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Message from the President **Raghu Motaganahalli**



Dear Members and Colleagues,

Greetings to all of you! With the pandemic showing signs of abating, it is time for us to redirect our focus on learning and getting back to in person meetings. Therefore, I am pleased to invite you to the **46th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 15-17.**

Our Society has been at the national forefront in leading the diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Over the past nine months our Society has made significant progress by establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee on DEI. This committee, under the leadership of Dr. Bernadette Aulivola and Dr. Lee Kirksey has made several recommendations to the Executive Council and we are making every effort to implement each of these important recommendations this year. As an organization, the Society is fully committed to enhancing the opportunities for our URIM medical students. You will soon hear more details about awards directed towards health disparities research, as well as scholarships to support our URIM student research.

We are three months away from the Annual Meeting. The Program Committee led by Secretary and Program Chair Dr. Ross Milner has crafted an excellent program. We have a variety of presentations by our trainees competing for the coveted Szilagyi Award for Clinical Research, the Guthrie Award for Best Basic Science research and Pfiefer Award for the Best Venous Research. The New Horizons Program Committee led by Dr. Peter Rossi, will showcase several novel technologies, along with controversial topics & debates making the program even more attractive. I am sure each topic will offer something for each of us.

Meeting News



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*By Ross Milner, MD,
MVSS Secretary and Program Chair*

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to **Grand Rapids** for the **46th Annual Midwestern Vascular Surgery Society Meeting**. The Program Committee has selected an outstanding variety of plenary session talks, rapid presentations, and case reports that will focus on all aspects of vascular surgery practice. There are some amazing abstract presentations that will be considered for the prestigious Szilagyi, Pfeiffer, and Guthrie awards. The award recipients will be recognized by our President, Dr. Raghu Motaganahalli, on Friday.

Many other excellent abstract contributions have been selected for the Poster Competition. We encourage all of you to attend the poster session, which will be held on Thursday evening. We always need judges as well. The Poster Competition winner will present on Friday morning during the meeting.

The New Horizons program looks fantastic. Dr. Peter Rossi and his committee have designed a very thoughtful agenda with cutting-edge topics. In addition, we have a new aspect of the meeting this year with an **Invited Visiting Professor**. We are honored to have **Dr. Vincent Rowe** from the University of Southern California join us. Dr. Rowe is the current President of the Western Vascular Society. He will speak in the New Horizons session and participate in other aspects of the meeting, including our Medical Student Program.

We are honored to host **Dr. Peter Lawrence**, Chief of Vascular Surgery at UCLA, as our **Honorary Guest Lecture** this year. Dr. Lawrence is also Past President of the SVS, as well as one of the Editors of the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* and a mentor of Dr. Jeffrey Jim, our President-Elect. Dr. Lawrence will be speaking on Saturday morning. We encourage you to stay until Saturday to hear Dr. Lawrence's presentation.

We are very grateful to all of our sponsors. We have several industry symposia planned on (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) that we hope everyone can attend. Our sponsors will be supporting our Simulation Program as well, which will occur on Thursday morning before the official start of the 46th Annual Meeting.

Thank you everyone for your outstanding contributions and thank you to the Program Committee members for their hard work.

2022 Trainee Education Programs

2022 Virtual Mock Orals Program Friday, September 9, 2022 * 8:30am - 12:00pm

The Mock Orals program will continue to be held virtually in 2022.

Our goal is to provide the Exam to 24 trainees with a preference given to those in their final year of training. Information is being sent out to all Program Directors but if you have a **Trainee** interested they can [Register Online](#)

We are also in need of **MVSS Members** to **Volunteer as Proctors** to oversee the examination. You must be Board Certified in Vascular Surgery and out from Fellowship at least two years and be free of prohibition to perform a mock oral exam. If you are interested in volunteering you can [Sign Up Now](#).

2022 Live Simulation and Surgical Skills Assessment Program Thursday, September 15, 2022 * Grand Rapids, MI

(Prior to the start of the MVSS Annual Meeting)

The Simulation and Surgical Skills Assessment Program will assess vascular fellow and senior resident skills in performing multiple open and endovascular procedures. The trainees will be assessed, and feedback sent to their program directors.

More information and Registration details will be sent out in the near future.



2022 Medical Student Education Programs

VSIG VIRTUAL Case Presentation Session on Vascular Trauma Wednesday, July 13, 2022 @ 6:30pm (CST)

Vascular surgeons throughout the Midwest will lead mentored discussion on interesting cases and management for Vascular Trauma, including aortic emergency. These presentations will discuss vascular surgery, trauma care, radiology, endovascular procedures, postoperative management and critical care topics which should appeal to a broad range of interests for medical students interested in procedural specialties (vascular, cardiac, trauma), critical care, imaging (IR) and acute surgical specialties.

