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President's Message

George H. Meier, III, M.D.

The Annual Symposium of the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery (SCVS) has become one of the most popular educational offerings within our vascular specialty and I am pleased to report that our scientific programs are now even stronger and more comprehensive than ever. I encourage you to take advantage of the solid education provided through the SCVS and to mark your calendars – April 7-10, 2010 – for our next Annual Symposium in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The SCVS Annual Symposium offers a noteworthy combination of education, networking, and practical skills development for vascular surgeons and the Society's mission places an emphasis on clinical issues facing all practice settings; academic, community, government, or a combination of each. Our traditional postgraduate course program, now renamed "Focused Sessions", concentrates on the latest "hot issues" facing each of these audiences and our 2010 topics will be "Population Based studies: Facts and

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Pay Your SCVS Dues Online

Renew your membership in the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery online at http://scvs.prri.com

Enter your Username and Password and you can pay your dues, receive an online confirmation, and continue to enjoy the benefits of SCVS membership, including:

- Discounted registration to the **SCVS Annual Meeting** being held April 7-10, 2010 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Housing and Registration are now open.
- Subscription and full-text online access to the ***Journal of Vascular Surgery.***

While you are logged into the Members Only Area, please confirm that your contact information is correct, to continue to receive SCVS communications. Click on the "Update Membership Information" link, and provide any updates.

Thank you for your continued support of the SCVS.

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Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery

38th Annual Symposium

PRELIMINARY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM.....

(subject to change)

April 7 – 10, 2010
Westin Kierland Resort & Spa
Scottsdale, Arizona

www.scvs.vascularweb.org

Wednesday, April 7

FOCUSED SESSION: What Made Vascular News in 2009?

Medical Vascular News of 2009
Venous Highlights of 2009
Aneurysms in the News 2009
Lower extremity advances 2009
Carotids and stroke news 2009
The Best of the Rest 2009

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 1 – AORTIC

Moderated by: R. Clement Darling, III, MD & William Stone, MD

Surgical Robotics In Vascular Surgery
Delayed Conversions after Endovascular Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair
Five-year Experience with EVAR without Fenestration for Pararenal Aortic Aneurysms. Clinical Efficacy, Reintervention Rates & Cost-effectiveness Compared with Open Repair in High Deliberare Practice Volume centres
Duplex ultrasound factors predicting persistent Type II endoleakand increase AAA sac diameter after EVAR
Duplex ultrasound graft limb velocity asymmetry predicts endoleak after EVAR
MP1. EVAR Outcomes with Anatomical Fixation
MP2. Significance of Initial Aortic Aneurysm Pressure Sensor Readings Varies With Aortic Endograft Design
MP3. Pulmonary Artery Catheter Directed Rapid Right Ventricular Pacing to Facilitate Precise Deployment of Endografts in the Thoracic Aorta: A Novel Approach
MP4. Hybrid Repair of Distal Arch and Proximal Descending Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms: Endovascular Elephant Trunk Completion

DEDICATED HANDS-ON SESSION (Exhibits & Stations)

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 2 – LE

Moderated by: Robert B. McLafferty, MD

Gender Differences in the Outcome of Endovascular Interventions for PAD - Is there a Difference Between Men and Women Treated with Angioplasty or Angioplasty and Stenting?
Long-term Outcomes of Patients Undergoing Endovascular Infrainguinal Interventions with Single Vessel Peroneal Artery Runoff
Post-Procedure Duplex-Calculated Blood Flow Measurements Correlate To Stent Patency At 12 Months
Limitations Of Re-Entry Devices In Lower Extremity Chronic Total Occlusions
Infrageniculate Interventions in Female Patients: Is Gender Associated with Higher Re-intervention and Post-Operative Complication Rates?
MP5. Midterm Results of a 4F Compatible Stent in Treatment of Femoropopliteal Atherosclerotic Disease
Jeffrey Jim, MD, Brian G. Rubin, MD.
MP6. Immunosuppression After Cardiac Transplantation Improves Patency of Percutaneous Lower Extremity Arterial Interventions
MP7. Management of Flush Superficial Femoral Artery Occlusions with Combined Open Femoral Endarterectomy and Endovascular Femoral-Popliteal Angioplasty and Stenting
MP8. Full Metal Jacket of the Superficial Femoral Artery: A Retrospective Analysis

