Dear SVM members,

At the outset, we hope that our California members and their families affected by the recent fires are safe. As we gear up for winter and head into holiday time, there is a lot to report.

We are just a few weeks away from our 5th Annual Fellows Course. Drs. Ido Weinberg and Mitch Weinberg are working incredibly hard to create yet another spectacular program. This year we have added an SVM Advanced Practice Provider (APP) course to the Fellows Course. We appreciate the trust placed in us as the master vascular educators by both the attendees and by our industry colleagues who provide unrestricted grants each year.

Dr. Elizabeth Ratchford and the membership committee have worked on several initiatives to increase membership. The creation of a fellowship track for our APP colleagues and recognition of new fellows at the annual sessions along with the creation of the International Cases session are a few of these new initiatives.

SVM 2020 Annual Scientific Sessions will be held June 11-13 at the Grand Hyatt in Denver, CO. Dr. Herb Aronow and the scientific sessions committee have great plans. SVM has invested in a new interactive iOS and Android App for the annual scientific sessions. We hope that the interactive nature of this App will improve user experience. Please encourage your colleagues and anyone else interested in vascular education to attend the meeting. Registration opens in January 2020.

Drs. Heather Gornik, Josh Beckman, Suman Wasan, Bruce Gray, and I have reinitiated our efforts to seek specialty recognition for Vascular Medicine and to obtain ACGME certification for our fellowship programs. We hope to make significant progress on this front since this is crucial for our specialty. Stay tuned for more news from the headquarters in the upcoming months. Dr. Gornik is
also chairing the Past Presidents’ Council. We are seeking the counsel and direction from our past presidents to help drive the society forward.

As we head into the Thanksgiving weekend, I am particularly thankful for the overall state of the Society. We are financially more solvent now than at any other time in the last decade and a half. Many other cardiovascular societies want to collaborate with us. I am thankful for the attention we are receiving from our sister societies. The SVM-Fellows Course is a super hit, and likewise, the SVM-APP course is equally successful.

I am particularly thankful for the generous service of the committee members and their chairs, and the executive board members. I am also thankful for the support we are receiving from Kellen - our management company, particularly to Julie Webb, our ED, for her dedication to SVM. Despite a significant turnover of personnel at Kellen, the new team members - Michael Hagedorn, Yvonne Janvrin and Patrick Dougherty have all stepped in to make this a relatively smooth transition.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention our Next Generation Committee. With their new ideas and with their incredibly high energy, the #NextGen members keep us contemporary and relevant. Thanks to Drs. Aday and Kanthi for leading this committee. I seek comfort in the fact that SVM’s future is in excellent hands.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. I hope you get to spend some quality time with your near and dear ones. Together, let's look forward to a bigger and better SVM in 2020!

All the best to us!

Sincerely,

Raghu Kolluri, MD, MS, FSVM
SVM President

**SVM MEET-UP AT AHA**

If you’re heading to Philadelphia this weekend for the 2019 American Heart Association Conference, be sure to join the SVM Next Gen Committee at **Iron Hill Brewery** (corner of 12th and Market St) on Sat, **Nov. 16th 5-6:30 P.M.** for an informal meet up!

**#SVM20 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OPENING SOON**

SVM is gearing up for the **31st Annual Scientific Sessions**. Mark your calendars for June 11-13, 2020. A call for abstract submissions will be opening in just a couple weeks. Please be sure to share your work to present in Denver and pass along the call to colleagues who may be interested.
Next month, SVM will head to Denver, Colorado, for the fifth annual SVM Fellows Course. However, this year is different as SVM proudly launches the first year of the Advanced Practice Provider Course, designed for nurse practitioners and physician assistants in the vascular medicine field. Both courses will take place December 14-15, 2019, at the Westin Denver International Airport in Denver, Colorado. Both courses are fully booked!

Thank you to the wonderful faculty who have volunteered to lead these two-day, intensive educational experiences.

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