

**American Academy of Audiology
Board of Directors Meeting Overview
April 4, 2017**

- Dr. Ian Windmill, President, called the meeting to order.
- The Academy Web site has a new Members-only feature for the submission of questions and comments to the Board of Directors.
- In response to membership requests, the Nominating Committee presented to the Board modifications for eligibility criteria to eliminate prescriptive requirements for the number of years in practice. The Board supported the recommendation recognizing that the Committee will continue to evaluate the breadth of experience of candidates.
- A multi-faceted public relations plan is in place for the Academy to encompass public awareness, member engagement and support, media relations, and healthcare outreach. Within this effort, the Academy will also promote the important work within the committees and by members.
- A new organizational structure for the Academy includes for the formation of six councils under which to align committees and the activities of the organizational for enhanced communications and increased efficiency.
- Work groups within the Board will continue work on defining the new councils and the structure with the intent of implementation by later this fiscal year.
- Work plans for the Academy's action plan delineate the current and proposed activities over the next two years. The Board will review new activities and additional detail for the current activities at the July Board meeting.
- The Board approved the formation of 4 new task forces and a payer summit to explore areas in which to elevate the audiologist as the primary care provider for hearing and balance.
- Dr. Ian Windmill provided an update on recent activities by Academy Board members and staff and the status of legislation relative to over-the-counter hearing aid legislation. The Academy will continue efforts to shape the legislation and related regulatory activities to reflect the audiologic perspective.
- The Board has charged the Government Relations Committee to explore the drafting of a public policy position that generally addresses hearing conservation and noise exposure reduction.
- The Honors and Awards Committee proposed changes to the awards categories, including the removal of "lifetime" contributions as eligibility criteria and also the designation of 2 Honors of Audiology Awards.
- The Board discussed the opportunities for the Academy to cooperate with global counterparts and will continue to promote member engagement and collaboration in international activities.
- The membership dues will remain unchanged for 2017-2018.
- The registration fee for ANOW 18 will include a very small increase for member and non-member categories to support the conference programming.
- The Board met with invited committee chairpersons for lunch and held a discussion on how to enhance communications within the committees and also the organization.

The Board of Directors approved the following motions:

- To approve the Consent Agenda
- To establish the task forces as proposed by I. Windmill
- To have a reimbursement summit,
- To adopt the structure.
- To accept the award categories as amended with the designation of 2 Honors of Audiology awards (1 for audiologists and 1 for non-audiologists) and to remove “lifetime” contributions as part of criteria in all awards.
- To hold on a membership dues increase.
- To provide text regarding international membership category for the Coalition on Global Hearing Health web site.
- To adopt the fee increases of \$5 for early, \$10 for advanced, and \$ 25 for onsite in member and non-member categories only for 2018 ANOW registration.
- To adopt the recommendation by the Nomination Committee in the language change to remove the number of years requirement for the member-at-large and president-elect categories.