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In Reply My thanks to Dr Tang for his thoughtful reflection written in response to my essay1 lamenting the dwindling value and ultimate disappearance of our local otolaryngology society. I have heard informally from others that this experience is not unique to Milwaukee.

For decades, Laryngoscope regularly published a “Directory of Otolaryngologic Societies” that listed the current officers and contact information for local, state, national, and international otolaryngology organizations. For example, the July 1966 issue2 included the 59 societies whose secretaries had submitted current information. By July 1996,3 only 21 bothered to submit. The list is no longer published.

If we do not understand and address the forces that shuttered our smaller societies, they will come after our larger ones as well.

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Incorrect Reference Citation in Figure 1: In the article titled “Methodological Quality of Systematic Reviews of Intraoperative Neuromonitoring in Thyroidectomy: A Systematic Review,” the reference citation for Liu et al in Figure 1 was incorrect on initial publication and has been updated to reflect the correct citation. This article was corrected online June 20, 2019.