

Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society

The First Annual Norman M. Rich Military Vascular Surgery Presentation was the highlight of the PVSS Spring meeting in Denver



Norman M. Rich, MD -
Honoree



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Military Liason Committee



Wayne Causey, MD -
Award Winner

The Norman M. Rich Vascular Surgery Paper was established to stimulate interest in the management of vascular injuries by military surgeons in both peace and combat situations.



Abstract Deadline Extended to October 5, 2009
For more information, go to www.pvss.org



President's Corner

Letter from Karl Illig, M.D.



Welcome to the Peripheral Vascular Surgical Society's 35th year. Founded as the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Club in 1976, it has evolved into the premier society for vascular surgeons in the first decade or so of their careers.

The society is purposely set up to provide vascular surgical specialists the environment to share ideas, participate in peer review, gain administrative knowledge, and mature in an academic environment as their careers develop. Our goal this year is to broaden the scope of our society and increase participation. To that end, the bylaws have been amended to allow active membership, including holding office, for a full 15 years following completion of a vascular residency or fellowship. We've also made a much needed improvement in the committee structure designed to make it easier to accomplish our goals, but with the beneficial side effect of making more room for interested members to contribute to the working structure of our society.

The PVSS welcomes all vascular surgical specialists, young and old, and this year there are more opportunities than ever before to participate, contribute, and learn. On behalf of the officers, committee members, and members of the society, we look forward to seeing you all at our 20th Annual Winter Meeting in Vail, Colorado!

Sincerely,

Karl A. Illig, M.D.
President, PVSS

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MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS EARLY!
PVSS WINTER MEETING 2010

January 29-31, 2010

Marriott Vail Mountain Resort & Spa

Reservations: Call (800) 648-0720, reference PVSS

Rates available three days in advance and after

Committee Updates

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Announcing an educational tool for members only:

The PVSS on-line Image Library

Go to pvss.org, Physicians, Members Only for instructions to submit.

Become a part of the Image Library by submitting images from your own case files. We are building a library of images from all categories of vascular diseases. These images will be available to all PVSS members, and can be used to create vascular trainee teaching files and supplement the content of academic presentations. We need your participation for the Image Library to be a success!

Patrick J. Geraghty, MD
Chair, Website Committee

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The 2009/2010 Fundraising Program has started. The program has two distinct elements this year, in accordance with ACCME regulations. One is directed to exhibitors at the Winter Meeting and the second to raise larger funds via grants. Remember, industry support allows PVSS to keep dues and meeting registrations affordable.

If you have an industry contact that we should know about please send the name and email to suzanne@dmccompanies.com.

James H. Black, III, MD, FACS
Chairman, PVSS Industry Partners Council

VASCULAR RESIDENCY COMMITTEE

We invite you to become a 'fan' of the new **PVSS Facebook Page**. Join by searching using the keywords "PVSS Surgical Society." DO NOT search only using the keyword "PVSS" as this will bring up a number of unrelated groups. The PVSS Facebook page is a great opportunity for vascular residents, fellows and students to network with each other and with faculty.

Benjamin Pearce, MD
Chair, Vascular Residency Issues Committee

Committee Structure

SECRETARY TEAM

Ruth Bush, Secretary
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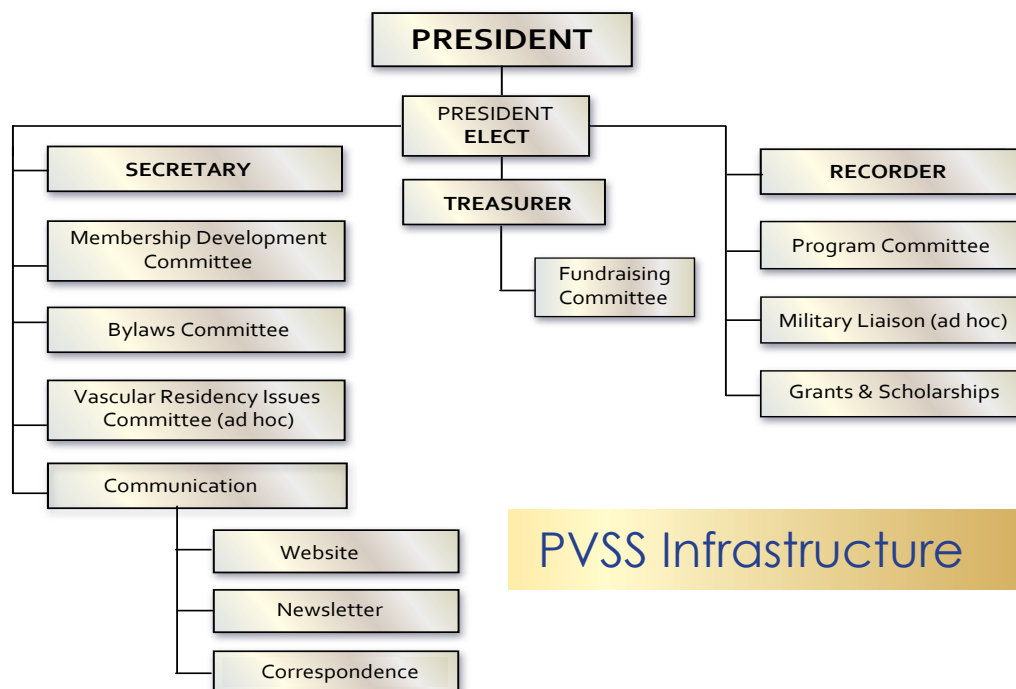
PVSS Bylaws Revisions

