



# BOG

## Board of Governors

The Board of Governors (BOG) is made up of local, state, national, and specialty otolaryngology-head and neck surgery societies. The **BOG functions as a grassroots advisory body** to the AAO-HNS Board of Directors (BOD).

### Representation in the BOG

**Each affiliated BOG society has three (3) designated positions to the BOG – Governor, Legislative Representative, and Socioeconomic & Grassroots (SEGR) Representative.** The Governor is the designated individual permitted to vote on behalf of their respective society on matters before the BOG. In the event that the Governor is not in attendance at a meeting of the BOG (spring or fall), an Alternate Governor (Leg Rep or SEGR Rep) can vote on the Governor's behalf.

### Duties of BOG Representatives

BOG member society representatives are expected to serve as the bridge between the individual society and the AAO-HNS. In their liaison role, these individuals are primarily responsible for **communicating and coordinating** information and requests to/from BOG leaders and society members.

The BOG Governors/Alternate Governors are expected to attend the BOG General Assembly during the spring Leadership Forum and the fall annual meeting. In addition, the Legislative and SEGR Representatives are invited to attend their respective BOG committee meetings during the spring and fall meetings. The Legislative Representative is also asked to participate in a legislative affairs conference call in June and respond to/distribute AAO-HNS legislative "calls to action" throughout the year.

### Regional Representatives

To enhance and facilitate communications, the BOG recently reorganized itself into **ten (10) geographic regions**. Each region has an appointed representative to the BOG SEGR Committee. These enhancements are particularly helpful in states with inactive or new BOG societies. In addition, a **specialty society task force** has been added to the 10 regional representatives to foster specialty unity and coordination. As issues arise within BOG societies, we encourage the Governor, Legislative Representative, and/or SEGR Representative to reach out to these regional reps, as well as to collaborate with BOG Executive Committee leaders.

### Benefits of BOG Representation and Participation

Highlighted below are a few **value-added benefits** associated with the BOG and its efforts on behalf of AAO-HNS members:

- Established Legislative Affairs and SEGR committees
- Relationship with the AAO-HNS Physician Payment Policy (3P) Workgroup
- Regional representatives
- Specialty society taskforce to foster unity
- Voting representation on the AAO-HNS BOD Executive Committee and BOD
- Strength in numbers

## **BOG Committees**

All AAO-HNS active members are eligible to apply to become a member of a BOG committee or attend BOG Committee meetings. Committee appointments are done on an annual basis with input from the BOG committee chair, BOG chair-elect, and Academy president-elect.

The following BOG committees are open for members to apply during the annual committee applications process (2-year terms):

- **BOG Legislative Affairs Committee charge:** *The committee shall be charged with defining and coordinating the Legislative Affairs role in AAO-HNS legislative initiatives.*
- **BOG Governance and Society Engagement Committee charge:** *The Committee shall be charged with periodic review of the BOG Rules and Regulations, the proposal of revisions or new regulations when deemed desirable, and the selection of the Practitioner Excellence and Model Society Awardees.*
- **BOG SEGR Committee charge:** *The committee shall represent the concerns of the practice of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery. It shall identify and assess problems; advise the Board of Governors regarding government regulations and other third party actions that have an impact on practice; and review proposed resolutions for the Board of Governors.*

For additional information about the BOG, visit <http://www.entnet.org/content/board-governors> or contact BOG staff at [bog@entnet.org](mailto:bog@entnet.org).

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, September 26, 2015**  
**BOG Committee Meetings at the**  
**AAO-HNS/F 2015 Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO<sup>SM</sup> in Dallas, TX!**