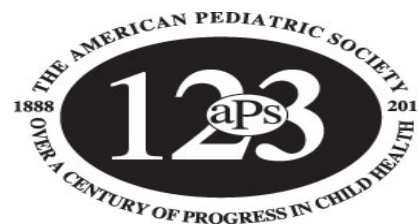


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President's Message

APS/NACHRI Session

The PAS meeting will once again include a special session involving both the American Pediatric Society (APS) and the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI). We inaugurated this partnership last year with a discussion of the national leadership organizations on both sides of the aisle: academic pediatrics and pediatric hospital administration. This year the discussion will provide a prospective on research from two pediatric chairs and two chief executive officers. The participants include: (1) Dr. Arnold W. Strauss, Chair, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; (2) Dr. Mark L. Batshaw, Chair, Children's National Medical Center; (3) Lee F. Fetter, President and Senior Executive Officer, St. Louis Children's Hospital; and (4) Dr. Thomas N. Hansen, Chief Executive Officer, Seattle Children's Hospital. The APS – NACHRI symposium will be held on April 29, from 5:30pm–7:30pm in conjunction with the Joint APS-SPR Joint Council meeting and is open to pediatric chairs and pediatric chief executive officers. I am particularly grateful to Lee Fetter and to Tom Hansen for agreeing to join with the APS and SPR in Denver. Next year, I hope to schedule an expanded APS-NACHRI session that will be open to all attendees at the PAS.

Public Policy Council

I think I speak for all of us in academic pediatrics in expressing the concern that the economic woes of the nation potentially threaten our care and research missions and heighten the need for effective advocacy in Washington. With this concern in mind, the APS has been working collaboratively with the Society for Pediatric Research (SPR), with the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs (AMSPDC), and with the Department of Federal Affairs at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) to redefine the mission of the Public Policy Council (PPC) and to enhance its efficacy in representing our societies at the federal level. Although the process continues, I am pleased to report that much progress has been made and that I hope all parties will reach a final agreement by the time the PAS convenes. I am grateful to my colleagues in SPR and AMSPDC, Drs. Maria Britto and Bonita Stanton, to Mark Del Monte, the Director of the Department of Federal Affairs at the AAP, and to my colleagues on the APS Council for their efforts in trying to formulate the optimal structure to achieve our shared vision. As soon as a final report is available, it will be shared with the membership.

Secretary/Treasurer's Message

2011 APS New Members

We are pleased to announce that 72 New Members from an outstanding slate of applicants were elected into the APS on January 1, 2011. Please take a moment to welcome and congratulate your colleagues whose names and affiliations can be found at <http://www.aps-spr.org/APS/Members/New.htm>.

2011 APS Council Elections

The 2011 APS election for one new Council Member is ongoing and will conclude on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 (11:59pm Central Time). There is no election for APS Vice President (President-Elect) this year because of the tie vote last year. As a result, Drs. F. Bruder Stapleton and Barbara J. Stoll are serving sequential terms as President-Elect and President. The election for Council Member is being conducted by electronic Ballot. Only APS Active Members are eligible to vote.

Your participation in selecting future APS leaders is an important privilege of APS membership. If you have not already done so, please participate in the 2011 APS Council Member election. To cast your vote, you must access the link provided in the 2011 APS Electronic Ballot emailed to you on Monday, December 27. Reminders will be sent between now and the deadline. A link to the bios of the 2011 Council Member candidates are provided below, and may also be found on the APS website, www.aps-spr.org. Thank you for your active participation in the APS.

2011 APS Council Member Candidate Bios

COUNCIL MEMBER

[Hugh M. O'Brodovich](#)

[Norman D. Rosenblum](#)

2011 PAS/ASPR Joint Meeting April 30 - May 3, Denver, CO

This year the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Meeting will be held jointly with the Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR) in a new meeting venue -- the beautiful mile-high city of Denver, CO, and their state-of-the-art convention center. (Information on activities, events and restaurants available in the Denver area is available on the PAS website, or can be accessed at <http://www.denver.org/visitdenver/pas>.) An outstanding scientific program has been organized with cutting edge invited science and excellent speakers from across all pediatric subspecialties. A total of 3982 abstract submissions were received this year, which is comparable to the record breaking number submitted for 2010 PAS in Vancouver. An Opening General Session will again be featured on Saturday evening with a keynote address and the presentation of the Joseph W. St. Geme Jr. Leadership Award; the PAS Presidential and New Members' Reception will immediately follow the session. If you have not already done so, please submit your 2011 meeting and housing registration available at our website, www.pas-meeting.org. On our website, you will also find extensive program information by day, subspecialty and topic theme. Please join us for four days of robust scientific presentations, networking, and advocacy and help us shape the future of academic pediatrics and child health research at 2011 PAS/ASPR. We look forward to seeing you there.



