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President's Message

I would like to thank the membership for the honor of serving as this year's President of the Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society. VESS has become the preeminent society nationally for young vascular surgeons across academic, hospital-based, and private practice settings and therefore is committed to providing you a forum to advance our field through education and scholarship. With attention to both the science (basic, translational, and clinical) and the art of vascular care, VESS strives to facilitate the interchange of new knowledge while providing mentorship, leadership development, and advocacy on behalf of the membership.

Our recent Annual Meeting in Steamboat was a huge success. We continued the tradition of an interactive fellows' program followed by a hands-on technology forum providing exposure to new devices. The scientific session then followed with 53 well-presented clinical and basic science papers, rapid fire topics, and case reports all with lively discussion. This year we also introduced topical round-table sessions for more informal discussion relevant to everyone from the leadership to interested trainees. The registered attendance of 315 again set a record for the largest in our history. The Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the **SVS Vascular Annual Meeting 2017 at the San Diego Convention Center from May 31 – June 3**, a week earlier than usual so plan accordingly. The joint SVS/VESS Program Committee has packed a full-day Wednesday session with high-quality papers across the gamut of vascular topics. Between these two meetings, VESS has enjoyed the highest success rate for subsequent publication of papers in *Annals of Vascular Surgery* and is on par with the most prestigious societies with acceptance in the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. This is a testament to the outstanding work being done by you, our members.

In this our 43rd year, VESS will both take a look back through time as well as venture forward to redefine our future. First, we aim to explore our society's history from humble beginnings in 1976 as the Peripheral Vascular Club with 19 founding members through to our society today with over 1100 members and recognition as a dynamic vital national organization. As we then look to the future, we hope to expand our international exposure through collaboration with international societies with a similar passion for supporting the development of young vascular surgeons' careers. We will bring exciting updates from these pursuits to our next Annual Meeting which will take place at the **Vail Cascade Resort, January 31 – February 4, 2018**. Vail, with 5,200 acres of ski and snowboard terrain, seven legendary Back Bowls and over \$35 million in renovations at Cascade, will once again be a perfect host to our meeting. And, maybe the New England Patriots will win another Super Bowl on Sunday.

In closing, our organization offers unparalleled educational opportunities and networking for career growth. Whether it is an opportunity to share research ideas, present papers in a low stress environment, see the latest devices, or make new contacts and/or catch up with old friends, there is something for everyone in the family friendly environment at VESS. I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the coming year and strongly encourage you to participate in the meetings, to become involved in the leadership, and to encourage colleagues to join this remarkable Society!

Peter Nelson, MD

2017 AWARDS

2017 Best Paper - The four (4) highest scoring abstracts were considered for the Best Paper Award. The Program Committee then evaluated the actual presentation - based on originality, methodology, clinical impact, and quality of presentation. **Cash prize for Best Paper is \$1,000**

2017 Best Paper Winner: Zachary Osborne, Mayo Clinic

“Variation In Transfusion Practices and Their Associations with Perioperative Adverse Events in Patients Undergoing Open Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair and Lower Extremity Arterial Bypass in the Vascular Quality Initiative (VQI)”

Author Block: Zachary Osborne¹, Kristine Hanson¹, Benjamin Brooke², Marc Schermerhorn³, Peter Henke⁴, Rumi Faizer⁵, Andres Schanzer⁶, Philip Goodney⁷, Thomas Bower¹, Randall DeMartino¹ - ¹Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; ²University Hospital, Salt Lake City, UT; ³Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA; ⁴University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; ⁵University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN; ⁶UMass Memorial Medical Group, Worcester, MA; ⁷Dartmouth Institute, Hanover, NH

W. L. Gore Travel Award - The primary purpose of the VESS / WL Gore & Associates Travel Award is to provide the recipient with the opportunity to visit one (or more) vascular surgery centers of excellence. The visit is intended to stimulate academic inspiration and to foster the development of fraternal fellowship in vascular surgery. Achievement of these objectives will enhance the vascular surgery career of a VESS member recipient. This award is not intended to support specific research interests but rather to assist the award recipient in a unique opportunity for travel and professional exchange. **Award: \$5,000**

2017 Travel Award Winner: Ying-Wei Lum, MD, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD



Jon Eliason congratulates Ying-Wei Lum on winning the Gore Travel Award

Medtronic Vascular Resident Research Award - Grant for basic/translational science, educational, clinical or health outcomes research was awarded during the VESS winter meeting in 2017. The VESS/Medtronic Resident Research Award is specifically designed to help residents in training initiate projects during protected academic development time that will lead to future academic potential toward extramural funding for basic or clinical research. **Award: \$12,500**

Eligible candidates must identify with an accredited general or integrated vascular surgery residency program. A dedicated research mentor must be identified within the award application, along with a proposed academic development plan. A VESS sponsor or collaborative investigator is required if the research mentor is not a VESS member.

2017 Medtronic Resident Research Award Winner: Gayan De Silva, MD, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

VESS Early Career Faculty Award - The VESS/FYI Early Career Faculty Research Award is specifically designed to help new vascular surgical investigators initiate projects that will lead to extramural funding for basic or clinical research. **Award: \$22,500**

Eligible candidates must identify as an early career faculty member. “Early career” implies holding a full-time vascular surgery academic appointment within five (5) years of completing surgical training at the time of grant submission. Senior vascular surgery trainees (2nd year fellows or 5th year residents) are eligible with proof of appointment at an academic medical center upon graduation. The applicant must be a VESS member in good standing.

2017 Early Career Faculty Award Winner: Jean Ruddy, MD, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC



Jean Ruddy receives the Early Career Faculty Award from Jon Eliason

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2017 Fellows Program

Through an industry funded educational grant provided by Cook Medical, Inc., we offer each qualified fellow a **\$1,000 reimbursement stipend** to help offset travel and accommodations at the Winter Annual Meeting. The attendance is initially limited to those in the 2nd year of a 5+2 fellowship or 5th year in a 0-5 program, with additional slots opened for those in earlier years of training if space is available. Participating fellows are asked to submit an interesting or challenging case for review and possible inclusion in the Case Presentation session. Forty (40) fellows participated in the program this year.



Changing of the Guard - Peter Nelson presents Tom Maldonado with the President's Plaque for his dedicated service



Tom Maldonado presenting his fascinating President's Address

Join Us!

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