Message from the President

The Winter Section meetings are now behind us and, once again, I am reminded of how important they are for our Society. It was truly a pleasure for me to attend the meetings in Naples, Toronto and San Diego and receive the gracious hospitality extended to Ruth and me by the Vice Presidents. Thank you to Drs. Fred Owens, Pat Gullane, David Schuller and Paul Donald. The quality of the scientific programs was outstanding, which reflects the hard work and careful planning by the program chairs and their committees.

It will be interesting to see how the combined section meetings work next year in Marco Island and I am optimistic that it will be very successful and very well attended. A winter meeting in Florida is especially appealing to those of us in colder sections of the country yearning to be "snow birds". This one year "experiment" will be an important indicator as to the future structure and timing for both the sectional and national meetings.

We have an outstanding meeting planned for you in Chicago in

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The Windy City will host the 109th Annual Meeting May 19-22, 2006. An exciting program is planned at the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk. Warm days and lake breezes in the evening offer a wonderful opportunity to enjoy everything Chicago has to offer. Special activities are offered through COSM including a tour of the River North galleries, Chicago City Highlights tours, and a tour of the historic State Street Marshall Field’s. Take time to walk to Navy Pier or take an architectural tour on the river. For the sports fans, there are Cubs and White Sox games. If you’re not a sports fan, you can take in one of the abundant theater performances or plan a trip to the magnificent Chicago Art Institute. Science buffs can visit the Field Museum, the Adler Planetarium, the Museum of Science and Industry or the Shedd Aquarium. And, last but not least, who can pass up the fabulous restaurants in Chicago?

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Henry T. Hoffman, MD, Dana M. Thompson, MD, and Alan G. Micco, MD to Receive Mosher and Fowler Awards

The Council has selected the 2006 winners of the prestigious Fowler and Mosher Awards. Henry T. Hoffman, MD, Iowa City, Iowa, and Dana M. Thompson, MD, Cincinnati, Ohio, were selected as the Harris P. Mosher Award Winners. Dr. Thompson received the Mosher Award for her thesis, "Abnormal Sensorimotor Integrative Function of the larynx in Congenital Laryngomalacia: A Novel New

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May, which should have general appeal to all Otolaryngologists. A highlight of our annual meeting is the opportunity to meet our new Triological Society members at the induction ceremonies on Friday morning immediately after the business meeting. I clearly remember the receiving line when I was inducted in 1987 and how much it meant to me to be officially welcomed into this great organization. Please plan on being there to welcome our 23 new Fellows.

Following the introduction of our Guest of Honor, Gerald Healy, MD, Presidential Citations will be awarded to: Drs. William Lawson, Paul Levine, Robert Ossoff, Mark Persky, Peak Woo and Eiji Yanagisawa. The keynote speaker is Dr. Ian Lipkin, Professor of Infectious Disease at Columbia University in N.Y.C. who will discuss "Emerging Paradigms in Infectious Diseases". This topic will be of great interest to all of us because of the growing concern over the risk of bird flu. Our six award winning theses will be presented on Friday morning which, this year, include two Mosher Award presentations, a Fowler Award, and two Honorable Mention Awards for basic research and one Honorable Mention for clinical research. Following concurrent panels on Cochlear Implants, chaired by Dr. Tom Balkany, and Endoscopic Sinus Surgery, chaired by Dr. David Kennedy, there will be the combined Triological/ALA guest lectures given by Drs. Jonas Johnson and Harvey Tucker. The Ogura Lecture by Dr. Johnson will be "Challenges We Must Confront" and the Baker Lecture by Dr. Tucker is "Otolaryngology Teaching: Teaching Otolaryngology".

The Saturday evening social event will be a Wine Tasting Reception, rather than a formal banquet. This will be a chance for all of us to socialize with our friends and colleagues and renew old acquaintances. We are fortunate to have our meeting for the first time in the great city of Chicago with so many fine restaurants to enjoy, making a hotel banquet less appealing.

