President’s Message

Julie Wei

I hope everyone had a happy Halloween and wish you a happy Holiday Season! As I age, I feel time seems to pass even more quickly than ever before. This has been a constant reminder for me focus on the present moment and practice “ESSENTIALISM – The Disciplined Pursuit of Less” (great book by Greg McKeown).

I attended my first SENTAC meeting as a fellow in 2001, and still have faint memories of the opportunity to present at the podium. Having attended our meeting every year except for one, SENTAC continues to be my favorite meeting because of the diversity of our membership, the KINDNESS that I experience from colleagues who have attended far more years than I, and the opportunity to extend the same welcome to those who are new attendees.

It’s been an incredible year serving as your president, and we have worked hard to make several positive changes. I want to thank Ravi Elluru, our immediate past-president and program chair, and his program committee, for the outstanding job of finalizing the exciting program we will soon enjoy in San Antonio. Patrick Barth, our secretary, and his membership committee members have continually updated our membership database, cleaned up the email bounce-back list, and I am confident for the first time in years, we have the most accurate information for all but now 30 members that we are unable to reach! This incredible effort has translated into effective due collection as well as communication with our members.

Deepak Mehta, our treasurer, has worked hard with Cindy Freeman to ensure great stewardship of our finances and upcoming meeting expenses. In addition, he has worked with his Fund Development Committee to start an initiative to secure donations by grateful members who believe in the value of helping us sustain this now 41-year old society!

My gratitude to Cindy Freeman, who has been incredibly responsive and detail oriented, supporting our focus on minimizing meeting costs in the face of continued decreased in industry support. I thank our board members, Claire Miller, Ashley O’Neill, Terri Giordano, Daniela Carvalho, Anthony Hughes, and Sharon Cushing, for their support and input as we worked through several changes this year, with the priority of ensuring financial stability so that we can support our mission – to have a great meeting EVERY year and continue fostering the multidisciplinary learning and relationships that are critical for the success of our daily practice caring for children and their families.

Let me not forget Brandon Petersen and Marc Steele, who have done a great job this year as we transitioned to a new website format, and provided updated information on the website including meeting registration, online due payment, exhibitor registration, award nominations and information, abstract submission, and archived information on past presidents and officers. Similar to our sister societies, we are saving trees and cost by going digital as much as possible.

Safe travels and see you in San Antonio.
Dear friends and colleagues. I am incredibly excited about this year’s SENTAC meeting in San Antonio, Texas December 3 to 6, 2015. The venue for the meeting will be the Marriott Hotel, overlooking the picturesque San Antonio Riverwalk. For those who have never visited this area, the Riverwalk is one of the most vibrant and energetic tourist attractions in Texas. This area of San Antonio is embedded in a rich Spanish tradition, and there are numerous stores, restaurants and bars for your entertainment.

The program committee this year has put together a program that I think that will rival the beautiful venue for the meeting. In designing the program, the committee wanted to present contemporary topics that had everyday relevance to our membership. We wanted to present topics that were multidisciplinary in nature, giving our diverse membership an opportunity to participate in discussions. Finally, we wanted to give every subset of our membership an opportunity to share topics that were relevant for their fields, and important to the overall membership.

The format of the weekend will be similar to previous years. We will begin Thursday night with a welcome reception in a beautiful venue overlooking the Riverwalk. The formal meeting will start Friday morning. During lunch Friday, you will have the opportunity to choose from 3 different breakout sessions, each appealing to a different subset of our membership. Friday evening we will have our poster session and banquet dinner. This year we created a less formal atmosphere for our banquet dinner, with the goal of enhancing opportunities to network and have fun. In fact, please wear your favorite pair of boots to dinner Friday night.

Saturday we will also be a full day of presentations, with one small change from previous years format. We have moved the Thursday afternoon “pre-symposium” to Saturday afternoon with the hope of creating a more robust educational experience by encompassing topics with a broader appeal and fostering an interactive format. We will finish with a morning session on Sunday. Throughout the Friday and Saturday sessions we will have a few panel discussions, presentations by our Stool and Ruben Award Recipients, and a presentation by a guest speak from Texas Children’s Hospital.

Our SENTAC meetings have always been an opportunity to learn, catch up with old friends, and build new relationships. I promise you that you will have a great time this year as well. The program committee and I look forward to seeing each one of you in San Antonio.
Secretary’s Report

Patrick Barth

This year, I have received and reviewed 10 applications for new membership from various interdisciplinary professionals: 9 MDs, 1 Advanced Nurse Practitioners. This has continued a decreasing trend; 15 in 2014, 22 in 2013 and 26 in 2012. Please encourage all of your colleagues and team members to attend SENTAC and apply for membership.

