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Welcome

AO North America

MARK LEE, MD

President, AO North America

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to OneAO® 2026. In just a day and a half, this meeting gives us a valuable opportunity to come together, reconnect, and enjoy the sense of community that has always been at the heart of AO.



What I appreciate most about OneAO® is how it brings people together. The program is important, and there is always a lot to learn, but some of the most meaningful parts of this meeting happen in the conversations between sessions, during meals, and in the time spent catching up with friends and colleagues. Those moments remind us that AO is more than education. It is relationships, shared purpose, and a willingness to support one another.

To me, that is the AO Spirit. It is seen in the open exchange of ideas, in mentoring the next generation, in welcoming new colleagues, and in the friendships that grow over time. In a profession that asks a great deal of us, there is real value in coming together with people who understand the work, the challenges, and the commitment it takes.

Thank you for being part of OneAO® 2026 and for the energy, generosity, and collegiality you bring to this community. I hope our time together leaves you encouraged, reconnected, and proud of all that we continue to build together.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'M', 'L', and 'G' in a stylized, cursive script.

Mark Lee, MD
President

*Come together,
reconnect, and enjoy the
sense of community*

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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| 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | Get AHEAD! | White Ibis |
| 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM | OneAO® Registration | Skylark Foyer |
| 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Together in Surgery <i>(Non -CME Session)</i> | Skylark Ballroom |
| 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM | OneAO® Opening | |
| 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Keynote session: From War Zones to Operating Rooms - Benjamin Hall, Author of SAVED | Skylark Foyer |
| 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | OneAO® Welcome Reception | Skylark Ballroom |

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

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| 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM | Breakfast | Skylark Foyer |
| 8:00 AM - 8:20 AM | OneAO® Welcome Back | Skylark Ballroom |
| 8:20 AM - 9:05 AM | Keynote session: Mun. Y. Choi, PhD, Chancellor & President, University of Missouri | Skylark Ballroom |
| 9:05 AM - 9:50 AM | Keynote session: Franck Renouard, DDS, Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon, Paris, France | Skylark Ballroom |
| 9:50 AM - 10:05 AM | Break | Skylark Foyer |
| 10:05 AM - 11:10 AM | Performance Assessments in the Real World – Trends, Successes, Opportunities: A Surgeon Panel | Skylark Ballroom |
| 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Sages on Stage: Wisdom in Practice | Skylark Ballroom |
| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Lunch | Skylark Ballroom |
| 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Time on your own! | |
| 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Reception | Skylark Foyer |
| 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Educator Awards Dinner | Skylark Ballroom |



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GET AHEAD!



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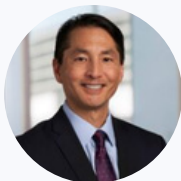
George Russell, MD



**Michael Suk, MD, JD,
MPH, MBA**

TOGETHER IN SURGERY

Rex Marco, MD



Professor, Orthopedic Surgery, McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston

A spine surgeon whose career and lived experiences redefine resilience, leadership, and what it means to return to purpose after adversity.

KEYNOTE: FROM WAR ZONES TO OPERATING ROOMS

Benjamin Hall



British American journalist, Author of *SAVED: A War Reporter's Mission to Make It Home*

A war correspondent who survived catastrophic injury in Ukraine and rebuilt his life — sharing lessons on grit, mindset, and human strength under pressure.

Featured Speakers

KEYNOTE



Mun Y. Choi, PhD

President and Chancellor, University of Missouri

A nationally recognized academic leader discussing performance, institutional leadership, and decision-making in complex environments.

FEATURED SPEAKER



Franck Renouard, DDS

Oral Surgeon, Paris, France; Human Factors Specialist

An internationally respected expert on complications, biomechanics, and human error – bringing global perspective to surgical precision and performance.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS IN THE REAL WORLD



Laura Edgar, EdD



Douglas Lundy, MD, MBA



Derek Moore, MD



Markku Nousiainen, MD, MS, M.Ed



Michael Suk, MD, JD, MPH, MBA

Sages on Stage

WISDOM IN PRACTICE: LESSONS FROM DECADES IN SURGERY



Denis Marcellin-Little, DEDV

A veterinary orthopedic surgeon with over 30 years of teaching experience. He brings unparalleled expertise in joint replacement, deformity correction, and surgical innovation.



George Russell, MD

Orthopaedic trauma surgeon and surgical leader serving as Executive Vice Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery at UPMC.



Joseph Van Sickels, DDS

Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Kentucky with over 200 publications and extensive experience in orthognathic surgery and surgical education.



Jeffrey Wang, MD

President-Elect of the AO Foundation Board and Professor at USC and Co-Director of the USC Spine Center, with more than 660 publications and leadership roles across major spine organizations.

EXPERIENCE. WISDOM. LESSONS THEY DON'T TEACH IN MED SCHOOL.

Educator Awards

These accolades recognize educators across specialties who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing surgical and medical education.

The awardees exemplify AO North America's mission of delivering innovative, high-quality education to medical professionals at every stage of their careers.

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JEFF MAST
EDUCATOR AWARD



Keith Mayo, MD

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Amit Gupta, MD

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