We will offer six "Mini-Seminars with the Experts" on Sunday and Monday mornings, prior to the main program. These sessions will be audience interactive and are geared for the residents and fellows, however, everyone is welcome to attend. Seminars offered on Sunday include Pediatric Otolaryngology: Common Cases Gone Bad by Dr. Ellen Friedman, Vocal Decompensation: Who, Why and When to be presented by Dr. Jamie Koufman, and Dr. Stephen Park will present Rhinoplasty: Essential Pearls. Monday’s seminars are Head and Neck Surgery: What Do I Do With This? Surgical Dilemmas Not Covered in the Textbook by Richard Hayden, MD, Fixing CSF Leaks and Encephaloceles--A No Brainer to be presented by Dr. Ralph Metson, and Drs. Rick Pillsbury, Craig Buchman and Peter Roland will present Cochlear Implants-Whats New?

Two provocative and informative panels will be held on Sunday - "Expert Witness Testimony" to be chaired by Dr. Gerald Healy, and a panel on Head and Neck Surgery entitled, "The Elusive Standard of Care" to be chaired by Dr. Mark Persky.

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The Monday panel, "Presurgical Evaluation and Treatment of Sleep Disordered Breathing", will be chaired by B. Tucker Woodson, MD and a new program format will be presented with State of the Art invited speakers. Dr. Marvin Fried will speak on Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Simulation/Surgical Simulation-An Otolaryngologist's Perspective, and Robotics in Otolaryngology: TransOral Robotic Surgery will be presented by Dr. Bert O'Malley.

It should be a great meeting in an exciting world class city and I look forward to seeing you there. I would like to give special thanks to an outstanding program committee chaired by Dr. Mark Perksy, as well as our Triological Society staff for all their efforts to make the upcoming Spring meeting a memorable educational and social experience.

President's Message continued...

ASPO on Sunday evening where nearly 150 posters will be displayed. This is an excellent opportunity to review the posters with the authors present and enjoy some refreshments. There are an exceptional number of outstanding posters this year which will prove to be an important part of the total educational experience for the meeting.

Annual Meeting continued...

COSM brochures were mailed to all Triological Society members in January which included all registration and housing materials. The Society’s website, www.triologic.org links to the COSM site (www.cosm.md), and contains all information on registration, housing, transportation, and spouse and guest activities. The Society’s scientific program is available on the website, both in an abbreviated version as well as a document containing all the abstracts. An outstanding meeting is planned for everyone during their visit to the great city of Chicago.

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Twenty-Three Theses Approved By Council

In addition to the six award winners, seventeen theses were approved by the Triological Society Council in February.

- Petrous Apex Effusion - A Clinical Disorder
  
  **Moises A. Arriaga, MD**

- The Effect of Gabapentin on the Sensation and Impact of Tinnitus
  
  **Carol A. Bauer, MD**

- Pediatric Laryngotracael Obstruction: Current Perspectives on Stridor
  
  **John P. Bent III, MD**

- Multichannel Cochlear Implants: Histopathology and Its Relationship to Performance
  
  **Jose N. Fayad, MD**

- Racial Disparities in Patients with Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma
  
  **Christine G. Gourin, MD**

- Quality of Life Instruments in Meniere’s Disease
  
  **J. Douglas Green, Jr., MD**

- Intratympanic Dexamethasone for Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss Following Failure of Systemic Therapy
  
  **David S. Haynes, MD**

- Osteotome Technique for Removal of Ear Canal Exostoses
  
  **Douglas G. Hetzler, MD**

- Retinoic Acid Improves Ciliogenesis After Surgery of the Maxillary Sinus in Rabbits
  
  **Peter H. Hwang, MD**

- Incidence of Thyroid Cancer in Residents Surrounding the Three-Mile Island Nuclear (TMI) Facility
  
