Greetings from Chicago. Although you recently received a newsletter from the Section, I am sending an update after the conclusion of the Annual Leadership Forum (ALF), which Michael Cunningham, Bruce Maddern and I attended recently. I would like to report some significant developments regarding membership in the AAP, and, again, I encourage those who live in the Washington, D.C. area to attend the National Convention and Exhibition (NCE) in Washington, D.C., on Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th. Registration can be done through the AAP Website: www.aap.org.

The second ALF was held August 11-14 in Chicago. The ALF brings together the academy leadership in one venue. As I described last year, the American Academy of Pediatrics really has two components. Our Section is one of many sections and committees within the AAP which form one of the components. The other component of the AAP is the Chapters. Chapters are by state except in California and New York where there are several chapters within each state due to the large size of membership. Chapters are grouped into Districts. Each District elects a Board Member to the AAP. The Board Members of the AAP and the Executive Office run the organization. The leadership of the AAP felt that there was a “disconnect” between the two components of the AAP in that one never talked to the other. The ALF was initiated last year as a way to try to get the two groups together so that each could understand and work better with the other.

I believe that this effort has been successful from both the Section/Committee side and the Chapter side. With sixty thousand members, it is essential that each component of the AAP understand the other so that everyone can work toward common goals. I can best describe the major work of the ALF as a New England town meeting where everyone gets to participate. Although not as fast paced as some of the Surgical Sections would like, the process does seem to work, and action is taken on various issues.

There were several keynote speakers. The most interesting talk for me this year concerned governmental affairs. John E. Lewy, M.D., F.A.A.P., spoke on federal legislation. David Clark, M.D., F.A.A.P., spoke on state legislation. Key points of these talks included the ten billion dollar cuts planned in Medicaid over the next five years. The cuts are to begin in 2007. The decision making is currently in progress. The need for advocacy is enormous.

While 55% of Medicaid recipients are children, they receive only 22% of benefits! A proposed change is to exempt the Medicaid for children cuts as the primary growth in Medicaid has been for elderly and indigent adults. Current bills in Congress are Medikids, Kids Come First Act, Children’s Express Lane to Health Coverage Act, and Family Opportunity Act. Recently a Medicaid commission was established. One of the members of this commission is Carol Berkowitz, M.D., F.A.A.P., the President of the AAP.

On the state side, suits have been brought by Medicaid recipients in Oklahoma and Illinois. The Oklahoma suit has been settled in favor of the recipients, significantly increasing reimbursement to all providers. In Illinois, the suit was also found in favor of the Medicaid recipients. However, the settlement, as it currently stands, significantly increases reimbursements for primary care providers only with no relief for specialist reimbursement. The problem will be addressed in the near future on the state level by the Illinois AAP Chapter.

Of particular value to our Section was the Surgery Advisory Panel chaired by Michael Cunningham which met twice during the ALF. The first meeting was a working meeting to go over an extensive agenda including new membership.

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David Darrow is the Program Chair for the 2005 NCE in Washington, D.C. The program has two components: one for Section members and one for general pediatricians.

**Section H Program for Section Members:**

**Sunday, October 9th**

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Management Strategies for Children with Craniofacial Disorders

8:00 - 8:10
Introduction and Overview
David Darrow, MD, DDS 2005 NCE Program Chairperson

8:10 - 8:40
Treatment Options for the Micrognathic Child
Sherard A. Tatum, MD

8:40 - 9:10
Challenges in Feeding the Child with Cleft Palate and Other Craniofacial Disorders
Joan C. Arvedson, PhD

9:10 - 9:40
Management of Velopharyngeal Insufficiency - Sphincter, Flap, or Furlow?
Craig W. Senders, MD

9:40 - 10:10
Amplification options for the Craniofacial Patient with Hearing Loss
John K. Niparko, MD

10:10 - 10:20 Q & A

10:30 - 11:30 Point/Counterpoint - Management Strategies for the Microtic Ear

Prosthetic Management of Microtia
Robert R. Barron

Reconstructive Surgery for Microtia
Roland D. Eavey, MD

11:30 - 11:40 Q & A

11:40 - 12:00
Panel Discussion - Pediatric Otolaryngologists as Craniofacial Surgeons: Obstacles and Solutions
David Darrow, MD, DDS, Moderator
Craig W. Senders, MD
Sherard A. Tatum, MD

