



NORTH AMERICAN SKULL BASE SOCIETY

It is with great pleasure that I address our Society as the incoming president. I am excited about the year ahead and very proud of the year behind. I would like to recognize our immediate past president, Ian Witterick, for a very productive and successful year leading the NASBS. On behalf of the membership, many thanks to Ian and his Scientific Program Committee for a successful Annual Meeting in Coronado, CA. The innovative program broke many records as the most attended meeting in the history of our Society.

In addition, Madison Michael and the entire membership committee deserve special recognition. Under the leadership of Madison, the committee brought in 121 new members. This is a result of their hard work and a reflection on the health and vitality of our Society.

This past year we were able to fund two high-quality research grants. Over 40 submissions were in this initiation of the research grant. In the coming year, we will be working to increase the funding to support more of these excellent grants. The inception of the newly formed NASBS Research and Education Foundation will help facilitate these efforts.

We are in the process of refurbishing our NASBS committees to allow more participation of the membership and create effective ways to bring your novel ideas to fruition. The committees are a huge asset to the NASBS. Updated committee lists will be available on our website. I encourage you to become actively involved with our Society. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at James.Evans@jefferson.edu, the Board of Directors, or anyone on the committees to join.

There are also plans to further improve the NASBS website in order to make it more user friendly for our membership. We would also like it to serve as an educational resource for other clinicians and patients. The website and surgical education committees will lead this effort.

Speaking of education, the resident/fellow skull base surgery summer course is scheduled for July 26-29, 2018. We are planning a unique "target based" dissection course allowing participants to experience open, keyhole, and endoscopic approaches to specific cranial base locations. The goal is to provide a 360 degree exposure of the anatomy as well as facilitate an understanding of benefits and limitations of these approaches. Please have your trainees sign up early as space is limited. To register, please click [here](#).

Finally, the 2019 NASBS Annual Meeting plans are well underway. The meeting will be held at the beautiful Bonnet Creek Resort in sunny Orlando, Florida with a theme of *Teamwork through Multidisciplinary Collaboration*. The resort is conveniently located on the Disney property with easy access to the parks if you wish to do so before or after the meeting. A pre-meeting dissection course and a pre-meeting pituitary symposium will be hosted at the hotel on February 14, 2019. This is already

shaping up to be a very exciting and educational meeting. There will also be an enjoyable social program. We look forward to seeing you there and encourage you to bring your family!

Best regards,

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