestern.edu).

ALA Post-Graduate Members Corner

As we kick off 2025, we're excited to share the latest updates and opportunities. With an active and growing post-graduate membership, we're paving the way for a bright future for our subspecialty. Please join me in congratulating our newest post-graduate members and those who have advanced to become Active Fellows in the ALA.

Through the dedicated efforts of the ALA Council and the dynamic activities of our organization, the post-graduate membership has seen impressive growth over the last decade, increasing to **109** in 2025. Since 2014, 42 post-graduate members have advanced to Active Fellow status in the ALA.



This year, we have several exciting opportunities for our members, as outlined below:

- Post-Graduate Mentorship Program - Each year, we continue to pair every post-graduate member with an Active ALA Fellow, fostering career development opportunities. Currently, we have 69 active mentor-mentee pairs. The mentorship pairs for the 2025 ALA-PGM inductees will be announced in a separate communication before COSM. Members who have participated in this program have found it to be an invaluable resource for career development. We encourage you to engage with your mentor at the upcoming COSM meeting in New Orleans or set up a virtual meeting to maximize this opportunity.
 - ◊ This upcoming year, we are planning for a new initiative to introduce post-graduate members to ALA society business and help engage all members more actively. **Mentors will be asked to attend the ALA business meeting accompanying their mentee on Saturday morning.** Reminders and details to follow. We anticipate this opportunity will encourage post-grad members to participate in new committees and have a more represented voice in future ALA activities.
- Post-Graduate Member Symposium - The ***Gerald S. Berke, MD Post-Graduate Symposium*** in New Orleans will feature a panel discussion on getting started with early career research, research collaborations, and diverse pathways for scholarship, titled ***“Exploring Pathways in Research: Getting Started, Finding Mentorship, and Synergizing”***, featuring Drs. Rebecca Howell, Ted Mau, and Anaïs Rameau. The symposium will take place on **Friday, May 16th at 4:00 PM, followed by a reception for members!** If there are any specific topics you would like to see covered in future symposia, please reach out to Bill Gao at William.gao@bsd.uchicago.edu.
- ALA-PGM Best Paper Award— The ***Robert H. Ossoff, DMD, MD Best Paper by a Post-Graduate Member Awards*** aims to encourage and reward post-graduate member participation in the scientific program during the annual meeting. The past winners include Dr. Rupali Shah (University of North Carolina); Dr. Neel Bhatt (University of Washington), and Dr. Yael Bensoussan (University of South Florida). This year's winner will be announced at COSM 2025.

We extend our gratitude to Dr. Berke and Dr. Ossoff for their contributions, ensuring the growth of the post-graduate membership category for years to come.

The ALA Post-Graduate Committee appreciates your engagement in these activities. We are grateful for the support of the ALA Council and are excited to offer these opportunities, which support your professional development and help secure a bright future for our specialty.

Best Regards,

Bill Gao

The ALA has partnered with **Stroboscopy.org**, a non-profit organization started by a group of early career laryngologists who have created an outstanding repository of high-definition videos as an educational resource for residents, fellows, and any anyone interested in learning about the interpretation and analysis of laryngeal video stroboscopy.



The atlas covers the entire breadth of laryngeal video stroboscopy, starting with variations of normal physiology followed by individual sections covering the entire spectrum of laryngeal pathology such as benign lesions, manifestations of systemic disease, malignancy, and pediatric voice disorders. **Stroboscopy.org** even has a section covering the variety of office procedures in laryngology.

Stroboscopy.org is comprised of videos submitted by members of the voice community, curated by a dedicated editorial board. The atlas will continue to grow and evolve as we seek to accumulate the largest collection of stroboscopy videos freely available to learners at any stage.

Please visit [Stroboscopy.org](https://stroboscopy.org) to simply browse or contribute your own videos and encourage your trainees to do so.

Top 3 submissions will receive free registration to the ALA Annual Meeting in New Orleans!

In Remembrance

Since the 2024 annual meeting, the ALA was notified of the passing of four Fellows, each of whom made significant contributions to the Association. We recognize each with gratitude for their service to the field.

Stanley Blaugrund, M.D. September 20, 1930 - June 6, 2024

The Association was notified of the passing of Stanley Blaugrund, MD on June 6, 2024. In 1977, he was inducted as an Active Fellow and after more than 40 years, Dr. Blaugrund was elevated to Emeritus Fellow in 2016. Dr. Blaugrund was one of the outstanding head and neck cancer surgeons of his generation.

