

## From the President

On behalf of the American Nystagmus Network, I would like to thank you for attending the 8th biennial ANN conference. For those of you, who have attended before, welcome back. If this was your first time, I hope you found the conference information sessions and networking opportunities to be of as much value as I did. We are in the process of preparing a post conference survey that will be furnished to all attendees in the upcoming weeks. Please respond with your feedback so we can make ANN and the 9th biennial conference all that much better!

As we move forward, you will be in a position to take what you have learned and provide mentoring to those who have not been able to attend, including future conferences, within your community and the online community.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our 2013 Conference Sponsors and those who provided individual donations to help offset the costs of the conference. Finally, I would also like to thank Tricia Cranmer, Laurie Glaude, Kerri Nagle and Kelly Smith for their years of service to ANN and to welcome our 7 new board members.

Attached is the list of attendees with contact information that we promised to send out (available to attendees only). Please stay in touch with everyone.

Couple of additional thoughts –

Plan a fundraiser! If you are an interested in hosting a fundraiser benefiting ANN such as walking or running in a 5k or even a marathon, or want to sponsor a “Jean’s Day” at your workplace please contact me and we will help get you started. Other ideas include a Lemonade stand, bake sale, garage sale or host a dinner.

Plan on attending or hosting a regional picnic or other fun event next Summer. Stay tuned for details. At a minimum, we will have events in the following areas: Louisiana, Philadelphia, NYC and Virginia and we are looking for more.

Please stay tuned for more information regarding “Wobbly Wednesday”, the 2013 International Nystagmus Awareness Day. We are planning on joining with the UK’s Nystagmus Network. On Twitter #WobblyWednesday and on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/groups/325221670943004>.

If you are looking to get involved, some immediate needs we have involve the following – grant sourcing and writing; fundraising, conference planning and management, marketing and IT/websites. Our major fundraising initiatives will include – (i) growing our scholarship program; (ii) raising funds to go directly to research; and (iii) hiring an administrator or executive director to help us grow and accomplish our mission.

I hope to see all of you at the next conference in 2015. In the meantime, if you have suggestions, comments, or would like to help the ANN community, contact myself or any of the Board members.

John