  **Roger J. Levin, MD**

- C3H/HeJ Mouse Model for Spontaneous Chronic Otitis Media
  
  **Carol J. MacArthur, MD**

- Diagnostic Testing for Idiopathic Vocal Paralysis: A Survey of Contemporary Practice and Evidence-Based Medicine Review
  
  **Albert L. Merati, MD**

- Fungal Speciation Using Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (QPCR) in Sinus Patients With and Without Chronic Rhinosinusitis
  
  **Andrew H. Murr, MD**

- Coblation Versus Unipolar Electrocautery Tonsillectomy: A Prospective, Randomized, Single-Blind Study in Adult Patients
  
  **J. Pieter Noordzij, MD**

- Efficacy of Tonsillectomy in Treatment of Recurrent Group A β-Hemolytic Streptococcal Pharyngitis
  
  **Laura J. Orvidas, MD**

- Prevalence and Etiology of Hearing Loss in Rural Nicaraguan Children
  
  **James E. Saunders, MD**

- Use of Intradermal Dilutional Testing and Skin Prick Testing: Clinical Relevance and Cost Efficiency
  
  **Merritt J. Seshul, MD**

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### STATISTICS

#### Poster Sessions and Poster Awards

"Meet the Authors" Poster Receptions were held at all Section meetings and were very well received by attendees. Evaluations of the meetings revealed the educational impact of the sessions. Sixty posters were displayed at the Southern Section in Naples, Florida. Awards for first, second and third prizes for the poster sessions were given to Jeremy Tiu, MD of Morgantown, WV, Adam Zanation, MD of Chapel Hill, NC, Matthew Wolpoe, MD of Baltimore, MD. The Middle and Western Sections combined to choose three award winning posters from their 80 poster presentations. Dr. James Klemens of Chicago was awarded first prize, Dr. Gurston Nyquist of Oakland, CA received second prize, and Dr. Teresa Kim of San Francisco received the third place poster award. The Eastern Section also awarded prizes to the top three posters. Out of 65 posters, Dr. Brian Kung of Philadelphia, PA was awarded first place, Dr. Maria Basile of Newark, NJ received second place, and Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel of Boston was awarded third place.

### Results of Section Elections

**Society Distributes $20,000 in Resident Travel Grants to Section Meeting Presenters**

In keeping with one of the missions of the Triological Society, "to provide for physician development", the Triological Society awarded $20,000 in resident travel awards in January and February, 2006. Thirty five institutions received awards to help defray travel expenses for residents to attend and present papers at the 2006 Section Meetings. Section Vice Presidents and their program advisory committees awarded the travel funds based on abstracts and manuscripts chosen for presentation. An additional $8,000 will be awarded to institutions to help fund travel for residents making presentations at the Annual Meeting in Chicago. The award winners are, likewise, chosen by the program committee.

**Congratulations to the Second Vice Presidents-Elect and the Section Secretary/Treasurers!!**

Dr. Paul Levine of University of Virginia was elected by the Southern Section membership to serve as the 2008 Vice President. Dr. Gaelyn Garrett was elected to another term as the Secretary-Treasurer for 2006-07.

The Middle Section elected P. Ashley Wackym, MD of Medical College of Wisconsin as second Vice President Elect, to serve in 2008. Dr. Wackym will complete his term as Secretary/Treasurer at the completion of the annual meeting. Dr. Bradley Welling was elected as the new Secretary/Treasurer for the Middle Section.

Dr. Lanny Close of Columbia University was elected by the Eastern Section to serve as Vice President in 2008. Dr. Soly Baredes will continue to serve as Secretary-Treasurer in 2006-07.

The Western Section members elected Dr. Sigsbee Duck as Vice President in 2008. Dr. Duck, of Gillette, Wyoming, has served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Western Section for the past four years. Dr. David Barrs of Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, was elected Secretary-Treasurer, effective at the conclusion of the annual meeting.
Residents who submitted papers in September for consideration for resident research awards and presentation at the Section Meetings, were honored at the January/February Section Meetings. Twelve residents were chosen to receive awards named in honor of outstanding otolaryngologists and teachers.

