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**PES Members:**

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

**On a personal note,** it is with great pride and humility that I begin my presidency of PES. My recent predecessors have clearly brought the society to a high point. I especially want to thank my immediate predecessor, Morey Haymond, for his dedication to the Society and for teaching me the ropes. I also want to acknowledge the outgoing, remaining, and incoming members of the Board of Directors, and the Degnon management team, for all that they do to make sure the decisions we make are sound and for the collective good.

Going forward, the goals I have set for my term, in a nutshell, are to improve our relationship with the Endocrine Society, ESPE, and PENS (among other groups); maximize our membership numbers through heightened recruitment and retention efforts; increase our corporate support with attention to transparency; move forward on previously established initiatives related to journal affiliation and international outreach in Central America and the Caribbean; and to create a visiting fellowship program.

I look forward to working with as many of you as possible, as a team effort is required to move PES to the next level.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Aditi Khokhar, Bonnie McCann-Crosby, Bach-Mai (Katherine) Vu, Christina Astley, Divya Khurana, David Werny, Hilary Seeley, Liat Corcia, Linnea Larson-Williams, Naseem ALyahyawi, Nicolas Cuttriss, Ryan McDonough, Sara Bartz, and Shira Harel

**Annual Meeting, May 3-6, Vancouver, Canada:** I hope you were able to join us in Vancouver. The program that Brandon Nathan and his Committee put together was outstanding. 8,110 individuals attended the broader PAS meeting, including 385 PES members who presented 97 abstracts. These
numbers are comparable to 405 PES members who presented 95 abstracts at the 2013 meeting in Washington, DC. Planning for the 2015 meeting in San Diego (April 25-28) has already started. If you have any ideas about speakers or session content, please contact Dorothy Shulman (dshulman@health.usf.edu), who is Chair of the Program Committee for the 2015 meeting.

In addition to the Annual Meeting, the Education Council organized a very successful Clinical Update Course, held prior to PAS in Vancouver, which was supported by an educational grant from Novo Nordisk which PES is most grateful.

The fellows’ Spring Retreat was held immediately after the PAS meeting. PES would like to thank Eli Lilly and Company, and Novo Nordisk, who so generously supported this successful Retreat with educational grants.

Next year, PES will offer its highly sought-after Board Review course just prior to the PES meeting (mark your calendars now!). PES would encourage you to visit our Corporate Relations Tab on our Website. The support we receive from our Corporate Advisory Board Members make it possible to keep current in our offerings to PES Members. We appreciate their commitment to the mission and vision of the Society.

Other exciting things that have happened since the last President’s letter include:

**Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship Match:** The Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship match for positions starting in July 2015 was completed on May 28, 2014. Congratulations to the 65 fellowship applicants who successfully matched! According to data from the ABP, 85 fellows started their training in Pediatric Endocrinology in July 2013 with 14 of these positions filled outside of the match. While the trend in trainee numbers is generally stable, the Program Directors are considering a change in match date that would allow most residents to apply for fellowship in the fall of their third year and might increase the numbers of applicants to our specialty.

**Mentor-Mentee Program:** The Research Affairs Council has been working hard to develop a mentorship program for faculty and fellows. Please be on the lookout for an email invitation for you to register to become a mentor or mentee. This is a valuable resource for members and we are excited to facilitate these professional relationships and provide resources for those interested in helping shape careers. We also plan to host a networking and informational workshop in San Diego in conjunction with the 2015 PAS/PES meeting.

**ESPE e-learning web portal:** I wanted to remind you that PES membership has been granted access by ESPE to their e-learning web portal. This portal is an exciting initiative that provides an interactive on-line learning environment with access to up-to-date resources for pediatric endocrinology. You can visit the PES Member’s Only section of the website to obtain your unique user password and instructions to access the web portal.

**Diabetes-related advocacy:** In California, the state legislature was considering a Sharps Container Mandate that would have required people with chronic diseases who inject medication to purchase a sharps container with every unit of sharps they purchased. This would have added greatly to the financial burden of caring for diabetes. PES and other interested groups weighed in and helped to “kill” this legislation. This is a great example of how we can make a difference if we speak up on behalf of our patients!

**Fact of the Month:** Finally, at the suggestion of Arlan Rosenbloom, I plan to include some pediatric
endocrinology-related history in the President’s letters. 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 Arlan: “The first description of precocious puberty with hypothyroidism (including regular menses beginning at age 5 years) was an elegant case report in 1905 (FW Kendle. Case of precocious puberty in a female cretin. Brit Med J 1905; 1:245. Http://www.bmj.com/content/1/2301/246).”

Have a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,

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