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# Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society

As a first step towards updating the PVSS website, it was determined that a new logo was needed. After two months of dialogue, opinions, exchanges, and ideas...the results are in! We are thrilled to finally introduce the new Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society logo...





## President's Corner

### Letter from Karl Illig, M.D.



The 2009-2010 academic year is half over, and the PVSS has made more advances in the past 6 months than we have for many years past. The most noticeable change has been the creation of several subcommittees working under their respective officers. These were needed not only because the society is growing and our business becoming increasingly complex, but also to meet the needs of our mentoring mission. One of the critical roles of the PVSS is explicitly to identify, support, and mentor future academic vascular surgical leaders, and to provide training and experience in all aspects of their professional lives. We have been extremely fortunate to have a rapidly increasing number of very high level young academic surgeons becoming more active in our society, and expanding our leadership structure offers these people the roles and experience needed for future success. To this end we have increased the length of time a young vascular surgeon is eligible for active membership from 12 to 15 years. Finally, we are excited to have a new logo to bring the face of the society well into the 21st century.

The PVSS is as healthy as it's ever been - membership, leadership, financial progress, and academic productivity are all at all-time highs. We look forward to seeing you all in Vail this winter and Boston in the spring!

Sincerely,

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

## PVSS Membership Committee Update

The PVSS membership committee would like to thank all the members that have assisted in promoting membership in our society. There has been a steady increase in applications for membership and especially candidate membership. Last year we accepted 28 new members and candidate members into the society. At this time there are already 10 new member and 45 new candidate member applications that are being reviewed. New members continue to support the academic goals of the society with eight new members presenting abstracts at the 2010 Winter Meeting.

I urge all the members to continue to encourage your junior partners, new faculty, fellows and vascular residents to become members of the PVSS. **Keep up the good work!**

See you in Vail,

Murray Shames, M.D.

# Update on Spring Meeting Abstract Submission

The PVSS and SVS have discussed a combined abstract submission process for some time. Due to the tremendous efforts of Karl Illig, Marc Passman and Darrin Clouse, the PVSS and SVS will have a combined Program Committee. This will allow the best scientific presentations to be made in an oral presentation format during the VAM. Of note, some PVSS abstracts will be accepted from the group of submissions sent at the January 4th deadline. The remaining PVSS program will be selected from abstracts submitted at the traditional February deadline. All submitters should pay special attention to the submission process and instructions on the website(s). Undoubtedly, there will be some kinks in this process that will be identified and corrected. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions. The goal remains for us to present the best clinical science at the VAM. This historic collaboration between the SVS and PVSS allows us to further the academic missions of both societies.

Vik Kashyap, M.D.

## SAVE THE DATE! PVSS Spring Meeting

**June 11-12, 2010  
Boston, MA**

Check the PVSS website for upcoming details.

## REMINDER PVSS Winter Meeting

**January 29 - 31, 2010  
Marriott Vail Mountain Resort  
Vail, Colorado**

We look forward to seeing you there!

# Greetings from the PVSS Web Committee!

Our home on the web has come a long way over the last few years. The last year has seen tremendous growth of our website. Click on <http://www.pvss.org> to see for yourself! Over the last year, we've added the ability to register on-line for our meetings and pay dues online, hopefully making your professional lives just a little easier. The most significant undertaking has been the case library. Before even the Society for Thoracic Surgery created the educational part of their website, the PVSS had an image library. Now, we have a case library. All members may submit their de-identified cases and images. These are for the benefit of our members, whether that be for teaching or presentations. The case library is sorted by territory and procedure (also straight anatomy or pathology). I'd encourage everyone to take a look and see what our colleagues have posted. Please add your own cases! Standard graphics files can be used, thumbnails will be generated and you can add it whatever text you think is appropriately descriptive. All submissions are reviewed by your Web Committee (Pat Geraghty, Rabih Chaer and Leila Mureebe) to ensure HIPAA compliance and appropriate content. This has potential to be a real stand-out for our Society, and can be a great introduction for residents and students to the breadth of vascular surgery!

Surf on!

Leila Mureebe, MD, FACS

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## Residents' and Fellows' Corner

### "Why I am a Resident Member of the PVSS"

"I attended my first PVSS meeting as a second year integrated vascular surgery resident. When I arrived at the winter meeting in Steamboat I first noticed how enthusiastic everyone was to be there. All the young surgeons seemed so connected and excited to see one another.

As I sat in the first general session, it was apparent many current and future leaders of vascular surgery were in the room. The academic community was quite vibrant. PVSS is a great opportunity for vascular surgery trainees to present and publish their work at a national level. After I presented my talk, the audience gave very constructive feedback in a non-intimidating environment. Although still competitive, the chance of abstract acceptance is better compared to larger societies and provides opportunity for more trainees to participate. As trainee members, you can also apply for the \$14,500 PVSS Academic Award, which supports a student, vascular resident or fellow for a clinical or basic research project.

By far one of the best reasons to join PVSS is the opportunity to meet, socialize and make new friends with the future leaders of academic vascular surgery. The winter program is organized to allow for plenty of free time to meet and network with others. Scientific general sessions are scheduled from 7-9am and 4-6pm, which leaves ample time for skiing, networking, or if you prefer getting involved with the PVSS Residency Committee. When I arrived at the meeting, the only person I knew was my program Chair. By the end of the meeting, I had made new friends with residents and leaders from academic institutions all over the country. There is also a PVSS Facebook Page where trainees can keep up with their friends and address residency or fellowship issues.

In summary, PVSS was definitely one of the most fun academic meetings I attended during the year. It is a great forum for trainees and younger academic surgeons to get involved. You get to make great friends, have a blast, learn a whole lot and get pumped to become an academic leader in vascular surgery."

Carolyn Glass, MD  
*Vascular Surgery Resident, University of Rochester*