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This is a very sad time for the Triological Society and its fellows, members, resident members, extended family and friends. As many of you may have already heard, Dr. Pat Brookhouser passed away in his sleep during the early hours of Saturday morning. Funeral services were held for Pat on Tuesday morning at the Dowd Chapel on the Boys Town campus.

Pat contributed so much to our specialty during his professional lifetime. He was an exceptional leader and astute administrator who was gifted with tremendous vision and the keen ability to bring a group to consensus in a genteel manner. Pat also had a great sense of humor which made serving with him on the ABOto and Triological Society Council and Executive Committee a real pleasure. Pat was a great friend and colleague. He served ABOto as a Director and Senior Counselor and was the founding director for the Boys Town Institute for Communication Disorders in Children, which transitioned into the Boys Town National Research Hospital. Additionally, he was the Executive Vice President of Health Care for all of Boys Town. Pat loved the Triological Society and was a central figure in its leadership from 1997 until his untimely passing. He served as Executive Secretary from 1997 to 2005 and as President in 2005/2006. Following his term as President, Pat was reappointed as the Executive Secretary, a position he held until the time of his death. Of significance, Pat was the recipient of the Triological Society Gold Medal in 2009.

At this time of loss and sadness, I want to assure you that your society is administratively sound, financially strong and prepared to conduct business as usual thanks to the commitment and dedication of your elected officers and the very strong and capable administrative office team that Pat put in place led by Gail Binderup and her associates, Beth Slovinski, Marsha Holbert and Mary Brown Zoucha. Our Assistant Executive Secretary, Gerry Healy, will serve as interim Executive Secretary while the Executive Committee establishes a succession plan.

Condolences may be sent to Pat's wife, Maria, and his children, Pat Jr., David and Debbie, in care of Tami Williams at Boys Town National Research Hospital, 555 North 30th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. Memorials are designated to Boys Town National Research Hospital.

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