New Appointments within the ASN

Dr. Donald Wesson Appointed Secretary/Treasurer of ASN

The American Society of Nephrology is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Donald E. Wesson, MD, to the post of Secretary/Treasurer of the ASN. He is replacing Dr. Alan Krensky, who is leaving to take a position with the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Dr. Wesson received his BS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his MD from Baylor. In addition to his extensive service to ASN, Dr. Wesson has served with distinction as a member of many societies. His current duties include service as a co-editor for Seminars in Nephrology, a member of the Board of Directors for the American Board of Internal Medicine, President of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, Chief Administrative Officer of Scott and White, and Vice-Dean of the Texas A&M College of Medicine.

Dr. Wesson states, “I am honored to be asked to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the ASN. Dr. Krensky has served admirably in this capacity and in doing so has set a great standard to follow. I hope to contribute to ASN’s increasing prominence in improving healthcare through research, education, and public policy and to help ASN continue to serve the best interest of our members.”

Since 1968 the position of Secretary/Treasurer has attracted many of the most distinguished members of the nephrology community. ASN gives its warmest thanks to Dr. Alan Krensky for his excellent service and congratulates Dr. Wesson on continuing the work of a most honored succession.

Please visit the ASN website at http://asn-online.org/about/treasurer-secretary.aspx to view a complete listing of everyone who has served the ASN as Secretary/Treasurer.

Dr. Patrick Murray and Dr. Mark Rosenberg Appointed as PGE Assistants

The ASN is pleased to announce the appointments of Dr. Patrick Murray, MD, FASN, to the position of Assistant Postgraduate Education (PGE) Director for the Board Review Course, and Dr. Mark Rosenberg, MD, to the position of Assistant PGE Director for Renal Week and Regional Renal WeekEnd Meetings.

Dr. Murray will assist the society’s Director of Education, Dr. Paul Kimmel, with the development and execution of ASN’s annual Board Review Course and Update. Dr. Murray will participate in planning the course content, suggest changes in format, and aid in the selection and recruitment of faculty and in the development of the syllabus. He will deliver some of the lectures and serve as moderator for a portion of the course as well as assist in seeking sponsorship and raising funds for the program.

Dr. Rosenberg will assist Dr. Kimmel in the development and execution of portions of the annual Renal Week and Renal WeekEnd programs. Dr. Rosenberg will work with Dr. Kimmel and the ASN staff in developing the content, faculty, syllabus, and support for the various portions of the program. He will also have an active and visible role at Renal Week and the Renal Weekend programs.

The ASN congratulates both of these exceptional physicians on their appointments.

Secretary/Treasurer of the ASN Accepts Post at NIH

Dr. Alan Krensky, the Secretary/Treasurer of the ASN, has accepted a post at the NIH. The ASN extends deep thanks to Dr. Krensky for his service on the council and wishes him well in this fantastic new endeavor. Here is the press release from NIH:

NIH Director Selects Dr. Alan M. Krensky as NIH Deputy Director for the Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives (OPASI)

National Institutes of Health Director Elias A. Zerhouni, MD, announced that Alan M. Krensky, MD, has been selected as the first NIH Deputy Director for the Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives (OPASI). Dr. Krensky will assume his position on July 8, 2007.

“We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Krensky join the National Institutes of Health,” said Dr. Zerhouni. “He will play a key leadership role as the Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives provides an ‘incubator space’ to address critical research efforts in cross-cutting areas of NIH priorities.”

“I am pleased and honored to join the NIH leadership team at this most important time. OPASI will facilitate interactions across NIH activities, including systems for portfolio analysis, new ‘roadmap’ and trans-NIH strategic initiatives, and program evaluation. Such institutional planning and assessment is critical as the interdisciplinary nature of biomedical science evolves,” said Dr. Krensky.
OPASI was built on the success of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research and has two goals: to identify important areas of emerging scientific opportunities or rising public health challenges, and to help accelerate investments in these areas to make sure new ideas have a chance to develop. OPASI provides new opportunity for more trans-NIH dialogue, decision-making, and funding for scientific priorities and opportunities that would be difficult to support otherwise.

Dr. Krensky graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1973, and received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1977. At the Stanford University School of Medicine, Dr. Krensky most recently served as professor of pediatrics, Chief of the Division of Immunology and Transplantation Biology, Associate Chair for Research in the Department of Pediatrics, and Associate Dean for Children’s Health.

Dr. Krensky’s research interests are in human cellular and molecular immunology, transplantation immunology, and tumor immunology. He is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians and is a co-author of more than 240 research papers.

Dr. Krensky has received numerous awards, including the Young Investigator Award from the Society for Pediatric Research, the Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Nephrology/American Heart Association, the Joseph A. Shankman Award from the National Kidney Foundation of Massachusetts, the Young Investigator Award from the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, the Award for Excellence in Pediatric Research from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Scholar in Experimental Therapeutics Award from the Burroughs Welcome Fund, the E. Mead Johnson Award from the Society for Pediatric Research, and the Novartis Established Investigator Award from the American Society for Transplantation.

The Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives (OPASI) provides the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and its constituent Institutes and Centers (ICs) with the methods and information necessary to manage their large and complex scientific portfolios, identifies — in concert with multiple other inputs — important areas of emerging scientific opportunities or rising public health challenges, and assists in the acceleration of investments in these areas, focusing on those involving multiple ICs. More information about OPASI can be found at: http://opasi.nih.gov/

**Continuing Medical Education (CME) Update**

The ASN is pleased to announce that our Online CME Center went live in August 2006 with the Board Review Course evaluation and CME form. ASN’s Online CME Center enables attendees of the 11th Annual Board Review Course Update and Renal Week 2006 to track and manage CME credits directly online. Since the implementation of the new Online CME Center, we have expanded the options to include the ability to claim credit for NephSAP issues online, beginning with Glomerular, Vascular, and Tubulointerstitial Diseases, published in November 2006. Thus far, the launch of our new CME Center online has been a success, as it provides members with CME certificates in real-time and is a more efficient way to collect data. Now that our programs are online, we are evaluating the process to improve the CME Center and for that reason we welcome any suggestions, comments, or concerns.