Our organization’s rich history in multidisciplinary care, serves as model of how we provide care today. This provides for diverse meeting content and energetic discussion across our multiple specialties. This vitality is dependent on committed members from all disciplines. I hope all of you will continue to encourage not only residents and fellows to participate and become members, but especially our colleagues from tertiary centers who have not been active in our society. We all face the challenges of ever decreasing financial support for meeting attendance, especially for our non-MD attendees and members. The foundation of our organization is our members, and we have focused our energy at updating our contact database this year.

If a colleague of yours no longer receives our communications, please have them reach out to us, because we have probably already tried to contact them. In these changing times of academic medicine we need to continue to be nimble and creative to support this combined effort. I look forward to a great meeting in San Antonio.

Treasurer’s Report

Deepak Mehta

Greetings! As I continue through the second year of my term as treasurer, I had taken on a responsibility at a time when financially times were changing and we had to take some steps to stabilize the finances. This becomes a challenge when we have certain expectations from the organization with a rich history and changing times when some of our support from industry is going down but the costs of running the operations including the annual meeting keeps going up.

We have taken steps towards making this an important agenda so as to not dilute our goal as SENTAC to be an organization which lives up to the standards set by our founding members and continue with our mission making the annual meeting an educational success and a social event of value to everyone.

We have managed to bring about some changes to the management of the funds so that we maintain the framework but cut down spending sensibly. This has been possible from the discussions with the SENTAC board and you members. I am very grateful to all members who have helped me through this and would appreciate your valued opinion in the future.

The SENTAC development fund has recommended to have a campaign which will run through till end of December to raise funds as Diamond circle $1000, Platinum Circle $500 and Gold Circle $100. The aim of this fund will be to strengthen our educational and peer recognition goals through the awards and grants supported by SENTAC. I am thankful to the members who have already contributed.

I strongly urge the rest of the membership to contribute to this cause.

https://www.sentac.org/contribute-to-sentac/

To continue to help bolster SENTAC’s success I urge every member to bring along a nonmember to our meeting and so that they can enjoy our multidisciplinary setting and will entice them to become a member. The program put together by the program committee led by Dr. Elluru looks great and am looking forward to it as you all are.

See you all in San Antonio.
SENTAC Program 2015

Thursday 12/3/2015

2-5 pm  Board Meeting (board members only)

6-9 pm  Welcome Reception with Exhibitors

Friday 12/4/2015

7-8 am  Breakfast with Exhibitors

8-8:15  Welcome by President and Program Chair

8:15-9:20  Session#1: Tonsils, Adenoids and Sleep Apnea
Moderator: Erin Field
             Anthony Emmott
             Jake J. Lee
             Yousif Ahmed Al-ammam
             Zorik Spektor
             David F Smith
             Jeremy Driscoll
             Andrew Walls

9:20-10:00  Sylvan Stool Teaching Award: Blake Papsin

10:00-10:30  Coffee Break with Exhibitors

10:30-11:50  Session#2: Otology and Audiology
Moderator: Michael Cohen
            Joshua J. Gnanasegaram
            William J Parkes
            Dianne Valenzuela
            Farid F Ibrahim
            Vanessa Duah
            Vicky Papaioannou
            Vijayalakshmi Easwar
            Zachary Farhood

11:50-12:30  Managing dizzy children; a simple and practical approach

12:30-1:00  Pick up lunches for lunch breakout panels
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| 1:00-1:50  | Lunch Break Out Panels                      | **Panel A:** Integrating Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants in a Clinical Practice  
  Moderator: Cecille Sulman  
  Laurie Newton  
  Erin Field  
  Patrick Barth  
  Lisa Gagnon  
  Eric Baum  
  Melissa Raines  
  Allison Dobbie |
|            |                                              | **Panel B:** Management of a child with asymmetric hearing loss  
  Moderator: Blake Papsin  
  Samantha Anne  
  Judith Lieu  
  Melissa Polenenko  
  Vicky Papaioannou |
|            |                                              | **Panel C:** Implementing Telemedicine in Pediatric ENT  
  Moderator: Claire Miller  
  Alessandro de Alarcon  
  Stephanie Zacharias  
  Lisa Kelchner |
| 2:00-3:20  | Session#3: Airway and Voice                 | Binoy Chandy  
  Jad Jabbour  
  Farid F Ibrahim  
  Amy Richter  
  Miles Bannister  
  Jeffrey P. Ludemann  
  Reema Padia  
  Charisse Lachica  
  Stephanie RC Zacharias |
| 3:20-4:00  | Robert Ruben Scientific Achievement Award: J. Paul Willging |
4:00-4:30  Coffee Break with Exhibitors

4:30-5:30  Session#4  Sinus, Head and Neck
Moderator:  Samantha Anne
            Brian Manzi
            Miles Bannister
            Daniel Vinh
            Brent Geffen
            Minyoung Jang
            Adrian James

6:30-7:30  Wine and Cheese Poster Reception

7:30-10:00  Texas Style Banquet and Networking Extravaganza

Saturday 12/5/2015

7:00-8:00  Members Business Meeting
7:00-8:00  Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00-8:05  Announcements