In an effort to meet the growing presence of the PVSS as the voice for young vascular surgeons and increasing interest among our membership in participation in the society, the Executive Council met several times last year to re-format the society's executive infrastructure. Several bylaws changes were approved at the PVSS Member Business meeting in June 2009 (complete bylaws are posted online <http://www.pvss.org/bylaws.htm>). A few high points are outlined:

- 1) Expansion of Endovascular Therapies:**
[Article II – Objectives, Sections a and b] The mission of the society was changed to include “vascular surgery and endovascular therapies.”
- 2) More Involvement of Young Vascular Surgeons:** [Article II – Objectives, Sections d] A new section has been added: “To provide a forum for the young vascular surgeon (active members, see Article IV) to promote the field of vascular and endovascular surgery through education, scholarship, advocacy, and leadership.” In addition, the creation of a new Vascular Residency Issues Committee will address issues important to vascular surgeons early in their careers.
- 3) Extended Time of Active Membership:**
[Article IV – Membership, section 3] The duration of active membership was extended from 12 years previously to 15 years.
- 4) Additional Committee Participation Opportunity:** [Article VIII – Committees and Representatives] The previous PVSS committee infrastructure was re-organized to include Nominating, Program, Scholarship, Fundraising, Bylaws, Membership, and Communications committees. Additional ad hoc communities including the Military Liaison and Vascular Residency Issues committees were created. The opportunity for participation in administrative function and leadership opportunities for our members has nearly doubled.
- 5) PVSS Administrative Infrastructure:**
Reflected in the Bylaws changes, the new administrative hierarchy of the PVSS is outlined in the flow chart below.

On behalf of the PVSS Executive Council

Marc Passman, MD, Tina R. Desai, MD, and Karl Illig, MD



PVSS Infrastructure



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NEWS

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Grants & Scholarships

PVSS Announces the 2010 Faculty Research Award

Since 1994, the PVSS has awarded promising young vascular surgeons the Faculty Research Award to help stimulate their early academic careers. Previous recipients, including **Julie Freischlag, William Suggs, Vivian Gahtan, and Paul Gagne** to name a few, went on to very successful academic careers in Vascular Surgery. More recent recipients like **Alan Dardik, Brian Nolan, Philip Goodney, and Matthew Corriere** are currently on the fast track to success.

This year's 2010 award is now open for application. The details of the grant and the application process can be found on the PVSS website (<http://www.pvss.org/grant.htm>). Briefly, it consists of a 9-page research proposal, along with a cover letter, your biosketch, a budget proposal with justification, and other support materials. The award is \$14,500 to be applied entirely to the resources required for the research proposed. There is no faculty salary support or indirect funding available. Research in any discipline – i.e. basic science, translational research, clinical outcomes, or education – are eligible and will be considered. The importance of this award to the applicant's career goals must be clearly spelled out in the cover letter.

Please join us in continuing this rich tradition. Be the next PVSS Faculty Research Award recipient! Forward your application to:

Peter R. Nelson, MD, MS
Chairman, PVSS Grants and Scholarship Committee
c/o The DMC Companies
484 B Washington St., MB 340
Monterey, CA 93940

Please forward any questions to me at peter.nelson@surgery.ufl.edu or Carol Long at carol@dmccompanies.com. The deadline for applications is **Friday, January 8, 2010** with plans for announcement of the award at the Spring Meeting in Boston in June, 2010.

Peter R. Nelson, MD, MS
Chair, Grants and Scholarships Committee