In 1958, Dr. Blaugrund moved to New York for his residency in Otolaryngology at Mt. Sinai Hospital that was followed by completion of the distinguished John Conley Fellowship in Head and Neck Oncology and Facial Plastic Surgery. In addition to his groundbreaking surgical techniques and research, Dr. Blaugrund served as the chairman of Lenox Hill Hospital's Department of Otolaryngology for 25 years. He firmly believed that the ability to speak is part of one's humanity. He also was instrumental in building the Lenox Hill's Ames Vocal Dynamics Laboratory serving leading actors, politicians, business leaders, and singers who rely on their voices for their work and art.

Among his many honors, Dr. Blaugrund served as president of the Triological Society in 1997 and a year later in 1998, he was presented the esteemed deRoaldes Medal for Distinguished Service in Laryngology by the ALA.

William Lawson, M.D. November 23, 1934 - July 11, 2024

Dr. William Lawson passed away peacefully on July 11th, 2024 at the age of 89. In 1981, Dr. Lawson was inducted as an Active Fellow after being proposed by Hugh Biller, MD and Max Som, MD.

Dr. Lawson completed his undergraduate education at New York University where he also attended dental school and medical school. After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War (1967-69), Dr. Lawson advanced his training in otolaryngology at Mount Sinai Hospital under the leadership of Joseph Goldman. When Dr. Biller joined Mount Sinai in 1972, a year later, he was joined by Dr. Lawson where the two surgeon-scientists advanced the field contributing to the areas of conservation laryngeal surgery, head and neck reconstruction, and contributed seminal work in glomus neoplasms, sinus disease, and facial plastic surgery.

Renowned for his expertise in primary and revision rhinoplasty and facial plastic surgery, his knowledge was encyclopedic. As an elected fellow to ten prestigious professional societies and a prolific author of over 270 publications, he shaped otolaryngology and maxillofacial surgery in countless ways. Rising to the position of Chief of Otolaryngology at the Veterans Administration Medical Center where he served for three decades, he also held pivotal roles as the Endowed Grabsheid Professor of Otolaryngology, Vice Chairman of the Department, and Director of the Facial Plastic Surgery Clinic, all while co-leading the Sinus Research Laboratory at Mount Sinai.

Dr. Lawson influenced a generation of residents, fellows, faculty, and staff. His eccentric personality and enthusiasm for academic otolaryngology was infectious, entertaining, and inspiring. With a sardonic sense of humor and down-to-earth sensibilities, he has touched us all and made a great impact on the field of otolaryngology- head and neck surgery.

William F. McGuirt, Sr. MD November 1, 1941 – January 26, 2025

On January 27, 2025, the Association was notified of the passing of Dr. William Frederick McGuirt, Sr. , who served as its 2003 President. Inducted as an Active Fellow in 1990, Dr. McGuirt was a regular participant in the Association achieving Emeritus status in 2011. During his presidency, the Association made positive strides in financial growth as well as an increase in membership and attendance at the annual meetings.

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After serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, Dr. McGuirt completed his residency in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa before returned home to practice at Atrium's Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. There he served for 31 years including eight as the Otolaryngology Department Chair. Over the course of his career, he published over 100 articles, book chapters, and several books in the field. Dr. McGuirt was an inspiring teacher who touched the lives of many students and residents at Wake Forest.

In addition to his leadership role in the ALA, he held leadership roles in multiple national organizations, including President of the American Broncho-Esophagological Association, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Academy of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery, and examiner for the American Board of Otolaryngology. He was very proud of the establishment of the nationally recognized Head and Neck Surgical Oncology program at Atrium Wake Forest Baptist.

George A. Gates, M.D.

July 25, 1935 - February 8, 2025

The Association is saddened to learn of the passing of a long-time Fellow, George Arthur Gates, MD, on February 8, 2025. Dr. Gates was inducted in 1981 as an Active Fellow after being proposed by Drs. Roger Boles and Byron Bailey. In 2003, he was elevated to Emeritus status.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Gates grew up in Welch, West Virginia with his siblings where his father was a country doctor who flew an aircraft to reach patients in the mountains of West Virginia. Dr. Gates matriculated from the University of Michigan where he also earned his MD degree and completed his otolaryngology residency. After his service in the US Naval Reserve, he joined the faculty at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in 1971 where he would become professor and the head of the otolaryngology residency program. Every July, new ENT residents were welcomed to his home for a barbeque that was a display of his pride in the selection of his ENT residents.

Dr. Gates was also a noted researcher, having had a landmark research paper published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1987 for his work in treating chronic ear infections in young children. In 1988, he took a faculty position at Washington University in St. Louis where he remained until he was recruited to become the inaugural Director of the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Dr. Gates retired in 2004. His contribution to the education of thousands of physicians, lectures and surgeries both domestic and international, was highly recognized. He valued his most notable contribution to the science was his pioneering work in cochlear implants and helping to restore hearing to thousands of individuals.

