



## President's Corner

By Ruth L. Bush, MD, MPH

I am honored and thrilled to serve as the 2012-2013 President of the Peripheral Vascular surgery Society. I have been involved with this society in many capacities for the past 10 years and have watched it grow in membership and structure. The PVSS is dedicated to the "young" vascular surgeon, those that are in the beginning stages of their career but we also welcome more senior members to add insight and perspective. There are many opportunities for education, scholarship through scientific presentations and publications, grant opportunities, and leadership through involvement in various committees. The membership levels have been re-structured through the efforts of immediate past president, **Dr. Martin Back**, and I encourage those of you who have not joined to do so to take advantage of the many opportunities this society has to offer.



This year there are some new changes to the PVSS meeting structure that I know will be appealing for members and meeting participants. The winter meeting will once again be the main focus for the PVSS and will be held January 31 - February 3, 2013 at The Canyons in Park City, Utah. This meeting will host not only the PVSS scientific sessions, but also we will be joined by the Society for Military Vascular Surgery with keynote speaker, Dr. Norman Rich. Along with a vascular resident/ fellows symposium, this year's restructured winter meeting under the guidance of Program Chair, Dr. Ravi Veeraswamy, should offer a inclusive venue for education and scholarship, mentorship, and networking.

Our relationship with the SVS is solid as we continue to host scientific sessions at the Vascular Annual Meeting which will be held in San Francisco May 31 - June 3, 2013. The PVSS has officially endorsed the Vascular Quality Initiative® (VQI) as a quality improvement measure to improve patient safety and care. We encourage members to participate in the VQI at their own institutions and become involved in regional quality improvement projects (<http://www.vascularqualityinitiative.org/>).

Welcome to the 2012-2013 PVSS!! I anticipate a fabulous year and look forward to seeing many of you and hearing from you ([rbush@medicine.tamhsc.edu](mailto:rbush@medicine.tamhsc.edu)).

Best Regards,  
Ruth

# 2012 PVSS Meeting at SVS Vascular Annual Meeting – Highlights

The PVSS Spring Meeting was well-attended, with more than 225 people checking the “PVSS Member” box on the SVS/VAM registration form. The venue itself at National Harbor, Maryland was quite nice, and a departure from the windowless convention centers of the past.

Twenty-four (24) abstracts were selected by the Program Committee for presentation, covering the breadth of vascular surgery topics. The committee also gave young residents and fellows a unique opportunity as the Invited Discussants for these abstracts, providing some with their first experience at the podium.

The PVSS was featured in several articles in *Vascular Connections*, the Official Newspaper of the Vascular Annual Meeting, including an article by **Philip Goodney** who provided an overview of the PVSS program, and Award information was contained in another article by **Matt Corriere**. Two papers were extensively featured; Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury (the Norman Rich Military Award Winner), as well as a paper exploring the SAAAVE Results. An article by **Brian Nolan** encouraged membership in PVSS. All-in-all, the PVSS received great “coverage” during the meeting.

**2011 Award Reports – Presented during the PVSS Scientific Sessions during Vascular Annual Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland**

## **2011 PVSS Academic Award Report Faculty Award**

**Guillermo A. Escobar**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
*Contrast Induced Nephropathy Animal Model*

## **2011 PVSS Academic Award Report Fellow Award**

**Bjoern Suckow**, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT  
*Development of a disease specific quality-of-life measure for patients with critical limb ischemia*

## **2011 PVSS Traveling Award Report**

**Judith C. Lin**, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI

## Presidential Address



In keeping with a long-held PVSS tradition of “non-scientific” addresses, **Dr. Martin Back** gave a great presentation on Baseball, its history and influence on his childhood and now that of his children, now calling it his “favorite diversion”. **Dr. Ruth Bush** gave the introduction, having done a Google search on “37th Presidents” finding, of course, Richard M. Nixon – so it was a bit tough to come up with any comparisons!

The President’s Reception and Banquet, itself, was not well attended, however, due to all of the conflicting events which occur during VAM. To that end, the PVSS Executive Council has decided to move the banquet to the Winter Meeting, where the focus is PVSS!

## 2012 Awards

### **NORMAN M. RICH – MILITARY AWARD**

**Cpt. Carole Villamaria**,  
US Army Institute of Surgical Research,  
Ft. Sam Houston, TX  
*Microvascular porcine model for the optimization of composite tissue auto-transplantation*

### **2012 ACADEMIC AWARD - FACULTY**

**John Curci, MD**  
Washington University - St. Louis, MO  
*Elastolytic Activity of Aortic Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells after in vivo Smoke Exposure*

### **2012 FELLOW/RESIDENT ACADEMIC AWARD**

**Kathleen Lamb, MD**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital – Philadelphia, PA  
*Adipose derived stem cells as smooth muscle cell substitutes to create a tissue-engineered vascular graft*

