PES Members:

It has been a rewarding year so far both professionally and personally as your President. My commitment to being true to the strategic direction of the organization set forth by the elected leaders of the society and to facilitating the work of our many committees and councils has led to some exciting developments as I have passed the mid-point of my term and am entering the home stretch.

Some of these highlights include:

1) The first-ever joint “task force” meeting between PES and The Endocrine Society
2) Acquisition of grant funding to begin a new Rare Disorders patient and clinician resource on our webpage
3) Design of a visiting fellows’ program
4) Securing of funds to support a lecture on the history of pediatric endocrinology at our annual meeting
5) Initiation of a national mentor-mentee program
6) Creation of a grant resource update page on the website
7) Inaugural planning meeting for expansion of PES activities to Central America and the Caribbean
8) Beginning of the planning stages for the 2017 international (joint PES-ESPE) meeting

Lastly, in March, we sought the voice of the membership via a survey regarding the potential adoption by PES of an official journal. From this survey, it was learned that 80% of the respondents were in favor of PES embarking on a formal affiliation with *Hormone Research in Paediatrics* (HRP) as our official scientific journal. This journal is owned by a private publisher, Karger, who has, together with ESPE and SLEP, invited us to make HRP our official journal. PES has accepted this invitation, and we will announce HRP as our official journal effective January 1, 2015.

**Why this is so exciting!**

Having an officially designated journal is in clear alignment with many of the Society’s Critical Conditions for Success in our 2013-2015 Strategic Plan which emphasizes resource dissemination, advancement of knowledge, education of members, and fostering collaboration. We look forward to seeing the publication of our best scientific work in our new journal. Additionally, since HRP is the official journal of two of our key sister societies (ESPE and SLEP), we envision that this formal affiliation will promote an opportunity for more interaction and collegiality among pediatric endocrinologists worldwide. We are looking forward to the positive impact that our participation will have in the future.
How will this be funded?
It is widely known that it is a priority of the society to foster the growth of its fellows and young pediatric endocrinologists. Therefore, in the Board discussions and negotiations, it was decided that the journal subscription should be provided to them at no cost. The regular PES members will see a mild increase in their renewal fee to help offset the expense of this new member benefit. For a dues increase of less than $3 per month, PES is able to make significant advancements to meet our strategic objectives and support the mission of the Society. We will look forward to the PES member engagement in this journal.

In closing, please be on the look-out for your annual 2015 dues renewal notice in the coming days. As your president, I look forward to making even more strides for PES on your behalf over the next 4 months.

Sincerely,

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PES President