



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

APRIL 2023



DEAR COLLEAGUES:

I hope my email finds you enjoying your spring! There is a lot going on at SVM and I have much to share.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Update – Renewals for 2023 are at 90%! If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2023, I encourage you to do so now to ensure continuation of your [member benefits](#). We need your engagement to help shape the vascular medicine community and advance care for the patients we serve. [RENEW TODAY >>](#)

NEW! Student Membership Category – The SVM Membership Committee recently launched a new “Student” membership category. Any individual in a degree-granting program at an accredited institution is eligible to join, such as college students, medical students, and graduate students. While a handful of students have been Associate SVM members over the years, **Joel Keefe** (Class of 2024 at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, SC) is the first-ever official SVM Student Member. We are delighted that he has joined SVM and look forward to welcoming more students, both to the Vascular Scientific Sessions and as SVM members. [LEARN MORE >>](#)

SOCIETAL BUSINESS

SVM Board of Trustees welcomes **Eric A. Secemsky**, MD, MSc, RPVI, FACC, FAHA, FSCAI, FSVM, to serve as its newest Trustee. Dr. Secemsky is an interventional cardiologist and Director of Vascular Intervention at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He is also Section Head of Interventional Cardiology and Vascular Research at the Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Center for Outcomes Research in Cardiology. Eric is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. SVM would like to thank Dr. **Mehdi Shishehbor**, MD, MPH, PhD, FSVM, for serving on the Board of Trustees since 2019. We appreciate his manifold contributions and are excited to continue working closely with him (see below for more information!).

Call for Volunteers – SVM's annual call for volunteers to serve on the Society's committees and task forces for 2023-24 will begin in May. Sharing your experience and expertise with our membership moves our Society and the vascular community forward. Volunteering is also great way to get involved and develop leadership skills. If you would like to serve, watch your inbox for the [Call for Volunteers](#) announcement.

Giving Tuesday Donations – I would like to thank each of you that donated to SVM's Giving Tuesday initiative. More than \$6,100 was raised and will be used to foster interest in vascular medicine among medical students and post-doctoral trainees through SVM membership and [Hirsch Travel Awards](#) for the 2023 Vascular Scientific Sessions. Without your generous contributions, many of these individuals might forego the opportunity to attend our annual meeting and might fail to recognize the benefits of pursuing a career in vascular medicine.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Vascular Scientific Sessions – [Registration](#) is now open for SVM's premier event, being held **September 7-10, 2023** in Washington D.C. SVM President-Elect and Program Committee Chair Dr. **Ido Weinberg**, SVM Secretary and Program Committee Co-Chair Dr. **Elizabeth Ratchford**, and the 2023 SVM Program Committee have created a robust program that includes the latest updates in vascular medicine, plus plenty of opportunities for networking, mentoring, and socializing. Early Bird Registration pricing is available through June 23, 2023. Recorded content from the 2022 Vascular Scientific Sessions held in Denver, Colorado is now available free of charge to attendees and for purchase for all others. [LEARN MORE >>](#)

Applications are now being accepted for **SVM's Hirsch Travel Awards** program in memory of SVM Founder Alan T. Hirsch. Vascular providers and trainees, and vascular researchers who require financial assistance to attend the Vascular Scientific Sessions are welcome to apply. The deadline to apply to the [Hirsch Travel Award](#) program is June 15.

The **SVM 2023 Fellows/Advanced Practice Provider Course**, was held in Atlanta, Georgia, March 18-19, 2023. SVM hosted 96 attendees and 25 faculty members. This year's Fellows course was led by Drs. **Andrew Galmer** and **Daniella Kadian-Dodov**, as Chair and Co-Chair; and **Alexandra Moran** and **Melissa Strickengloss**, as Chair and Co-Chair of the APP Course. These courses provided a deep dive into the foundations of vascular medicine, and a unique opportunity to network with the world-class faculty, as attendees prepare to embark on a career in vascular medicine. We would like to thank the course sponsors for their support of this important educational opportunity. We would like to welcome **Mehdi Shishehbor** and **Katherine Hays** as Co-chairs for the 2024 Fellows and APPs courses.

SVM Vascular Medicine Journal Club – thank you to club organizer Dr. **Andrew Dicks**, for hosting an intriguing March VMJC, with Drs. Barnes, Mwansa, and Zghouzi, from the University of Michigan, who discussed an article about DOAC vs warfarin use. Join SVM for the next VMJC, Monday, May 8 at 8:00 PM Eastern Time. Watch for further information being sent soon.

Vascular Medicine Fellowship Training Toolkit – The SVM Vascular Medicine Fellowship Committee is developing a Vascular Medicine Fellowship Training Toolkit. The toolkit will include a guide on self-funding, information on conducting fellowship interviews and the selection process, and review recommended fellowship rotations, core curriculum educational content, and evaluation tools.

RESEARCH

SVM Pulse Research Interest Tool – The SVM Research, Quality & Publications Committee is excited to announce a new use for the SVM Pulse Community, hosted by DocMatter. The member section has been updated with a Research Interest Search Tool that enables members with specific research interests to connect. To support the launch of this functionality, we ask that you add or update your own research interests on your DocMatter profile. Once we have interests catalogued for our membership, we will share information on collaboration opportunities. If you have questions on how to use or access SVM Pulse, simply email support@docmatter.com.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

SVM Mentorship Program - The SVM Mentorship Program was launched in January 2020 under the direction of Dr. Elizabeth Ratchford and Dr. Aaron Aday, with the goal of supporting the professional development of our early-career SVM members. Mentees are matched with Mentors based on their common interests and then they work together over one calendar year. We hope that the Mentor and Mentee will connect in person at the VSS. This past year, we had 31 Mentor/Mentee pairs (62 participants) which is an SVM record. The 2023 Mentorship Program is well underway. More information can be found on the website.

Speed Mentoring at the Vascular Scientific Sessions is another opportunity for professional development. This year, the session will be held from 5pm-6pm ET on Thursday, September 7, at the Grand Hyatt Washington D.C. Registration is limited and advance registration is required. The event was a huge success in Denver last year. Mentors stay seated while Mentees rotate through 3 different tables to meet with a Mentor, and each table has a topic. This year, the overall theme is "What I Wish I Had Known". The tables will cover new topics, ranging from contract negotiation to time management and finding joy in vascular medicine.

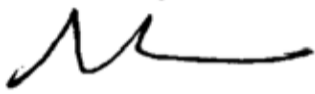
SVM Pulse - We are pleased to report an overwhelmingly positive response to SVM Pulse, SVM's private online vascular community for learning, collaborating, mentoring, and networking. Member engagement is at 82%! We have just launched a NextGen Committee Subgroup for the SVM early career development community. Dr. Nichole Brunton will be assuming the role of SVM Community Engagement Advisor to help ensure SVM members are optimizing the use of this versatile internal communication platform. If you have any questions on how to access SVM Pulse, email support@docmatter.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Thomas L. Whitsett, a Master of the Society for Vascular Medicine, and long-standing member passed away in November of 2022. Dr. Whitsett led the outstanding vascular medicine program at the University of Oklahoma for many years. You can read more about him here: Dr. Whitsett in Memoriam.

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Please let me know how I can best serve you and our Society.

Warmest regards,



Herb Aronow, MD, MPH, FSVM
haronow1@hfhs.org
@herbaronowMD

SVM FELLOWS/APP COURSE
March 2023 - Atlanta, GA

SVM Member Attendees



Dr. Aronow "About SVM"



Imaging Cases Over Cocktails



Fellows/APP Course Industry Partners

Platinum Partners



Silver Partners



Exhibitors

