Dear Members of the North American Skull Base Society:

I have been bestowed the honor to serve you as President of the NASBS 2019-2020. As I reflect about the state of the NASBS, I am elated to see our past growth, current strength and future potential. During the last year James Evans, our Immediate Past-President, continued to build upon the foundation laid by previous presidents, improving all aspects of our mission including patient care, education, community efforts, internal administration and fiscal responsibilities. As his final act, Jim and the Scientific Program Committee for the 29th Annual Meeting gifted us a fantastic program in Orlando, Florida; breaking attendance records with 765 registrants. As representative of the NASBS membership, I offer our earnest gratitude for a superbly done job.

Our committees have been restructured to optimize their functionality, productivity, and member participation. They have been designed to comprise a mission-oriented body of members, serving 3-year terms with a suggested annual turnover of 33%; thus, gathering and preserving collective experience relevant to the respective committee, while assuring the inflow of new ideas and member participation. To this respect, we request that anyone who desires to join a committee, or other NASBS function, communicate this interest by email to info@nasbs.org.

The NASBS 30th annual meeting will be held at La Cantera Resort in San Antonio, Texas; February 7-9, 2020 with a pre-meeting hands-on dissection course February 5-7, 2020. La Cantera is a beautiful resort, full of family-oriented amenities, located 20 minutes from San Antonio’s downtown, The Alamo historical site and the world renowned Riverwalk. The theme of the 2020 Annual Meeting, “Rapid Evolution in the Healthcare Ecosystem: Becoming Frontiers”, will present the opportunity to discuss technological, technical, societal, and economic changes affecting the way we deliver care to our patients and how our frontier horizon changes faster than the speed to which we can adapt to the changes (“becoming frontiers”); thus, requiring the assistance of new technologies (e.g. artificial intelligence).

We welcome your ideas and feedback throughout the year. Please contact our office directly. I look forward to seeing you all at the NASBS 30th Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

Ricardo L. Carrau, MD, MBA
NASBS President 2019-2020
The 29th Annual Meeting of the North American Skull Base Society saw the highest record attendance of the society with 766 registered attendees. The meeting elicited a new record of abstract submissions with 492 papers submitted for consideration. Attendees met at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida where they heard from keynote speakers Jeff James and Dr. Charlie Ireland from the Disney Institute. General Sessions included Fireside Chats with Past Presidents of NASBS providing prospective of changes in skull base surgery through the years. Meeting highlights included: the Rhoton Room where dueling dissections of open and endoscopic approaches provided attendees an opportunity for real-time questions on approaches; ICA Injury Simulation Station where attendees practiced the resolution of a bleeding carotid in the OR; a Pre-Meeting Pituitary Education Day; Pre-Meeting Dissection Course; Pre-Meeting Skull Base Primer Course; and the Skull Base Team Match where Skull Base Teams from institutions around the country described approaches to complex skull base cases. The meeting also welcomed 37 exhibitors and distributed three International Travel Scholarships for attendees to participate in the Pre-Meeting Dissection Course, attend the Annual Meeting, and follow up with an observer ship at an NASBS Member’s Institution.

NASBS 2019 Skull Base Surgery Summer Course
LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA
July 19-21, 2019

The NASBS 2019 Skull Base Surgery Summer Course for Neurosurgery Residents and Head & Neck Fellows welcomed 30 attendees and multiple faculty from around the world. The teams of neurosurgery residents and head & neck fellows worked quickly and participated in approaches to the skull base. Special thanks to Daniel Nuss and Rahul Mehta at LSU for once again hosting the course and to the LSU Anatomy Lab team for welcoming us into your world-class facility.
The NASBS would like to welcome its newest members inducted at the NASBS Business Meeting on February 15, 2019.

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