**New Mexico Society of Otolaryngology  
Oct 7th Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Erica Bennett, MD  
Nathan Boyd, MD  
Laura Brainard, MD  
Tara Brennan, MD  
Andrew Cowan, MD  
Ron Escudaro, MD  
Frederick Fiber, MD  
Karen Hawley, MD  
Tania Kraai, MD  
Duncan Meiklejohn, MD  
Jason Mudd, MD  
Barry Nagel, MD  
Garth Olson, MD  
Bradley Pickett, MD  
Liat Shama, MD  
Michael Spafford, MD  
Thomas Thomason, MD  
Eugene Wasylenki, MD  
Dean Yannias, MD

Nicole Brian, MD (Guest/Former UNM Resident)  
Aaron Morrison, MD (Guest/Former UNM Resident)  
Stephanie Fine, MD (Guest/Friend of Dr. Lorenz’s/UNM general surgeon)  
Pearl Benavidez – NMSO/UNM Administrator

1. Casual greeting; sign in, meet the sponsors, meet each other
2. Introduction: Dr. Hawley
   1. Welcome
   2. Background of how we’ve become a society over the last year
   3. Goals of the society
      1. New Mexico’s voice of otolaryngologists to the AAO-HNS, the state medical society and to our state legislators
      2. Cooperation and collaboration between otolaryngologists in the state
      3. Promoting scholarship; guest lectures, education, possible future grants for students/residents or travel to the Leadership Forum held by the AAO-HNS
   4. The society has thus been modeled after other societies, but we are a unique state and need to make it out own
3. Overview of the virtual meeting: Dr. Hawley
4. Society structure
   1. Officers for the Society
      1. Dr. Hawley nominated president
      2. Dr. Frederick Fiber and Dr. Tania Kraai nominated for Secretary/Treasurer
      3. Dr. Tara Brennan nominated for Program Chair
   2. Academy Representatives
      1. Legislative Affairs Representatives
         1. Dr. Laura Brainard; Society Rep
         2. Dr. Hawley; committee member
            1. Dr. Hawley discussed what the legislative affairs committee has done for otolaryngologists and what its goals are for next year
      2. Socioeconomic Grass Roots Representative
         1. Dr. Duncan Meiklejohn; Society Rep
            1. Discussed what the SEGR can do for us
            2. We need to be aware of these issues in our state to bring them up to Dr. Meiklejohn
5. Dinner
6. Guest Lecturer: Dr. Robert Lorenz
   1. Discussed healthcare reform and how it effects otolaryngologists
   2. RegENT (can be further discovered on our Academy website)
   3. MIPS (new form of quality measurements, meaningful use, etc)
   4. Bundling
7. Adjourn