DEDICATED HANDS-ON SESSION (Exhibits & Stations)

Thursday, April 8

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) BREAKFAST SESSIONS

SIG 1 Wound Care in Vascular Medicine
SIG 2 Challenging Cases: Peripheral & Other (Dialysis & Venous)

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 3 – AORTIC II / VISCERAL

Moderated by: Fred A Weaver, MD

The Minimally Invasive Management of Visceral Artery Aneurysms and Pseudoaneurysms
Our experience with 140 visceral artery stents: Should celiac artery stenting be abandoned?
10 year Experience with Renal Artery In-Stent Restenosis
Differences in Anatomy and Outcomes in Patients Treated with Open Mesenteric Revascularization before and after the Endovascular Era
Risk Factors for Failed Thoracic Endovascular Aortic Repair: Explant Analysis
Comparison of Modern Open Repair of Infrarenal and Pararenal Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms: Early Outcomes and Late Renal Dysfunction
MP9. Endograft Sizing in Hypovolemic Shock
MP10. Totally Percutaneous EVAR: Feasibility Outcomes for a Prospective, Randomized Trial Design

DEDICATED HANDS-ON SESSION (Exhibits & Stations)

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 4 – DIALYSIS

Moderated by: Matthew J. Dougherty, MD & Anil Hingorani, MD

Translocation of the Femoropopliteal Vein for Autogenous Arteriovenous Fistula Creation: Excellent Patency but High Incidence of Wound Complications and Steal Syndrome
Hemodialysis Reliable Outflow (HeRO) Catheter Outcomes in Patients with Long-Standing Renal Failure: Optimizing Performance
MP11. Fibrin Sheath Angioplasty: A New Technique to Prevent Superior Vena Cava Stenosis Secondary to Dialysis Catheters
MP12. Are Heparin-Bonded Arteriovenous Grafts Better than the Standard-Wall?
MP13. External Carotid Artery to External Jugular Vein Arteriovenous Fistulae for Hemodialysis Access
MP14.Outcomes With Heparin-Bonded Expanded Polytetrafluoroethylene Grafts Used as a Conduit for Femodialysis

Distinguished Visiting Professor:

Thom W. Rooke, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, New York

Friday, April 9

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) BREAKFAST SESSIONS

SIG 1 Challenging Cases: Abdominal Aortic
SIG 2 Issues in Dialysis Access

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 5 – OTHER

Moderated by: George H. Meier, MD

Existing Trauma and Critical Care Scoring Systems Underestimate Mortality among Vascular Trauma Patients
Surgical Management of Tumors Involving the Aorta and Major Arterial Structures
Does Topical Wound Oxygen (TWO2) Offer an Improved Outcome Over Conventional Compression Dressings (CCD) in the Management of Refractory Non-Healing Venous Ulcers (RVU)?
Type Of Anesthetic Management Affects Outcome For Patients Undergoing Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair (Evar)
Variations in the Iliolumbar Vein During Anterior Approach for Spinal Procedures
MP15. Significance of the Mangled Extremity Severity Score in Traumatic Popliteal Artery Injury
MP16. Blunt Injury to the Thoracic Outlet Arteries: The Experience of a Level I Trauma Center
MP17. Implantable Ultrasound Doppler Device that Measures Blood Flow: The Future of Bypass Graft Surveillance
MP18. Combined Laparoscopic and Endovascular Treatment vs. Open Celiac Ganglionectomy in Patients with Median Arcuate Ligament Syndrome- A Ten Year Review

DEDICATED HANDS-ON SESSION (Exhibits & Stations)

INTERNATIONAL PANEL

"Title TBD"
Stephen Cheng, MD
"Subintimal Angioplasty, Techniques, Need For Stents, Long Term Follow-Up"
Amman Bolia, MD
"The Positive and Negative Facets of the British Health Care System and How it Applies to Vascular Surgery"
Matt Thompson, MD

