**New Mexico Society of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery  
Meeting Minutes**Virtual Meeting June 22, 2016

**ATTENDEES:**  
**Academy Representatives:**David Edelstein, MD (New York): Chair of the Board of Governors  
Richard Capparell (Virginia): Program Manager, State Relations. AAO-HNS  
Steven Kmucha, MD (California): Chair Society Engagement  
Phyllis Bouvier, MD (Colorado): Vice Chair Society Engagement

**New Mexico Otolaryngology Representatives:**  
Erica Bennett, MD(UNM, Albuquerque)  
Tara Brennan, MD(UNM, Albuquerque)  
Andrew Cowan, MD (UNM, Albuquerque)  
Roland Gerencer, MD (H&N Surgeons of New Mexico, Albuquerque)  
Karen Hawley, MD (UNM, Albuquerque)  
Matthew Hinsely, MD (Southwestern ENT, Santa Fe)  
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Elizabeth Hobbs, MD  
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Noah Syme, MD

**MINUTES:**

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| Karen Hawley, MD | * Callers identified themselves * Introduction: How NMSO came about and what has been done thus far for organization |
| David Edelstein, MD | * Overview of the Board of Governors and Academy Structure * Legislative Affairs Committee/Legislative and Political Advocacy; current issues being addressed and opportunities to participate – Project 535, State Trackers * Partnering Coalitions with AAO-HNS: ie Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alliance, GME and Workforce Coalition * BOG Polling; giving the society members a chance to vote on issues (national policy issues and within the Academy) relative to our specialty * Socioeconomic and Grassroots Committee: getting involved with health policy; coding, billing, re-imbursement, quality initiatives * RegENT: ENT clinical data registry which will eventually become a united front for both clinical research and policy making * AAO-HNS National Meetings: Annual Meeting and OTO-EXPO Sept 18-21, 2016 (BOG meetings will take place on Sept 17) and the Spring BOG Leadership Forum March 11-13, 2017 (Smaller scale more personal meeting). |
| Karen Hawley, MD | * Mission statement * Immediate goals: continue networking and getting the word out, election of society officers and Academy reps, business dinner Oct 7, 2016 * Review of current bylaws and society structure * Review the roles of society officers and Academy reps * Academy reps should plan to attend at least one of the two annual AAO-HNS meetings (Sept 2016 or March 2017) * Overview of the budget * Next steps: Sign up for membership, nominate yourself or someone else for an officer or representative position and email [kahawley@salud.unm.edu](mailto:kahawley@salud.unm.edu) with that nomination (buy July 5, 2016), await survey monkey for voting * Q&A |
| Dismissal |  |