From the Desk of the Secretary

It is a real privilege to pen my first communication to the ALA membership as Secretary. Since stepping into this role in the summer of 2024, I have benefited greatly from working with Maxine Cunningham, our longstanding Administrator, and Dr. Joel Blumin, who preceded me. Joel has been incredibly generous in sharing his wisdom on how to navigate the business of this great Association, and fellow Councilors have been patient with my learning curve in this first year. I thank them all for their collaboration and look forward to years of service to the Association.

This is an exciting time to be in the ALA. The Strategic Plan, a product of professional consultation with input from the ALA membership, has resulted in numerous new initiatives outlined in President Michael Johns' message in this newsletter, as well as graphically portrayed within the [2024 Summer Newsletter](#). A core outcome of this plan is broader opportunities for engagement by the membership (including post-graduate members) in the form of expanded committees and new committees that reflect the modern needs of the Association. There will be calls for members to participate in these committees after COSM (after the bylaws revisions establishing them have been voted on by the membership). We hope you will heed the call when the time comes!

You will receive ballots at least a month before the May COSM meeting. As usual, these will contain the names of membership candidates whose nominations have been approved by Council after careful review. Importantly for 2025, the ballots will also contain proposed revisions to the Association's bylaws. The revisions are in two categories. The first category involves the expansion/establishment of committees, as detailed in President Michael Johns' message in this newsletter. The second category deals with provisions related to membership, and these are summarized here:



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- **New pathways to Active Fellowship.** The ALA has a longstanding tradition of maintaining rigorous standards for membership. In the membership survey conducted as part of the strategic planning process, broadening membership access while upholding the Association's core as a scholarly organization was identified as a key area of attention. To that end, the Council worked through the summer and fall of 2024 to deliberate on new pathways to membership, taking into consideration feedback ranging from past Councilors to current post-graduate members. The result is a revised bylaws clause on qualifications for Active Fellows as below, and a separate Membership Qualification Guidelines as shown at the bottom of this page:

The Council will consider the candidate's scholarship and innovation in laryngology, major contributions to laryngology education, service to the Association and the field of Laryngology, and professionalism. The Council will assess the totality of each candidate's contributions through a comprehensive evaluation of the available data. Recognizing that individuals may achieve unique and outstanding contributions through diverse pathways, a holistic approach to determine the value and impact of a candidate's work will be utilized. Candidates will be considered for nomination by the Council to the Association based on their demonstrated contributions.

- Clarify the 7-year eligibility requirement as **7 years post-residency**, not post-fellowship.
- Renaming the "Corresponding Fellow" category to "**International Fellow**" to better reflect the times.
- Clarify the candidate election procedure. The existing bylaws note the distribution of ballots to voting membership but also has a clause on candidates needing to receive the vote of membership present at the Annual Meeting. The revision removes the Annual Meeting voting clause, as balloting occurs prior to the meeting and the results are already known by the time of the meeting.
- Clarify the meeting attendance requirement for candidates for International Fellowship. The proposal is that candidates must have attended at least one ALA meeting in the 5 years prior to application.
- Streamlining the language for Post-Graduate membership without changing the criteria.

I urge you to vote for these bylaws revisions when you receive the ballots in the spring. Finally, I would like to especially encourage the post-graduate members to attend the Business Meeting on Saturday, May 17. I know it will be at 7AM following a Friday night in New Orleans, but we will hopefully be able to introduce the new membership pathways, which are most relevant for the post-graduate members. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



Ted Mau, MD PhD

Membership Qualification Guidelines

1. The candidate will include a personal statement describing their contributions in scholarship and innovation in laryngology, major contributions to laryngology education, and service to the Association and the field of Laryngology, not to exceed one page.
2. Demonstration of **Scholarship and Innovation in Laryngology** may include the following:
 - a. Acceptance and publication of a Triological Society thesis on a topic in laryngology or closely related field.
 - b. A sustained series of publications as first or senior author on a specific topic in laryngology or related field that has had a significant impact on clinical practice or insight in laryngology.
 - c. Having served or serving as Principal Investigator on an NIH K or R award, or equivalent, on a project in laryngology or closely related field.
3. Demonstration of **Major Contributions to Laryngology Education** may include the following:
 - a. Development of educational programs and pathways that successfully prepare future clinicians and scientists to further the field of Laryngology.
4. Demonstration of **Service to the Association and the field of Laryngology** may include the following:
 - a. Service as an editor or on an editorial board of journals related to laryngology.
 - b. Service on committees, councils, or study sections focused on advancing the field of Laryngology.
 - c. Consistent contribution of high-quality reviews for the Association's official journal, *The Laryngoscope*, sustained over a number of years.
 - d. Sustained and substantial contribution to the Association as a Post-Graduate member.