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Dear Colleagues,

I am honored and excited to begin my year of service to you as President of the Pediatric Endocrine Society.

I first want to express, on behalf of the Society, our collective admiration and gratitude to outgoing President, **Dorothy Becker**, who provided such enthusiastic, creative, and supportive leadership of our Society's transition to a new Strategic Plan. A special tribute is due to **Alan Rogol**, whose tireless and monumental contributions during 6 years as Secretary steadfastly guided us during the Society's reorganization of its management structure. In addition, the service of departing Director **Leona Cuttler**, especially notable for her wise and insightful perspectives, has been invaluable and deeply appreciated. At the same time, it is a pleasure to welcome three talented new officers to the Board - President-Elect **Janet Silverstein**, Secretary **Peter Lee**, and Director **Stephen Rosenthal**. It will be a privilege to work with these and other members of the Board toward continually improving the value of the Society to all of its members.

We have several important changes and initiatives that are already underway for the 2010-2011 year.

Our summertime newsletter will include more detail about each of these projects and more, so stay tuned. We welcome your suggestions as to how this newsletter may best address your needs - e.g. more information about upcoming events, a column on practice management, etc. Please let us hear from you!

My hope for 2010-2011 is that full implementation of the Strategic Plan will make PES an even more inclusive, engaged, and influential Society. Be assured that the Board of Directors and Committee and Council Chairs and members are working hard to further increase the value of PES to all members, and enhance its credibility and visibility to other medical societies, policy makers, and the public.

Thank you for being a part of PES.



David Allen

President, PES

Society Updates

2010-2011 Initiatives

1) At the recent LWPES/PAS meeting in Vancouver BC, Society members approved By-Laws changes which included:

- Change the name of the Society to ***Pediatric Endocrine Society (PES)***, formerly named in honor of *Lawson Wilkins*. **PES** captures the inclusiveness of the Society, its expanding scope of activities called for by the Strategic Plan, and by referencing Lawson Wilkins on our website and documents, an ongoing acknowledgement of his special contribution to Pediatric Endocrinology. The press release can be viewed on the **PES** website homepage.
- Increase in scope of activities for **Associate members**, including membership on all PES committees. This, combined with allocating specific committee positions for **members primarily in clinical practice**, will broaden involvement in leadership of the Society, and attract and support involvement of the next generation of pediatric endocrinologists.
- Change in the terms of PES Secretary and Treasurer from 6 years to 4
- Changes in nominating process that facilitate consideration of a wider spectrum of members for elected office

2) Your PES Councils and Committees are working on the following top-priority initiatives:

- Developing **MOCE** (Maintenance of Certification) activities for PES members for Practice-based learning (Part 2) and QI (Part 4) requirements (Education)
- Improving the process of **fellowship recruitment, selection, and signing** process (Training)
- Expanding **research opportunities** for members through Scientific Network of Pediatric Endocrinology (SNoPE)
- Assessing **RVU production and compensation** for pediatric endocrinologists throughout the nation (Practice Management)
- Positioning PES as a major pediatric expert organization in the **national childhood obesity initiative** (Policy)
- Upgrading the **PES website** as a specialty news and education resource, including a new *"Fellows' Corner"* (Networking)
- A major Society **fundraising initiative** (led by our Development Committee)
- A **PES annual meeting in Denver** (April 30 - May 3, 2011) with promise to be the best and biggest ever (Program Committee)