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

George H. Meier, MD

POSTER COMPETITION, FIRST ROUND

TOPICS: Aorta I & II, Other, Carotid, LE, Venous & Visceral

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 6 – NIS/NSQIP

MP19. Predictors of Surgical Site Infection After Surgery for Infrainguinal Occlusive Disease: Results From the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program
MP20. Failure to Achieve Clinical Improvement Despite Graft Patency in Patients Undergoing Lower Extremity Bypass for Critical Limb Ischemia
MP21. Expanded Indication Thoracic Endovascular Aortic Repair: The Effect of Case Complexity on Outcome
MP22. Predictors of Post Operative Respiratory Failure After Elective Open Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Repair
MP23. The Rest of the Story: The Decline of Aortic Surgical Experience in the EVAR Era
MP24. Longitudinal Analysis of Outcomes for Open Aortic Reconstructions: Has the "Endovascular Era" Impacted Mortality?
MP25. Race Affects Outcomes in Traumatic Arterial Vascular Injury: An Analysis of the National Trauma Data Bank
MP26. Racial Differences in Utilization and Outcomes for CEA and CAS: NIS Study for 2007
MP27. Effect of Ethnicity and Insurance Type on Open Thoracic Aneurysm Repair Outcome

Population Based Studies: Facts and Fiction

Moderators: Michel Makaroun MD, and Gilbert Upchurch MD
The Power of Numbers: Advantages of population studies
The Medicare databases
The NIS database
State databases
Limitations of Population Studies: What they cannot tell us.
NSQIP: The Power of Prospective Registries

Saturday, April 10

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) BREAKFAST SESSIONS

SIG 1 Venous Disease
SIG 2 Challenging Cases: Thoracic Aortic

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 7 – VENOUS

Moderated by: Joseph S. Giglia, MD

Longevity and Outcomes of Axillary Valve Transplantation for Severe Lower Extremity Chronic Venous Insufficiency
Management of Gastrocnemius and/or Soleal Vein Thrombosis: Is Anticoagulation Effective?
MP28. Clinical Outcome Analyses Of Radio-Frequency Ablation (RFA) In The Treatment Of Incompetent Greater Saphenous Vein (GSV): Differences Between ClosurePlus and ClosureFast Catheters
MP29. Expanding the role of Endovenous Laser Ablation (EVLT): Early Results in Large Diameter, Small Saphenous and Anterior Accessory Veins

COMBAT SURGERY SESSION

Lt. Todd Rasmussen, MD

POSTER COMPETITION FINAL ROUND

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 8 – CAROTID

Moderated by: Mark G. Davies, MD

Carotid Artery Stenting for Post-Carotid Endarterectomy Restenosis is Safer than Redo Carotid Endarterectomy, and Should be the Procedure of Choice
Extracranial Carotid Artery Aneurysms: Long-term Results of Open Repair
Carotid Duplex Findings in Patients with Acute Type A Dissection
MP30. Selective Use of Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump Counterpulsation and Venous Pacing for Carotid Stenting Before Cardiac Surgery
MP31. Aggressive Endovascular Management Of Extracranial Arterial Dissection Associated With IntracranialMP32. Carotid String Sign: Is There a Role for Carotid Stenting?
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Visit the SCVS Website www.scvs.vascularweb.org for regular updates on the 2010 Annual Symposium and to register today!

SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL VASCULAR SURGERY
Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 20, 2009 ♦ 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm ♦ Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dr. Alan B. Lumsden, President, welcomed the members of the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery to the 37th Annual Business Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He called the meeting to order and appointed Drs. Anil Hingorani and Ashraf Mansour as Tellers to collect and compile the membership ballots and to come forward later to announce the results.

The minutes of the March 7th, 2008, Annual Business Meeting had been circulated in the Newsletter and it was voted to approve the minutes as presented in the Newsletter.

President's Report

Dr. Lumsden expressed his thanks to the Council and other members of the Society who contributed a great deal of time and hard work to this year's Annual Meeting which had excellent attendance as well as strong industry support considering the difficult economy. He also thanked the PRRI administrative staff for their hard work over the course of the past year.

Report of the Secretary

Dr. Michel Makaroun reported that the SCVS has 610 Active members, 22 Honorary members, 2 Inactive members, 265 Senior members and 36 Candidate members for a total membership of 935. The membership would be voting on an additional 16 Active and 11 Candidate members which would bring membership to 962. Dr. Makaroun noted that a small percentage of members had been dropped in the past year due to non-payment of dues.

