

SOCIETY

GVS 12th President Jonathan D. Woody, MD, FACS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear GVS Members & Colleagues:

I am honored to serve you as the 12th President of the Georgia Vascular Society. One of the greatest benefits of the GVS is the establishment of friendships and collegial relationships among the practitioners in Georgia. We now have 108 members. Over the next year, please help me reach out to the remaining vascular surgeons in Georgia and encourage them to join the GVS.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Arun Chervu and the Program Committee for making the 2023 meeting a tremendous success. The four guest speakers on the program gave excellent talks and the participation from our members was outstanding. I would also like to thank the Program Committee and Executive Committee for their time, hard work, and support.

We will once again meet at The Ritz Carlton, Lake Oconee. This venue continues to be a popular destination for our members and their families to enjoy our scientific program and spend quality time with family and friends.

We have three outstanding guest speakers for our 2024 scientific program:

**W. Darrin Clouse, MD, DFSVS**, Chief of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA.

**Robert G. Molnar, MD, MS, FACS**, Clinical Professor of Surgery at Michigan State University, Chair of Surgery at McLaren Regional Medical Center and Director of Surgical Education, Flint, MI.

**Vincent L. Rowe, MD, DFSVS**, Professor of Surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Wiley F. Barker Chief of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at the UCLA Health Gonda Venous Center.

Many of you responded to our member survey this Fall. Based on the results, you want more presentations from GVS members. Encourage your colleagues to submit abstracts and videos for presentation at the meeting.

Our 2024 Program Committee (Emily Lagergren, MD, Tiffany Liang, MD, Jeffrey Pearce, MD) will begin their work in January. The Program for 2024 will certainly be another outstanding one. We will conclude on Saturday in time for everyone to enjoy the afternoon with their family and participate in our sporting activities. We plan to add a fishing tournament to our social program this year so be sure to sign up for your activity of choice when you register for the meeting.

I want to ask everyone who is mentoring a resident or medical student this year to encourage them to participate in our abstract submission process. Our Society is dedicated to attracting the best and the brightest students to our specialty.

To conclude, please "Save the Date" for our 2024 Annual Meeting. The event will take place September 13-15, 2024, at the Ritz Lake Oconee. Abstract submissions will open in January, and I hope that you will consider submitting one to the program committee for consideration.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you as President of the GVS. Best wishes for a Happy New Year!!

Jonathan D. Woody, MD, FACS President Georgia Vascular Society

HAPPY NEW YEAR