**Section Program for the General Pediatrician**

**Saturday, October 8th**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Differential Diagnosis of ENT Disorders: YOU Make the Call (Audience Response Case Discussion)
Ellen S. Deutsch, MD; Bruce R. Maddern, MD

**Monday, October 10th**

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
The Runny, Stuffy Nose: Allergy, Adenoid, or just Anatomy? (Seminar)
Joint Program with the Section on Allergy & Immunology
Seth M. Pransky, MD; Michael J. Welch, MD

**Tuesday, October 11th**

6:45 am - 7:45 am
Acute Otitis Media: The New Guidelines
Meet the Expert (breakfast session)
Stephen Pelton, MD

10:00 am -12:00 pm and 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Otoscopy Workshop
Andrew J. Hotaling, MD; Linda Carlson, MS, CPNP

**AAP 75th Anniversary Silent Auction**

At the 2005 AAP National Conference and Exhibition, Oct. 8-10 in Washington, DC, the Academy will hold a special silent auction in celebration of the Academy’s 75th Anniversary with proceeds benefiting the Friends of Children Fund. Physicians nationwide can donate items such as timeshares, vacation home rentals, quilts and books. Individual AAP members, committees, sections, chapters or group practices can donate items. Minimum suggested donation is $75. Anyone interested in donating an item for the auction should fill out the following form: [http://www.aap.org/75/SilentAuctionDonationForm.pdf](http://www.aap.org/75/SilentAuctionDonationForm.pdf).
Come explore our nation’s capitol and experience the best in pediatric education at the 2005 National Conference & Exhibition!

We are expecting one of our largest conferences ever, so register early to ensure your best selection of sessions and to lock in your hotel reservations.

While the American Academy of Pediatrics’ (AAP) National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) is always an exciting event, this year’s promises to be extra special. Why? Because pediatricians attending the 2005 NCE October 8-11 in Washington, D.C., won’t only experience the ultimate in pediatric continuing medical education… they’ll also celebrate the Academy’s 75th Anniversary!

I hope you’ll plan to join us as we gather in our nation’s capital to commemorate our past and prepare for the next 75 years.

**Chair’s Corner**

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initiatives including section reinvestment program, member value coupon, member benefits swap and combined dues and NCE registration fee. These four recommendations will be in place for a three year trial.

The Section reinvestment program credits the Section with $100.00 to its non-core budget for each new specialty fellow recruited to the Section and $20.00 to the non-core budget for every retained member per year. The goal will be to use this additional revenue support to help fund the mission priorities of the Section. This topic will be discussed at our business meeting in October at the NCE in Washington, D.C.

The member value coupon is for an amount yet to be determined. It will allow members to “spend” the coupon for AAP products and services. The exact mechanism and amount of the coupon have yet to be determined.

Member benefits swap will allow selected Fellows to agree to suspend certain tangible benefits for the year in return for which they would be given an AAP credit to redeem on any product or service of the AAP, with the exception of dues.

The fourth initiative concerns primarily the Sections of Urology and Surgery. These are the two Surgical Sections which have very large scientific programs at the NCE. In fact, the combined attendance of these two Sections accounts for about 10% of the attendees at the NCE. Of concern to these two Sections has been the combined cost of Section dues and registration for the NCE. This program is being developed to try to encourage more Surgery and Urology Section members to attend the NCE, at a lower overall cost when combined with the dues and NCE attendance.

The first three proposals, Section reinvestment program, member value coupon, and benefit swap will be implemented in the near future. The fourth proposal will take some time to implement. It is clear to me that the Membership Division has heard our concerns and is interested in addressing these issues. From the AAP’s viewpoint, they cannot make wholesale changes for all the members. These programs will be introduced on a trial basis, primarily to the Surgical Sections. The Membership Department will evaluate how the programs are used by Section members and, importantly, evaluate the fiscal impact on the AAP.

I look forward to seeing you in Washington in October. If you have any questions, please contact me.
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