The following members had passed away during the past year and a moment of silence was observed:

S. A. Hepps, MD	*Santa Ana, CA*
Robert W. Hobson, MD	*Newark, NJ*
Morton J. Thoshinsky, MD	*San Francisco, CA*
Verner Waite, MD	*Cypress, CA*

The 2009 Annual Meeting had advance registration of 321 with an additional 20 onsite registrations for a total of 341.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as presented.

Report of the Treasurer

a. Financial report for the period ending February 28, 2009

Dr. Samuel Money reported that, as of February 28, 2009, the SCVS had $ 784,409 in total assets with $682,631 in the combined checking and savings accounts. Total Receipts as of February 28th were $642,553 with Total Disbursements of $223,182 to date. Meetings & Education had realized income of $555,820 and expenses on the 2009 Annual Symposium were $107,071 as of the end of February. Dr. Money noted that total meeting expenses would not be realized until after the conclusion of the program in Ft. Lauderdale.

b. Financial Actions of the Council

Dr. Money reported that the Society's reserve account is thru Vanguard which stood at $91,778 as of February 28th taking into account losses due to the poor economy. He noted that the SCVS Council, the Finance Committee, and he had worked diligently to maintain stability in the difficult economy and would continue to do so. Dr. Money also reported that the Society had been successful in achieving a good level of industry support for the 2009 Annual Symposium and, on behalf of SCVS, thanked the 32 companies who had sponsored and/or were exhibiting at the meeting. Dr. Money requested that all members take a moment to stop by the exhibit booths to express appreciation for their support.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Report of the Recorder

Dr. Robert McLafferty summarized manuscript submissions to the Journal of Vascular Surgery from authors who presented at the 2008 SCVS Annual Symposium as follows:

38 manuscripts had been submitted to the JVS with 23 accepted, 4 currently under revision, 1 under review, 1 incomplete and 9 rejected. Dr. McLafferty further noted that the submission percentages were 75% for scientific session, 34% for mini presentation, and 9% for poster. He added that a project to improve the consistency of recorders, as well as quality and submission rates, was planned for the SVS 2009 Annual Meeting and that he had worked with his counterparts at the American Venous Forum and the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society on changes in the JVS manuscript submission website.

The Recorder's Report was accepted as presented.

Reports of Committees

Bylaws Committee

Dr. Alan Dardik reported that, as presented to the membership at the 2007 Annual Member Business Meeting in Orlando, the Council had since established a Finance Committee to provide oversight of the Society's investment portfolio. This committee had been in operation since that time on an ad hoc basis. Notice of a By-Law change to formally establish this as a Standing Committee was provided to the membership in the Society's Summer Newsletter.

Dr. Lumsden thanked Dr. Dardik and asked for a Motion to accept the proposed Bylaws amendment. It was moved, seconded, and VOTED to accept the amendment to the Bylaws as noted.

Dr. Lumsden thanked Dr. Dardik and the other members of the Bylaws Committee, Drs. R. Clement Darling, III, and Mark Farber, for their efforts in the past year.

Membership Committee

In the absence of Dr. Carpenter, Dr. Alan Dietzek reported that the Membership Committee considered 16 applications for Active membership and 11 applications for Candidate membership. After considering the Membership Committee's recommendations, the Council had voted to recommend membership for the 16 Active and 11 Candidate members as presented on the ballots that had been distributed.

Dr. Dietzek asked for the tally from the Tellers, Drs. Hingorani and Mansour, who reported that all candidates on the ballot had been approved and thus voted into membership.

Dr. Lumsden thanked Dr. Dietzek and the other members of the Committee, Drs. Jeffrey Carpenter (Chair) and Ruth Bush, for their efforts this year

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Program Committee

Dr. Charles Shanley thanked everyone for coming to the Fort Lauderdale meeting and reported that the SCVS had presented another outstanding program with a solid attendance of 341. He thanked the members of the Program Committee for a great job; Drs. Matthew Dougherty, Mark Davies, Michel Makaroun, Rob McLafferty, and Alan Lumsden. Dr. Shanley extended additional thanks to Drs. Thomas Bower and Alan Dardik, as well as the judges, on the Poster Competition. He recapped that the committee received 174 abstracts this past year, critically reviewed and scored the abstracts online, and selected 31 abstracts for full-length presentations, 27 for mini presentations, and 38 for poster presentations.

