Your Board of Directors is pleased to keep you informed of the following developments and opportunities for our membership:

**Bylaws:** Thanks to all of you who voted on the proposed *changes to our bylaws*. The proposals passed, and it is our hope that the changes will streamline membership applications and also encourage our Advanced Practice Provider colleagues to join PES. If you have Advanced Practice Providers in your practice or in your area, please encourage them to join PES if they are not already members. You can review the full [updated bylaws](#) at any time on the PES website.

**Call for Nominations:** Nominations are now being accepted for the following Board Positions:

- President-Elect (3 year commitment: President-Elect, President, Past President)
- Director (3 year term)

Please send your nomination to Kyriakie Sarafoglou, M.D., Chair of the Nominations Committee, at saraf010@umn.edu. In your nomination, please include a brief note telling why you think this person would be an ideal candidate for the position. Nominations are *due by August 15, 2014*.

**Outreach:** One of the goals for my term is to move previously established initiatives related to *international outreach* forward. I am pleased to report that the International Relations Council has worked with local partners to develop a Pediatric Endocrinology Symposium that will be held in Costa Rica on August 27, 2014. Six PES members will teach at the symposium covering topics related to growth, puberty, obesity, disorders of sexual development, and type 1 and 2 diabetes. We hope this is just an initial step in our efforts to improve access to care for children and youth with endocrine disorders in Central America and the Caribbean.

**Collaborations with Sister Societies:** I am also pleased to let members know that the leaders of PES and the Endocrine Society had a productive meeting during the Endocrine Society’s annual meeting in Chicago and have initiated ongoing discussions regarding common interests between the two societies, with a joint task force in the planning stages. We will let you know about initiatives that derive from these discussions as information becomes available. One such initiative, the development of a joint MOCE 4 module regarding the treatment of congenital hypothyroidism, should be released soon.
Annual Meeting, April 24-28, San Diego: Planning for the 2015 meeting in San Diego (April 24-28) is in high gear. If you have any ideas about speakers or session content, please contact Dorothy Shulman at dshulman@health.usf.edu, who is Chair of the Program Committee for the 2015 meeting. Just prior to the 2015 meeting, PES will also offer its highly sought-after Board Review course (mark your calendars now!).

Workforce Data: The Endocrine Society recently released a workforce analysis for the United States (The Clinical Endocrinology Workforce: Current Status and Future Projections of Supply and Demand). The data are surprising and suggest that there is currently a shortage of 100 pediatric full-time equivalent pediatric endocrinologists, but that this gap may close by as early as 2016, with a subsequent excess supply over demand of pediatric endocrinologists in the workforce. The conclusions could have important ramifications, and, hence, the data warrant careful scrutiny. PES is working to see how that might be accomplished and will keep you informed.

Public Policy Corner: The National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act (H.R. 1074/S.539) will review and streamline federal diabetes activities to improve coordination and quality of care for people with diabetes and prediabetes. Who would be involved? The Commission would include patients, diabetes specialists, primary care doctors, and federal agencies. By working together, we believe Commission members could make a big difference for people impacted by diabetes by showing how to maximize current investments.

Click here to tell your Member of Congress to do something this year to address the diabetes epidemic by co-sponsoring and passing the National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act.

Welcome New Members: Edna Mancilla, Sungeeta Agrawal, Priya Prahalad, and Emmeline Heffernan

Historical Tidbit of the Month: Any section of a Newsletter entitled “Historical Tidbit...” should aim to be historically accurate. Hence, we should point out that the idea for this section originated with Craig Alter, not Arlan Rosenbloom! However, Arlan is helping to facilitate the entries (for which we are very grateful); if you have an interesting brief historical tidbit to share, please send it to Arlan (Chairman of the History Committee) at rosenal@peds.ufl.edu. This month’s tidbit comes from Jadranka Popovic: “The first description of a Turner Syndrome karyotype and correlation with phenotype (including the absence of secondary sexual characteristics and being "backward in school") and other laboratory analyses was by CE Ford et al. in: A Sex-Chromosome Anomaly in a Case of Gonadal Dysgenesis (Turner's Syndrome). Lancet 1959;1:711-713.”

Have a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,

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