Cash prizes are awarded by the Sections to the honorees. Award winners were recognized during the Section Meetings where they presented their prize winning papers.

**Southern Section Resident Research Awards:** Fred Owens, MD, Vice President, awarded first place in the resident competition, the John E. Bordley Award, to Stewart Little, MD of the University of Virginia School of Medicine. The Lester A. Brown Award was given to Thomas Dozier, MD, of the Medical University of South Carolina. Victoria Brkovich, MD of University of Texas Health Science Center received the G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh Award.

**Eastern Section Resident Research Awards:** Patrick Gullane, MD, Vice President, awarded the First Place Research Award to Evan J. Propst, MD of the Hospital for Sick Children. The Second Place Research Award was given to Dr. Anthony Sparano of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, and the Third Place Research Award was awarded to Kevin S. Emerick, MD of Massachusetts Eye & Ear.

**Western Section Resident Research Awards:** Paul Donald, MD, Vice President, awarded the Shirley Baron Award to Jeremy D. Richmon, MD of the University of California, San Diego and the Vice President’s Award to Paul K. Holden, MD of the University of California, Irvine.

**Middle Section Resident Research Awards:** David Schuller, MD, Middle Section Vice President, awarded the Walter Work Award for Basic Science to Michael J. Brenner, MD of Washington University and the Walter Work Award for Clinical Science to David L. Horn, MD of Indiana University. The Walter Work Second Place Award was given to Akihiro Matsuoka, MD of Indiana University and Xinyan Huang, MD of Southern Illinois University received the Walter Work Third Place Award.

**Thank You to the Program Committees**

We are grateful to the members of the program committees for their time and expertise in planning the scientific sessions for the 2006 Section Meetings. We want to thank and recognize the following Program Chairs:

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Ten years after the Society’s Centennial celebration, all four Sections will meet together, affording Society members the opportunity to gather together once again to celebrate the Society. The combined meeting will be held February 14-18, 2007 at the Marco Island Marriott in Marco Island, Florida. These meeting dates were chosen to encourage attendees to bring their families to this family-friendly resort as it falls during President’s Day weekend. Most schools and numerous businesses celebrate the Monday holiday. The Section Vice Presidents have been busy with preliminary planning in order to put together a high caliber educational program as well as social programs to appeal to everyone. Numerous topics in otolaryngology and head and neck surgery will be presented during the four days, including expert panels, guest speakers, and a large poster session. State of the art presentations will give way to a few hours of recreational activities each afternoon. You can relax on the beach, renew friendships, network and still have time for golf, tennis and fishing tournaments. There are an abundance of water sports and planned activities for children. Plan to celebrate Valentine's Day on Wednesday evening during our Welcome Reception on the beautiful Gulf coast. Information on registration, housing, transportation, and social activities will be available on the Society's website in September. The Call for Papers will be issued in May with online abstract submission available on July 1st. Be sure you mark your calendars to attend this special event!

**Triological Society 2007 Meetings**
**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

**COMBINED SECTION MEETING**
**FEBRUARY 14-18, 2007**
**MARCO ISLAND MARRIOTT, MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA**
Margaret Kenna, MD, Eastern Section Vice President
Peter Roland, MD, Southern Section Vice President
Richard Wiet, MD, Middle Section Vice President
Derald Brackmann, MD, Western Section Vice President

**ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION** will be available for submission for both 2007 meetings on July 1st at www.triological.org.