8:05-8:20  The Next 10 years of Pediatric ENT: Where are our Opportunities: Robin Cotton

8:20-9:30  Session#5:  Craniofacial, cleft lip and palate
Moderator:  Lisa Buckmiller
            Christopher Tsang
            Jake J. Lee
            Travis D. Reeves
            Yi-Chun Carol Liu
            Michael McCormick
            Zachary Farhood
            Kristina Keppel
            James Attra

9:30-10:10  Quality Improvement and Resilience Engineering: Eric Williams

10:10-10:40  Coffee Break with Exhibitors
10:40-11:50  
Session#6: General  
Moderator: Laura Newton  
Jeffrey Cheng  
Emily Legault  
Brendan Sorichetti  
Jenna Briddell  
Winston Manimtim  
Jeffrey Cheng  
Jill Chorney  
Christine Fordham

11:50-12:30  
Management of the child with a chronic cough  
Jeff Cheng  
Mark Rizzi  
Melanie Griefer  
Maria Santiago  
Nick Rider

12:30-1:00  
Pick up Box Lunches for afternoon Symposiums

1:00-3:00  
Lunch Time Symposiums

Symposium A: Implementing QI in Pediatric ENT  
Ellis Arjmand  
Binoy Chandy  
Eric Williams  
Sanjay Parikh

Symposium B: Contemporary Management of chronic ear disease  
Chris Wooten  
Ken Lee  
Diego Preciado  
Sharon Cushing  
Michael Cohen

3:00-3:30  
Coffee Break with Exhibitors
3:30-5:30
Session#7: Dysphagia and Airway
Moderator: Claire Miller
Orysya Svystun
Phayvanh P. Sjogren
Winston Manimtim
Michael J. Eliason
Charles M. Myer IV
Stephanie RC
Zacharias
Jonathan E. Buttram
Tiffany Raynor
Kristina Keppel

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Sunday 12/6/2015

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00-8:15 Announcements

8:15-9:50
Session#8: Tonsils, Adenoids and Sleep Apnea and Otology
Moderator: Mark Boston
8:15-9:05
Michael DeMarcantonio
Nancy Moontasri
Evan J. Propst
Jamie G. Bizzell
Jeffery Cheng
9:05-9:50
Zorik Spektor
Winston Manimtim
Brendan Sorichetti
Molly Knewtson
Conor Devine

9:50-10:00 Concluding Remarks and Changing of the Guard
Things to Do in San Antonio

Restaurants

Bella On The River
Italian, Mediterranean
106 River Walk St, San Antonio TX 78205
210-404-2355 / www.bellaontheriver.com

Acenar Modern Texmex
Mexican / Tex-Mex
146 E Houston St, San Antonio TX 78205
210-222-2362 / acenar.com

Fig Tree Restaurant
French, American, Contemporary
515 Villita St, San Antonio, TX 78205
210-224-1976 / dine.figtreerestaurant.com

River’s Edge Café + Patio Bar
Mexican, American, Cafe
200 S Alamo St, San Antonio TX 78205
210-270-0786 / riversedgecafesa.com

Citrus (in Hotel Valencia)
American, Spanish
150 E Houston St, San Antonio TX

Zinc Champagne & Wine Bar
American, Wine Bar
207 N Presa St, San Antonio TX 78205
210-224-2900 www.zincwine.com

Bliss
American, Contemporary
926 S. Presa St, San Antonio 78210
210-225-2547 / www.foodisbliss.com

The Guenther House
Breakfast/Brunch/Lunch
205 E Guenther St, San Antonio TX 78204
210-227-1061 / www.guentherhouse.com

Liberty Bar
American, Bar, Pub
1111 S. Alamo St., San Antonio TX 78210
210-227-1187 / http://www.liberty-bar.com/
Attractions

The Alamo
300 Alamo Plaza
210-225-7363 / www.thelamo.org
Open Mon-Sun 9am-5:30pm

Mission San Jose
6701 San Jose Dr, San Antonio TX 78214
210-229-4770 / http://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/sanjose.htm
Open Sun-Sat 9am-5pm

McNay Art Museum
6000 N New Braunfels Ave, San Antonio TX 78209
210-824-5368 / http://www.mcnayart.org/

San Antonio Museum of Art
200 W Jones Ave, San Antonio, TX 78215
210-978-8100 / https://www.samuseum.org/

Natural Bridge Caverns
26495 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd, San Antonio TX 78266
210-651-6101 / www.naturalbridgecaverns.com

San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston, San Antonio TX 78209
210-207-3250 / www.sabot.org

Japanese Tea Gardens
3800 N St Marys St, San Antonio TX 78212
210-559-3148 / http://www.jinguhousesa.com/

Other things to do:
http://visitsanantonio.com/