Dr. Shanley also recognized the excellent work of Dr. Joann Lohr in developing the two Postgraduate Courses and Drs. Bill Brown, Sam Money, Alan Dietzek, Michel Makaroun, David Steed, and Alan Lumsden for their excellent Special Interest Group breakfast sessions. In conclusion, he thanked Drs. Lumsden and Bismuth for their hard work with Boston Scientific and Gore on the Vascular Top Gun Competition, Dr. Meier for working with Medtronic on the Young Vascular Surgeons Program, and the Gore and Cook companies for another year of successful educational programs for the Fellows.

Dr. Lumsden thanked Dr. Shanley for a job well done on the 2009 Annual Symposium.

Reports of Representatives

Dr. Lumsden called each SCVS Representative to affiliated organizations to the podium and their respective reports and added discussion is summarized as follows:

ACS Board of Governors

On behalf of Dr. Enrico Ascher, Dr. Sidawy reported on the recent activities of the American College of Surgeons.

ACS Advisory Council for Vascular Surgery

Dr. Lawrence reported on the recent activities of the ACS Advisory Council for the specialty.

Vascular Surgery Board of the ABS

Dr. Kim Hodgson reported on the most recent initiatives with respect to the Vascular Surgery Board of the ABS with detailed remarks on the specific role of the VSB, the 2008 Qualifying and Recertification Examinations, and the application for a Primary Certificate in IR.

Society for Vascular Surgery and the American Board of Vascular Surgery

Dr. Brown reported on the recent activities of the Society for Vascular Surgery and the current status of the American Board of Vascular Surgery.

Intersocietal Commission for Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories

Dr. Dietzek reported on the recent activities of ICAVL and noted that names to replace Dr. Ashraf Mansour, who had concluded his term, were going to be presented later in the agenda. Dr. Lumsden thanked Dr. Mansour for his hard work at ICAVL on behalf of the Society.

Vascular Disease Foundation

Dr. Sidawy reported on recent activities of the VDF and announced that Dr. Ashraf Mansour had been elected by the Council to replace him as the VDF Representative as Dr. Sidawy was now President of the organization.

Old Business

Dr. Lumsden announced that the next meeting of SCVS will be held April 7-10, 2010 at Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona and he hoped to see everyone there. He also reminded those present of the President's Banquet taking place that evening.

Dr. Lumsden then called for any additional Old Business and there was none presented.

New Business

ICAVL Representative

As reported earlier, Dr. Lumsden announced that the following two names were being proposed by the Council to replace Dr. Ashraf Mansour as one of the SCVS Representatives to the Intersocietal Commission for Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories: Dr. Joann Lohr and Dr. Steve Leers

He noted that if others wished to be considered they should contact the SCVS Administrative offices before March 31st.

AVA and "Open The Pathway" Contributions

Dr. Lumsden also reported that the Council wished to inform the membership that the American Vascular Association was seeking contributions in support of the "Open The Pathway" campaign. Those interested in making a contribution should contact the AVA directly.

Election of Officers

Dr. George Meier, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee had convened and, after extensive review, was now presenting the following slate of Officers and Committee Chairs for election to serve for 2009-2010. He further noted the new SVS Representative as Dr. Brown was concluding his final term:

President	George H. Meier, MD
President-Elect	Joann M. Lohr, MD
Vice President	Michel S. Makaroun, MD
Secretary	Robert B. McLafferty, MD
Treasurer	Samuel R. Money, MD
Recorder	Fred A. Weaver, MD
Member-at-Large:	Alan M. Dietzek, MD
Chair – Membership Committee:	Alan M. Dietzek, MD
Chair – Constitution & Bylaws Committee:	R. Clement Darling, MD
Chair – Program Committee:	Matthew J. Dougherty, MD
SVS BOD Representative:	Alan B. Lumsden, MD

Dr. Lumsden asked for nominations from the floor. After hearing none, it was moved, seconded, and VOTED to accept the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Inaugural Comments by Dr. George Meier

Dr. Meier remarked that he plans for the Society to continue its growth trend despite the troublesome economy and reported that dialogue with the Society for Vascular Medicine (SVM) on the potential of further collaboration will continue.