**Resident Travel Awards for the 2007 Combined Section Meeting**

The Council voted to fund additional travel awards for residents presenting at the combined meeting in 2007. At present, ten awards of $500 each are given by each Section for a total of 40 awards in the amount of $20,000. The resident travel awards are funded by the Triological Society administrative office. The Council will again discuss the awards in more detail at their upcoming meeting in May. These awards are chosen by the Vice Presidents and Program Committees based on the quality of the abstracts chosen for presentation.
Resident Research Competition for 2007 Combined Section Meeting

The Sections are soliciting manuscripts from residents interested in participating in the 2007 Section Resident Research Competition. This information will be included in the Call for Papers to be issued next month. In order to be eligible for the research prizes:

- Residents MUST first submit abstracts for the Combined Section Meeting beginning July 1st through August 1st at www.triological.org;
- Residents must then submit their manuscript (based on the abstract submitted) by September 1 to the Section Vice President or committee chair for the Section in which the resident resides (info to be posted on the website in June);
- Resident manuscripts are eligible for the competition ONLY in the Section in which they reside;
- Residents MUST be both the first author and presenter

Residents chosen for the awards will present their papers at the 2007 combined Section meeting in Marco Island, Florida in February, 2007. Their institutions will receive a travel award to help offset the cost of travel for the resident presenting at the Section meetings, and the residents will receive a cash award from their Section. Additional information will be available in June on the Society's website, www.triological.org.

Upcoming Deadlines and Information

JULY 1 - Abstract Submission Available Online www.triological.org

AUGUST 1 - Abstract Deadline for Section Meetings

AUGUST 1 - Dues Payment Deadline

SEPTEMBER 1 - Manuscripts Due for Section Resident Research Award Competition

SEPTEMBER 1 - Theses Due in Administrative Office

OCTOBER 1 - Applications for Active Fellow Candidates Are Due in the Administrative Office

OCTOBER 15 - Abstract Deadline for Annual Meeting

Research Grants - Career Development Awards

Recipients of the Career Development Awards will be announced by the Council in May. By action of the Council in May, 2005, funding was made available for five non-renewable awards in the amount of up to $40,000 to qualified applicants. The purpose of these awards is to provide support for the research career development of otolaryngologists-head and neck surgeons who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research, e.g., clinical trials, translational research. These awards are to provide initial research support so the otolaryngologists can submit a competitive proposal for NIH research and/or training support. Awardees must be otolaryngologists-head and neck surgeons who hold full-time, part-time or contributed service medical school faculty appointments. Applicants must be sponsored by the Chair of his/her division or department and by an official representative of the institution which would administer the award.
Triological Society Membership--Why?
By H. Bryan Neel, III, MD PhD, Society Historian

This question arises with frequency at Council meetings. While our membership numbers are stable, it is important that all of us continuously search for new members - and be willing to encourage them and sponsor them.

Why bother? The Triological is a unique academic and social institution. All of us are anxious to provide high quality care for our patients in terms of scientific practice and bedside manner. For more than 100 years, there has been no organization in our specialty that has delivered more new scientific information that embraces our entire specialty. This is clearly evident in the prodigious contents of our official, peer-reviewed and very competitive journal, The Laryngoscope. (The contents will surely be important for maintenance of certification.)

We have a healthy mix of private practitioners and academicians in the Society. The members have so many good attributes in common. The camaraderie is pervasive. I have many good friends and acquaintances whom I have met through the activities of the Triological Society, and I am not unique.

Whether or not one is on a panel or has a paper on the program, each of us has an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the presentations at the meetings. These discussions always enhance the presentations and add unique perspectives to the subject at hand as well as a good feeling of participation. Poster papers and presentations have been a splendid addition to the scientific program and provide another forum during the meetings. Add to these the benefits of informal discussions which occur during and after the meetings.

The social program for members, residents-in-training, other guests and spouses enhances the scientific portion of the meeting and amalgamates friendships.

Is it difficult to become a new member? The answer is "no" if you are willing to write a short thesis that meets the approval of the thesis committee. This should not be a major hurdle. Certainly, it is a distinctive and important feature of membership in the Triological Society.