2011 John Howland Awardee. We are very pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Russell Chesney, Le Bonheur Professor and Chair of Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, as the John Howland Award Recipient for 2011. Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 1 at the APS Presidential Plenary as this richly deserved honor is conferred on Dr. Chesney. We also hope you will join us at the Denver Hyatt Regency Hotel on Sunday evening for the APS Members' Dinner in Honor of our newest Howland Award Recipient.



2011 Norman Siegel Awardee. It is a great pleasure to announce Dr. Joel N. Hirschhorn from Children's Hospital-Boston/Harvard Medical School as the recipient of the Norman J. Siegel New Member Outstanding Science Award for 2011. Please join us at the APS Presidential Plenary & Awards Session on Sunday, May 1 to hear Joel present some of his breakthrough genetics research in a talk entitled "Genome-wide Association Studies: Early Steps on a Genetic Journey" and to congratulate him on his achievements and membership in the APS.



APS Program Day. Based on your feedback, an APS Program Day has once again been organized within the 2011 PAS/ASPR Joint Meeting in Denver for Sunday, May 1. The day will focus on cutting edge research and will honor new and senior members who have made significant contributions to the field of academic pediatrics. APS members are invited to join us for this day-long celebration of the traditions and future of the American Pediatric Society. Additional information on what the APS Program Day will include is available at http://www.aps-spr.org/APS/2011PASASPR_APSPDay.pdf.

APS Members' Networking Lunch (restricted to APS members)

APS Members are invited to the 2nd Annual APS Members' Networking Lunch scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 12pm-1pm. The luncheon is an outstanding opportunity for APS members to network, as well as to participate in shaping the future of APS by providing feedback on our strategic plan implementation. This year the focus of our Members' Lunch will be the role of APS in advocacy, featuring invited speaker Mark Del Monte, Director, Department of Federal Affairs for the AAP. To attend the APS luncheon, please complete the RSVP Form found at the end of this newsletter and follow the submission instructions provided. The RSVP Form is also available in word format via the weblink, <http://www.aps-spr.org/APS/RSVP%20Form.doc>. There is no fee to attend, but only those APS members who RSVP will be admitted. Tickets for those who RSVP will be mailed in April.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for *APS News* content. We also welcome your contributions to the newsletter and the activities of our society. We look forward to seeing you in Denver in May!

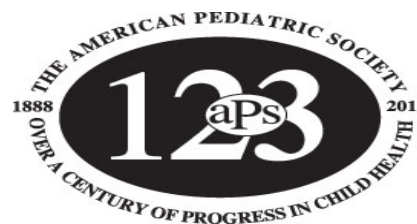
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RSVP Form



2011 APS Members' Lunch

Sunday – May 1, 2011

12:00pm-1:00pm

Colorado Convention Center

As a member of the American Pediatric Society, we invite you to join us for the APS Members' Lunch at the PAS meeting in Denver. This is an opportunity for APS members to network and share their ideas about the future direction of our organization, to provide feedback about our strategic planning initiatives and to learn about opportunities for involvement in APS advocacy and other activities.

Name: _____

Institutional Affiliation _____

Yes, I will attend the APS Members' Lunch

No, I cannot attend the APS Members' Lunch but I am interested in participating in advocacy activities sponsored by the APS.

Our invited speaker this year is Mark Del Monte, Director, Department of Federal Affairs for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

There is no fee for attending the APS Members' Lunch, but an RSVP is required to ensure an accurate headcount for catering purposes. The RSVP Form is also available in word format via the weblink, <http://www.aps-spr.org/APS/RSVP%20Form.doc>. Participation is limited to APS members. Tickets for those who RSVP will be mailed in April.

We look forward to seeing you in Denver and to your participation in the APS Members' Lunch.

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Please Return This RSVP Form by March 15, 2011, to:

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