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Dear Society Members,

As I begin my term as President of the Michigan Otolaryngological Society for 2011-12, I would like to thank you, the members of our Society for your continued support. Additionally, I would like to thank our Immediate Past President, Dr. Ed Monsell, MD PhD for his direction and leadership. Our board and council members who served this past year are to be thanked as well for their time and their talents to the betterment of our specialty both at the state and national levels. Our quarterly meetings this past year were very well attended by area otolaryngologists from both private practice and academic setting. We continue to support residents in training at our meetings because they are the future of our wonderful specialty.

The current Council members for the 2011-2012 year are listed on the letterhead.

Current Board officers are:

President-Elect - Paul Hoff, MD
Secretary/Treasurer- Seilesh Babu, MD
Program Chair- Jan Akervall, MD PhD
Immediate Past President- Edwin Monsell, MD PhD

Our most recent summer meeting was a success at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Michael Maves, MD MBA, the Immediate Past CEO and Executive Vice President of the AMA presented current topics relative to health care reform and the projected shortages of physicians and surgeons who will take care of our aging population.

We plan to have an exciting and informative schedule for our 2011-2012 meeting dates. Our new Program Chair, Jan Akervall, MD PhD is organizing the speakers and events.

Please mark your calendars for the 2011-2012 dates:

October 19, 2011 - Dr. John Niparko, MD Johns Hopkins University
Childhood Development after cochlear implantation: The national trial of early implantation
January 18, 2012 - Dr. Roy Casiano, MD University of Miami Hospital and Clinics
April 18, 2012 - Speaker Clinical Topic TBA
July 27-29, 2012 - 28th Annual Summer Meeting (The Homestead)

The current tsunami wave of change that is occurring in health care along with our country's economic challenges is a force that can only be understood and appropriately dealt with in an organized and concerted fashion. As we move forward through this year and the next, I encourage you to get involved in our society as well as our Academy. We must ensure that we are all involved in controlling the economic, political, and insurance forces that will affect our practice of Otorhinolaryngology and ultimately the care of our patients. Ongoing communication is fundamental and we hope to maintain an open forum for discussion on pertinent topics to our specialty. Please check out our Society's web site, www.michiganoto.org to check on upcoming events and other updates. Ms. Karen Carter is our administrative director and can be contacted by email at kcarter@msms.org (telephone 313-874-1360 extension 303).

I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year and hope to see you at all of our quarterly meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or through our MOS offices. I hope that you and your families enjoy the rest of our beautiful Michigan summer of 2011.

Most Sincerely,

Mark

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