Commentary

President's message

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I accept the challenge of the Presidency of the International Association of Orofacial Myology, I am more than a little awed at the trust and responsibility that have been placed in me. Ours is a proud tradition of "brave souls" fighting the odds and keeping the faith against seemingly insurmountable difficulties. I have a deep respect for my colleagues, the founders of our Association and those who have joined our ranks more recently. We continue to attract a high caliber of professionals. I am honored to be your leader.

Our list of past presidents is indeed an impressive roll call: Bill Zickefoose, Marv Hanson, Dick Barrett, Logan Barnard, Becky Winchell, John Howland, and Joe Zimmerman. These people have not only been the leaders of our Association but also of our profession. Each one of them has made contributions to the profession through their writing, teaching, research, and training of clinicians.

So many individuals have served the Association since its founding in 1972 by their roles on committees, in convention leadership positions, by contributing to the Journal or Newsletter, by serving as officers and members of the Board of Directors. There is a place in our Association for every member. If you have a special talent or interest which you would like to share, please step forward and volunteer. We need every one to make a viable, effective organization.

I thank you for your support and hope for your continued interest and enthusiasm. Together, we can learn and grow.

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