A Message from the President

A new APS year has begun, and it promises to be an exciting one. Before turning attention to our future, permit me to highlight the year just ended.

In 2017-18, our Society was led in exceptional fashion by Elena Fuentes-Afflick through some significant challenges. Her presidential address at the well-attended APS Presidential Plenary during the PAS 2018 Meeting in Toronto was inspirational, weaving themes about our Society’s history and mission to inform issues like diversity and inclusion. At that plenary session, our Society conferred the Norman J. Siegel New Member Outstanding Science Award to Kimberly Stegmaier, MD, recognizing her groundbreaking work in applying genomics to drug and protein target discovery for pediatric cancers, and the John Howland Award to Thomas F. Boat, MD, a legendary academic pediatric physician-scientist who provided exceptional leadership over 25 years at the University of North Carolina and then the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. APS Day at PAS was highly successful and included our Society’s first efforts, led by Past President Mark Batshaw, to address the challenges and professional options for late-career academic pediatricians.

Our Society’s advocacy efforts were highly impactful this past year. Through APS’s representatives to the Pediatric Policy Council, Scott Denne and Jonathan Davis, our voices made a substantive difference on the reauthorization of CHIP, the retention of the Affordable Care Act, and increased funding for NIH for this fiscal year. Our societal journal, Pediatric Research, under the editorial leadership of Cynthia Bearer and Eleanor Molloy, had an excellent year through publication of an expanded scope of child health research, attracting more submissions, while turnaround times were decreased, and the journal’s impact factor improved.

Looking to the year ahead, the APS Council is in the midst of a strategic planning process, informed by feedback from membership through surveys, interviews, and last year’s APS Member Networking luncheon. Working with outside consultants, we have established an aggressive timeline to complete this planning by the fall. The process will include the identification of initiatives, which could be new activities or expansion of existing ones, that we hope to roll out within the year. While the specifics must await the completion of the strategic planning, the membership has expressed enthusiasm over greater involvement in mentorship and advocacy, identifying those as priority areas.

We look forward to sharing the new strategic plan that will provide new opportunities for membership engagement and further our Society’s mission. As your leaders, we welcome any input you have: Bruce Gelb, President; Robin Steinhorn, President Elect; Elena Fuentes-Afflick, Past President; Chris Gleason, Secretary/Treasurer; or Cliff Bogue, Secretary/Treasurer-Elect.

Best wishes,

Bruce D. Gelb
APS President
APS Member Scott Denne Selected as Next Chair of the Pediatric Policy Council

The Pediatric Policy Council (PPC) has announced Dr. Scott Denne, MD has been selected to be the next Chair of the PPC. Dr. Denne’s term will begin January 1, 2019. Read more...

50 Years Ago in APS...
Fifty years ago Dr. Louis K. Diamond was serving as the President of the APS (1968-1969). Dr. Diamond helped to develop the new field of pediatric hematology with Dr. Kenneth Blackfan. Dr. Diamond described erythroblastosis fetalis, which affected 1 in 200 pregnancies at the time.

APS Members continue to shape the field of pediatrics. Who will be our next Louis K. Diamond?
New Member Nominations Due July 31.

Meet your APS 2018 - 2019 Council Members

APS Congratulates Our 2018 New Members

Active Members

Denise Adams  
Ira Adams-Chapman  
Carl Allen  
Fida Bacha  
Stacey Berg  
Susan Bostwick  
Hermine Brunner  
Kristina Bryant  
Todd Callahan  
Alan Cantor  
Ronald Cohn  
David Collier  
Gary Crouch  
Tom Curran  
Matthew Davis  
Angelo Giardino  
Hannah Glass  
Christopher Greeley  
Daniel Hale  
Leila Kheirandish-Gozal  
Allison King  
Rohit Kohli  
Janet Lioy  
Susan Marshall  
Donna Martin  
Barbara Miller  
Steven Mittelman  
Douglas Nordli, Jr.  
Charles Oberg  
Sung-Yun Pai  
Donald Parsons  
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Stephen Porter  
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Patrick Seed  
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Akiko Shimamura  
Lewis Silverman  
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Michelle Stevenson  
Janice Sullivan  
Edgardo Szyld  
Teri Turner  
Benjamin Voorhees  

*In Memoriam

Honorary Member
Khalid Yunis

Committee Highlights

APS Committees work on behalf of our members on specific issues and priorities. Our thanks to all
members who generously give of their time and talents.

Visit the committees section on the APS website for details.

Highlights PAS 2018 Meeting

APS Day at PAS

Sunday, May 6, 2018 was APS Day at PAS at the PAS Meeting in Toronto. The day featured sessions designed for or selected by APS and presentations on the state of the science, the state of the times, diversity and inclusion, and the special interests of late-career pediatricians. Thank you to all who attended or contributed. We are already looking forward to the PAS 2019 Meeting in Baltimore, April 24 – May 1, 2019.

Click here for APS Day at PAS session details!

Who’s My APS Neighbor?

To view a map of the current membership across the U.S. & Canada click HERE.

APS Selects New Association Director

We are delighted to announce APS has selected Jaimee Chumley as our new APS Association Director. Read More...

Reminders

Call for 2019 APS Officer & Council Member Nominations
Nominations ~ Due July 31

Open Positions:
- Vice President/President-Elect - Will serve as Vice President May 2019-20
- President 2020-21
- Past President 2021-22
- Council Member - 2 POSITIONS OPEN - Will serve May 2019 to May 2024

Click to Nominate

Call For 2019 Howland Award Nominations
Nominations ~ Due June 30

In honor of Dr. John Howland [1873-1926], the APS John Howland Award is the most prestigious award presented by the American Pediatric Society. Since 1952, the annual award has been recognizing
individuals for their distinguished service to pediatrics as a whole. Individuals honored by this award have significant contributions in advancing pediatrics through clinical care, scientific discovery, mentorship and service.

Click to Nominate

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