Today, the thesis can be structured around a published paper or a paper to be published. Most residents prepare one or more scientific papers during their training. Add a historical section, develop the discussion further, and document these in an appropriately expanded bibliography and you have a thesis. As usual, "the hardest part is getting started"! A good time to start and finish is during residency. I should add that these theses are judged in a blinded fashion, eliminating "politics." In this process, there is also the exciting prospect of winning a Mosher or Fowler award or an Honorable Mention Award.

Our annual dues and meeting registration fees are modest compared to many other medical organizations. Membership dues provide a subscription to The Laryngoscope.

The Council is dedicated to strict expense control, prudent investment policies, and low dues and registration fees.

Ours is a Noble Legacy. To maintain and improve this legacy, we must all dedicate time to serve as mentors for prospective new members. I suspect that we may be in the halcyon era of our specialty - certainly in the quality of residents-in-training - and our membership should reflect this.
THE AMERICAN LARYNGOLOGICAL, RHINOLOGICAL AND
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Active Fellowship Guidelines

1. The candidate must be a physician qualified in otolaryngology or in a specialty field closely related to
otolaryngology who is known to have high ethical standards and to have made, and will continue to make,
contributions to the discipline of otolaryngology.

2. The candidate must be certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology or an equivalent examining
body approved by the Council.

3. The candidate must, at the time of proposal, have been in a practice, teaching, or research in
otolaryngology or a specialty field closely related to otolaryngology for at least three years following the
completion of core residency training.

4. The candidate must have published a minimum of two papers in a peer-reviewed journal prior to proposal
for membership.

5. Within the previous five years, the candidate must have attended three meetings of national societies of
the specialty, at least one of which must be a meeting of the Triological Society (Annual or Section).
Potential candidates who advise us in writing that they will register and attend the upcoming meeting of
the Section in which they have been proposed may count that meeting as fulfilling their Triological
meeting requirement. If the meeting commitment by the candidate is not met, the application will be
tabled by the Council.

Application/Proposal Process

1. A physician who fulfills the above requirements may be presented for membership by two Fellows who are
in good standing: a proposer and a seconder. It is preferable that at least one sponsor reside in the vicinity
in which the candidate practices. The proposer should know the candidate personally and be fully aware
of his/her credentials.

2. The proposal form must be completed by the candidate and accompanied by: (1) a check from the
candidate for $50, payable to the Triological Society; (2) a current curriculum vitae; (3) a copy of
specialty board certificate; (4) a letter from the proposer; (5) a letter from the seconder; and (6) a recent
photograph. Acknowledgement letters will be sent to the candidate and sponsors when the proposal is
complete. The deadline for proposals to be considered at the January Section Meetings is October
1st. Completed proposals should be sent to:

The Triological Society
c/o Wells Fargo Bank
Box 3366
Omaha, NE 68176
Telephone: (402) 346-5500
Fax: (402) 346-5300
www.triological.org
Summary of the Administrative Process

1. Candidates who have completed all requirements are included in the "Candidate Credentials" booklet which is mailed to the Fellowship prior to the January/February Section Meetings. The credentials booklet includes the candidates' sponsors, training, present appointments, publications, and other pertinent information. Credentials are assembled and are then approved by the candidate prior to publication.

2. Candidate qualifications are discussed at the Business Meeting of the candidate's Section. Sponsors are required to attend the meeting to speak on behalf of their candidate. In the event of unforeseeable circumstances, and neither of the sponsors are present at the business meeting, those members present must unanimously agree to review the candidate's credentials without the benefit of the sponsors. If the members do not unanimously agree to review the candidate without one of the sponsors present, the application will be tabled. All Fellows vote by ballot at the Section business meetings. Results are forwarded to the Admissions Committee/administrative office. Section vote does not constitute election. Results are not announced at the Section Meeting.

