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**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
OTOLARYNGOLOGY-  
HEAD AND NECK SURGERY**

**Board of Governors (BOG):  
Regional Representative Tool Kit**

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## **HISTORY & BACKGROUND OF THE BOG**

The BOG was established in 1982 as a grassroots Member network within the AAO-HNS. The BOG is made up of local, state, national, and specialty otolaryngology-head and neck surgery societies. The BOG functions as a grassroots advisory body to the AAO-HNS/F Boards of Directors (BOD) in order to:

- Act as an avenue of communication between the BOD, AAO-HNS membership (U.S.), and the local, state, regional, and national otolaryngology-head and neck surgery organizations;
- Make recommendations regarding the programs and policies of the AAO-HNS;
- Seek out and involve practitioners of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery in academic, social, economic, and political issues relative to the specialty;
- Strengthen the AAO-HNS and otolaryngology societies; and
- Support the general good of patients, the specialty, and the medical profession.

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## **REPRESENTATION IN THE BOG**

Each affiliated BOG society has three (3) designated positions to the BOG – Governor, and two Alternate Governors (a Legislative Representative and a Socioeconomic & Grassroots [SEGR] Representative). The Governor is the designated individual permitted to vote on behalf of their respective society on matters before the BOG. In the event that the Governor is not in attendance at a meeting of the BOG (spring or fall), an Alternate Governor (Legislative Representative or SEGR Representative) can vote on the Governor’s behalf.

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## **DUTIES OF BOG SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES**

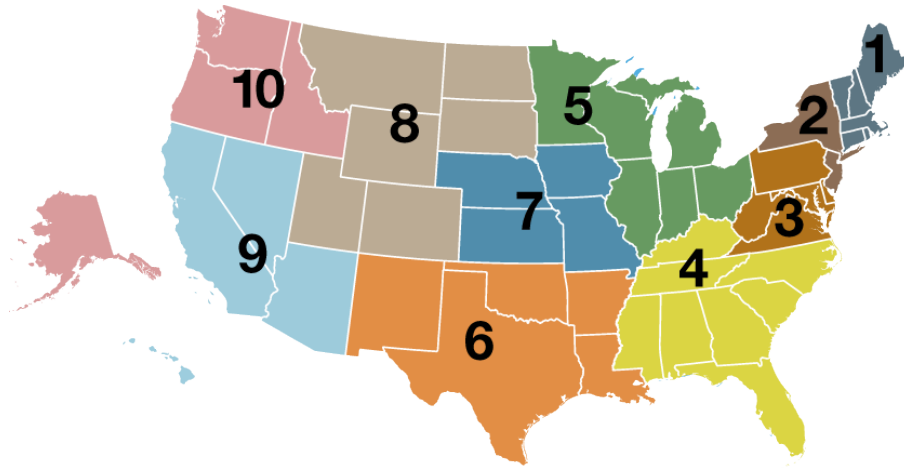
BOG member society representatives are expected to serve as the bridge between the individual society and the AAO-HNS. In their liaison role, these individuals are primarily responsible for communicating and coordinating information and requests to/from BOG leaders and society members.

The BOG Governors/Alternate Governors are expected to attend the BOG General Assembly during the Leadership Forum & BOG Spring Meeting and the fall Annual Meeting. In addition, the Representatives are invited to attend their respective BOG committee meetings during the spring and fall meetings.

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## **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

To enhance and facilitate communications, the BOG reorganized itself into ten (10) geographic regions. These enhancements are particularly helpful in states with inactive or new BOG societies. In addition, a specialty society task force has been added to the 10 regional representatives to foster specialty unity and coordination. As issues arise within BOG societies, we encourage the Governor, Legislative Representative, and/or SEGR Representative to reach out to these regional reps, as well as to collaborate with BOG Executive Committee leaders.



**Region 1:**

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

**Region 2:**

New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands

**Region 3:**

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia

**Region 4:**

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

**Region 5:**

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin

**Region 6:**

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

**Region 7:**

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

**Region 8:**

Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

**Region 9:**

Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada

**Region 10:**

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

**Specialty Societies**

Learn who your regional representative is by visiting - <http://www.entnet.org/content/bog-region-map>.

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## DUTIES OF BOG REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

BOG regional representatives are expected to serve as the link between societies in their region and the AAO-HNS. In their liaison role, these individuals are primarily responsible for communicating and coordinating information and requests to/from BOG leaders, particularly via the BOG Member-at-Large, and society members.

The BOG regional representatives are expected to attend the BOG General Assembly during the Leadership Forum & BOG Spring Meeting and the fall Annual Meeting.

### Specific tasks of the Regional Representatives

- Contact all state and local societies within their regions at least three times a year.
- Help identify local trends within their regions.
- Help communicate problems and solutions from other regions.
- Help circulate, publicize, and encourage completion of the annual SEGR polls.
- Present Regional reports at the Leadership Forum & BOG Spring Meeting and the fall Annual Meeting.

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### BOG RESOURCES

Questions? Please contact BOG staff at [bog@entnet.org](mailto:bog@entnet.org). More information about the BOG Regional Representatives can be found at <http://www.entnet.org/content/bog-region-map> and additional information on the BOG can be found at <http://www.entnet.org/bog>. BOG members also are encouraged to post statements, questions, and discussions on the BOG community on [ENTConnect](#).