### **2012 TRAVEL AWARD**

**Karen Woo, MD**  
University of Southern California

# PVSS Officers and Committees 2012 *at a glance*

Position	Name	Position	Name
<b>President</b>	Ruth L. Bush.	<b>COMMITTEES (continued)</b>	
<b>President-Elect</b>	W. Darrin Clouse	<b>Vascular Residency Issues</b>	Christopher Marrococo, <i>Chair</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	Sean P. Roddy		Adam Doyle
<b>Treasurer</b>	Vikram S. Kashyap		Kelly Hodgkiss-Harlow
<b>Recorder</b>	Thomas Maldonado		John Carson
<b>Councilor-At-Large 1</b>	Peter R. Nelson	<b>Communication</b>	Britt Tonnessen, <i>Chair</i>
<b>Councilor-At-Large 2</b>	Jonathan L. Eliason	<b>Website</b>	Rabih Chaer, <i>Chair</i>
<b>Councilor-At-Large 3</b>	Jim Black, MD		Donald Baril
			Brian deRubertis
<b>REPRESENTATIVES</b>		<b>Newsletter</b>	James Laredo, <i>Chair</i>
<b>ACS Board of Governors</b>	Murray L Shames		Kakra Hughes
<b>ACS Advisory Council for</b>	Amy Reed		Eric Adams
<b>Surgical Specialties</b>		<b>Correspondence</b>	Brian Nolan, <i>Chair</i>
<b>Vascular Surgery Board of</b>	Karl Illig		James Reeves
<b>the ABS</b>			Rajeev Dayal
<b>SVS Executive Committee</b>	Marc Passman	<b>Fundraising</b>	Firas Mussa, <i>Chair</i>
<b>AAVS</b>	Ruth Bush / Darrin Clouse		Panos Kougiass
<b>SVS Young Surgeons</b>	Joe Ricotta		Todd Berland
<b>Advisory</b>			Ben Pearce
<b>AAAwareness</b>	Tom Maldonado		Brian deRubertis
<b>SVS Gov. Council of</b>	Zachary Baldwin		William Clouse
<b>Training Section</b>			Ruth Bush
			Vikram Kashyap
<b>COMMITTEES</b>			Sean Roddy
<b>Program Committee</b>	Philip Goodney, <i>Chair</i>	<b>Industry Research</b>	Jon Eliason
<b>(Spring 2013)</b>	Matt Corriere	<b>Advisory Board</b>	Anil Hingorani, <i>Chair</i>
	Bob Feezor		Mark Schermerhorn
	Jonathan Eliason		Nick Gargiulo
	Ravi Veeraswamy		Michael Singh
	Mike Singh		Wei Zhou
	Brian Nolan		Vikram Kashyap
<b>Program Committee</b>	Ravi Veeraswamy, <i>Chair</i>		Jonathan Eliason
<b>(Winter 2013)</b>	Raji Rajani	<b>Military Liaison</b>	Peter Nelson
	Mark Conrad		Niten Singh, <i>Chair</i>
	Brian DeRubertis		Zachary Arthurs
	Katherine Gallagher	<b>Grants &amp; Scholarships</b>	Erika Mitchell, <i>Chair</i>
	Jean Bismuth		Robert Feezor
<b>Membership Development</b>	Jason Lee, <i>Chair</i>		Ankur Chandra
	Rabih Chaer		Peter Nelson
	Joe Ricotta		Jonathan Eliason
	Benjamin Pearce		Jim Black
	Sean Roddy		
<b>Bylaws</b>	Jason Kim, <i>Chair</i>		
	Kellie Brown		
	Carlos Bechara		

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## WINTER MEETING – 2013....

The PVSS is excited to announce that the **Society for Military Vascular Surgeons (SMVS)** will be meeting with us jointly during the Winter Meeting. There is a long history between the two prestigious societies so we anticipate this pilot endeavor to be a successful one.

NEWS!

We'll begin the meeting a day early (Thursday, January 31st) starting with a comprehensive program for Fellows in the morning. **Dr. Norman Rich** has been invited as the Keynote Speaker of SMVS. Dr. Rich is one of the founding members of SMVS, served as a surgeon during the Vietnam War and became the first Fellow in Vascular Surgery at Walter Reed Hospital, ultimately become Chief of Vascular Surgery there. He then became a Professor of Surgery at the School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USHS). The afternoon will feature the scientific program of the Society for Military Vascular Surgery. The Welcoming Reception for all attendees will be held Thursday evening.

	Thursday 1/31/13	Friday 2/1/2013	Saturday 2/2/2013	Sunday 2/3/2013
Morning	Fellows Program	PVSS Science	PVSS Science	PVSS Science
Mid Day	Keynote Speaker		Ski-in/out Lunch	
Afternoon	SMVS Session	PVSS Science	PVSS Science	
Evening	Welcome Reception	Free Evening	President's Dinner	