3. The Admissions Committee makes recommendations to the Council and the Council makes the final decision on acceptance of the candidates at the Annual Meeting of the Triological Society. Candidates are advised of the Council's decision by mail and become "Active Candidates" authorized to begin preparation of the required thesis.

4. Guidelines for preparation of the thesis are forwarded to the candidates after the Annual Meeting. The candidate may elect to submit a thesis in September of the year of acceptance by the Council or September of the following year. The thesis must be reviewed by both sponsors prior to submission and letters of approval from the sponsors must accompany the theses when forwarded to the administrative office.

5. A confidential Thesis Committee reviews theses using a blind review process and makes recommendations to the Council. If the candidate’s thesis is accepted by the Council (in January/February), the candidate is recommended for election to Fellowship at the next Annual Meeting of the Society (April or May). If the thesis is not accepted, the candidate is given information to assist with revising the thesis.

6. Upon election, an invoice will be issued consisting of a one time $250 initiation fee and $110 annual dues for the first year of membership.
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Proposal for Active Fellowship
Deadline for Receipt of Materials Is October 1st
Incomplete Applications Will Be Returned

Date________________________ Please indicate with * your preferred mailing address

1. Name in Full__________________________________________________________

2. Office Address_____________________________________________________________________________________________

3. Home Address______________________________________________________________________________________________

4. Office Telephone________________ Fax________________________
   Home Telephone________________ E-mail_________________

5. Proposed by________________________________ Seconded by __________________

6. Birthplace and date of birth__________________________________________________________

7. Training--Include College, Medical School, Internships, Residencies, Post-Residency Training (in chronological order, including dates)__________________________________________

8. Date of beginning practice____________ Date of Certificate from American Board of Otolaryngology
   or other specialty Board__________________________________________

9. Present Appointments (Hospital and Teaching)____________________________________________________________________

10. List the meetings of the Triological Society (annual or section) for which you registered and attended in the last five years. NOTE: COSM attendance—you must have registered and attended the Triological Society meeting during COSM.____________________________________________________________________

11. List the meetings other than Triological Society for which you have registered and attended in the last five years.__________________________________________________________

12. Scientific and Professional Societies__________________________________________________________
13. Number of Scientific Publications in a peer reviewed journal.

14. Number of Papers presented within the last five years.

15. Spouse's name.

16. Children's names and ages.

17. Civic, public or military positions.

18. Hobbies, other interests.

19. I agree to adhere to the current standards of ethical conduct by the American Medical Association and endorsed by the Triological Society.

Signature of Proposed Candidate.

ENCLOSE WITH THIS PROPOSAL:

- Letters from Proposer and Seconder
- $50.00 Fee--make checks payable to The Triological Society
- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of specialty Board Certificate
- A recent photograph (color or black and white) which can be scanned and reproduced. This photograph will be widely disseminated in the Candidate Credentials booklet, so resolution is important. Please place photograph in envelope and attach to application. Do NOT staple.

MAIL ALL MATERIALS AND CHECK TO:

The Triological Society
c/o Wells Fargo Bank
Box 3366
Omaha, NE 68176
(402) 346-5500
Fax: (402) 346-5300

DO NOT FedEx MATERIALS AS THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE WELLS FARGO LOCKBOX.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PROPOSERS AND SECONDERS OF NEW ACTIVE FELLOWS

It is desirable for both the proposer and seconder to attend the Section business meeting and present their proposed candidate, however, at least one of you must attend your Section meeting to speak on behalf of your candidate. In the event of an unforeseeable circumstance, and neither the proposer nor seconder can be present at the business meeting, those members present must unanimously agree to review the candidate's credentials without the benefit of the proposer or seconder. If the members do not unanimously agree to review the candidate without the proposer or seconder present, the application will be tabled.

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1ST
PLAN TO ATTEND!!

▶ New Member Reception
▶ “Meet the Authors” Poster Reception
▶ Wine Tasting Reception