Please Note: We regret that credits for Renal WeekEnds 2007 cannot be claimed online and attendees should submit paper forms, distributed onsite, as in previous years.

Please use the following directions to claim your credits online for the 11th Annual Board Review Course Update, Renal Week 2006, and active NephSAP issues, beginning with November 2006.

Directions
- Go to the ASN website at [www.asn-online.org](http://www.asn-online.org). In the “Renal Reminders” box at the top of the home page, click the third link, which says “Access ASN’s Online CME Center”
- If you do not remember your ASN User ID, on the “ASN’s Online CME Center” page click the link located in the 3rd paragraph. The paragraph reads as follows:
  - “You will need your ASN User ID to access the Online CME Center. If you do not remember your ASN User ID, click here and select “To request your User ID, please click here.”
- If you do not have an ASN User ID, you need a temporary one. You can acquire a temporary ID by clicking the link located in the 4th paragraph of the “ASN’s Online CME Center” page. The paragraph reads as follows:
  - “If you are not an ASN member and have not obtained CME credit from the ASN before, click here to register for a temporary ASN User ID.”

Please note that your ASN User ID and Badge ID ARE NOT the same numbers. If you do not have your Badge ID number, please contact our office via email at email@asn-online.org or telephone at 202-659-0599.
Publications Update

CJASN Has Been Indexed and Abstracted by Thomson Scientific
In early January, the Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology (CJASN) was accepted for coverage in Thomson Scientific products and services. Beginning with Volume 1, Issue 1, CJASN has been indexed and abstracted in:

- Scientific Citation Index Expanded (SciSearch)
- Current Contents Clinical Medicine
- Journal Citation Reports Science Edition

According to the Thomson Scientific website (www.isinet.com), Science Citation Index Expanded “provides access to current and retrospective bibliographic information, author abstracts, and cited references found in the world’s leading scholarly science and technical journals.” Current Contents Clinical Medicine “provides access to complete bibliographic information from articles, editorials, meeting abstracts, commentaries, and all other significant items in recently published editions of the world’s leading clinical medicine journals and books.” Journal Citation Reports presents quantifiable statistical data that provides a systematic and objective way to evaluate the world’s leading journals and their impact and influence in the global research community, according to Thomson Scientific. For more information on these and other Thomson Scientific products please visit the Thomson Scientific website at http://scientific.thomson.com/products/.

ASN Managing Editor Bonnie O’Brien confirmed that the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology (JASN) has been indexed and abstracted since its inception by Thomson Scientific’s Current Contents Clinical Medicine and Current Contents Life Sciences. Additionally, JASN is indexed and abstracted in Science Citation Index Expanded (SciSearch and Web of Science) and Journal Citation Reports.

New Capability Launched for JASN and CJASN Online
The ASN journals have added a new feature that enables online readers to download figures in articles to PowerPoint. This feature allows users to view an expanded figure as a PowerPoint slide. The figure expansion displays the figure, citation information, the first line from the figure caption, journal identification, as well as a copyright statement. CJASN has implemented this back to Volume 1 Issue 1, and JASN has implemented this for articles back to January 1999. To view a sample slide please visit http://jasn.asnjournals.org/cgi/powerpoint/18/1/37/F1. You will need to log on using your subscription password and user ID. For more information, contact ASN Operations Manager Bob Henkel at bhenkel@asn-online.org.

Don’t Forget to Renew your ASN Membership for 2007
Renew your membership today so you don’t miss out on all the great benefits the ASN has to offer. And don’t forget to encourage your nonmember colleagues to become an ASN member. Just tell them about all the great benefits they’re missing, in addition to printed and online subscriptions to the JASN, CJASN, and NephSAP:
1. Eligibility for ASN grant funding
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4. Renal Express and Renal Policy Express
5. Eligibility for Fellowship of the American Society of Nephrology (FASN) status
6. Free Online Job Placement Service and Membership Directory
7. Voting rights for “active” members
8. AND MORE!
Visit the ASN website at www.asn-online.org to renew your 2007 dues today!

ASN Call for Councilor Nominations
ASN members are encouraged to send suggestions for candidates for Councilor for the 2007 ASN Council election. A special effort is being made to diversify the composition of the Council. Suggestions may be sent to the ASN office or directly to any of the members of the 2007 Nominating Committee, with a copy to the ASN office.

All nominations must be received by Friday, April 6, 2007.
A ballot including brief biographical data will be sent to all active members approximately two months before the annual meeting.
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ASN Grant Deadlines for 2007

- Alaska Kidney Foundation–ASN Research Grant (Due March 9, 2007)
- ASN–ASP Junior Development Grant in Geriatric Nephrology (Due March 9, 2007)
- ASN–AST John Merrill Grant in Transplantation (Due March 9, 2007)
- Carl W. Gottschalk Research Scholar Grant (Due March 9, 2007)
- Norman Siegel Research Scholar Grant (Due March 9, 2007)
- Halpin Foundation–ASN Research Grant (Due March 9, 2007)
- New Directions Grant for Established Investigators (Fall, 2007)
- Student Scholar Grant (Due February 9, 2007)
- M. James Scherbenske Grant (Quarterly Deadlines: March 15, June 15, & November 15)
- ASN’s Basic Science Travel Award Program (Due March 1, 2007, and October 1, 2007)

Please visit the ASN website at www.asn-online.org to view the ASN Grants and Funding information.