Dr. Meier than announced the following Committee appointments and reappointment:

Membership Committee	Sean P. Roddy, MD
Constitution & Bylaws Committee	Colleen M. Moore, MD
Program Committee	Joseph S. Giglia, MD
Finance Committee	Mark G. Davies, MD

President's Message *(continued from page one)*

Fiction" and "What made Vascular News in 2009?". As the speakers from the Society for Vascular Medicine (SVM) were well-received this past year, I have invited the new SVM President, Dr. Thom W. Rooke, to be our Distinguished Visiting Professor in Scottsdale and there will, again, be additional content from the SVM during the meeting. In addition, there will be sessions focusing on NIS/NSQIP and Combat Surgery, our regular International Panel with speakers from Hong Kong and the United Kingdom, Special Interest Group breakfasts, and much more.

With greatly appreciated support from industry, our popular Fellow development programs will be offered again in Scottsdale and I also encourage you and your Fellows to stay close to our website (www.scvs.vascularweb.org) for information on these educational offerings that are uniquely targeted to different levels of fellowship. The SCVS meeting further provides authors with an opportunity to present their original research in a professional setting that connects them with a national audience and an excellent series of podium and poster presentations have now been selected for our 2010 meeting. The full program and abstracts can be viewed by visiting www.scvs.vascularweb.org.

As the speakers from the Society for Vascular Medicine (SVM) were well-received this past year, I have invited the new SVM President, Dr. Thom W. Rooke, to be our Distinguished Visiting Professor in Scottsdale and there will, again, be additional content from the SVM during the meeting.

Whether you are in practice, fellowship, or residency and operate as part of an academic institution or conduct a private practice; you will benefit from regular attendance at the SCVS Annual Symposium and I look forward to seeing you join us in Arizona this coming April of 2010. Also feel free to share your thoughts with the SCVS leadership on how the Society can better serve you via email (SCVS@prri.com) or phone (978.927.8330).

Sincerely,
George H. Meier, MD, President, 2009-2010

FUTURE MEETINGS

April 7-10, 2010
Westin Kierland Hotel
Scottsdale, Arizona

March 16-19, 2011
Walt Disney World Swan
Orlando, Florida

March 14-17, 2012
Encore at the Wynn
Las Vegas, Nevada

BYLAW CHANGES

Per the SCVS Bylaws, the following proposed Bylaws Amendment is being circulated in this issue of the Newsletter for vote to take place at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting:

ARTICLE III
Membership

Section II - Active Membership. Active Membership shall be limited to licensed surgeons who are certified by the American Board of Surgery, ~~who are Fellows of the American College of Surgeons,~~ or surgeons who have surgical certification equivalent to the American Board of Surgery ~~or membership equivalent to the American College of Surgeons~~. In addition, applicants for Active Membership shall furnish evidence that they have completed an accredited vascular residency training program **or submit evidence of otherwise equivalent experience.** Applicants who have completed an accredited vascular residency shall supply a letter of recommendation from his or her Program Director. Active Membership may also be granted to physicians who have been actively engaged in the practice of vascular surgery for two years or more after graduation and completion of general surgery residency training. ~~Active Membership shall also be granted to those applicants having a Certificate of Special Qualifications in General Vascular Surgery.~~ Applicants for Active Membership who have not completed a certified vascular residency shall submit a list of vascular procedures performed the year prior to the application. The vascular procedures listed should include the operative results and complications. Active Members shall pay dues and shall be eligible to vote to and hold office.

Section VI - Candidate Membership. Candidate Membership shall include residents enrolled in an accredited program of surgical education and/or vascular surgeons enrolled in a research or fellowship program acceptable to the Society. ~~After five (5) years a Candidate member must apply for Active membership~~. **Candidate Membership will be appropriate until such time an individual meets the requirements for Active Membership (as outlined in Article III, Section II of these Bylaws).** Candidates who enrolled in specialized training programs in vascular surgery may apply directly upon completion of his or her residency training for Active membership in the Society. **Candidate members shall pay an initiation fee but shall not be required to pay annual dues. Candidate members are not eligible to vote and are not eligible to hold office.**

AVA and "Open the Pathway" Contributions

The American Vascular Association is seeking contributions in support of the "Open The Pathway" campaign. Those interested in making a contribution should contact the AVA directly:
Campaign Offices (AVA): 312.334.2313

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