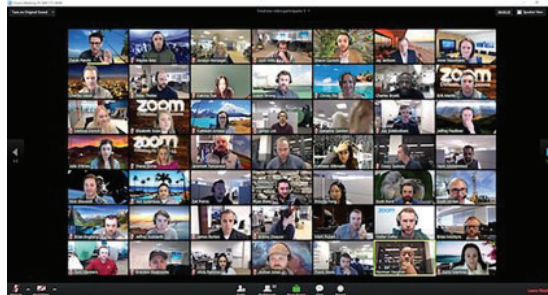
Host Institutions:

- University of Chicago

- St Louis University
- Indiana University
- Medical College of Wisconsin

Register for the MVSS VSIG Webinar

**8th Annual "Introduction to Vascular Surgery"
Medical Student VIRTUAL Didactic Session &
2022 MVSS VIRTUAL Vascular Residency Fair
Wednesday, August 3, 2022**



SAVE THE DATE: More information coming soon!

**2022 Medical Student LIVE Surgical Skills Session &
Mentorship Event
Friday, September 16, 2022 * Grand Rapids, MI**

The Society is planning to return with the hands-on surgical skills session for Medical Students at our 2022 Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids. There are also plans to host a Mentorship Program where students will be matched with MVSS members to further promote their interest in vascular surgery.

More information will be available soon.



More Society News

News from the MVSS DEI Ad-Hoc Committee

by Bernadette Aulivola, MD, MS, RVT, RPVI, FACS, DABS, DFSVS
Co-Chair, MVSS DEI Ad-Hoc Committee

The Society has recently formed an Ad-Hoc Committee to address Diversity, Equity and Inclusion under the leadership of Bernadette Aulivola and Lee Kirksey.

Other members of the Committee include Doctors Maen Aboul Hosn, Shahriar Alizadegan, Trissa Babrowski, Jonathan Bath, Michael Go, Mounir Haurani, Katherine Hawkins, Vipul Khetarpaul, Kaitlyn Rountree, Lorela Weise, Ashley Williamson and Jill Zink. These members, including trainees, have various levels of experience regarding diversity work in their own institutions and themselves are diverse. This was an important aspect when forming the Committee and to ensure that members of the Committee would help bring about the cultural and ethical changes that will advance diversity, equity, and inclusion for others to follow.

Some of the goals discussed by the Committee include:

- Survey Members of the Society with the objective of collecting demographic data.
- Establish a "Diversity in Vascular Surgery Medical Student Research Award". If approved by the Annual Meeting, a Call for Applications will be sent out soon.
- Develop a "Healthcare Disparities Research Award" to be awarded at the Annual Meeting possibly starting at this year's meeting.
- Offer an option to meeting attendees to include a pronoun on their nametag.

Committee members are planning to attend the Diversity Summit in July, in which all Regional and National Societies will be sending a DEI representative to join efforts on diversity initiatives.

The Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field of Vascular Surgery.

We value a diverse and culturally competent membership and recognize the negative impact of inequality and bias on healthcare outcomes and the advancement of Vascular Surgery research and education.

Read the Mission Statement

New Horizons Webinar Series



by Patrick Muck, MD, RVT, MVSS
Chair, Educational Outreach Committee

The MVSS New Horizons Webinar Series will conclude with the sixth and final educational event of the 2021-2022 year on **Wednesday, June 29th**.

BD/Bard will be sponsoring the MVSS virtual event with a focus on **Peripheral Arterial Disease – Old Problem with New Solutions: Tips & Tricks for Endovascular Management**.

Ross Milner and the MVSS Educational Outreach Committee started the webinar series during the 2020-2021 academic year in a response to the Public Health Emergency. The webinars have been a resounding success. Members, both senior and junior, have dedicated their time and shared their

expertise on a variety of topics during these virtual events. Industry partners have universally commented on the high level of the presentations coupled with the MVSS collaborative approach.

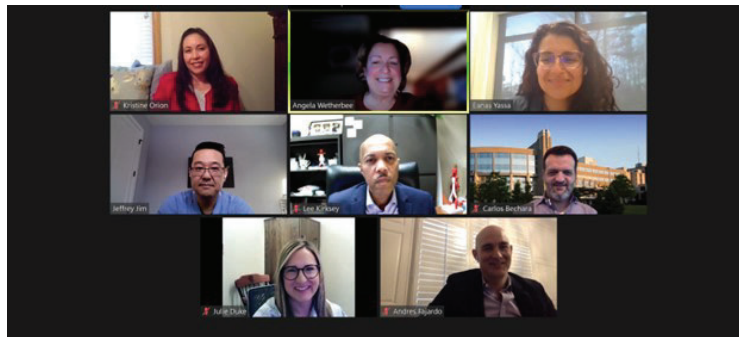
Since their inception in 2020, the MVSS Webinars series had included over 25 moderators and over 50 Speakers, all MVSS members! The attendance has been excellent with over 150 members and over 80 attendees for each event. Special thanks to Angela Wetherbee for her incredible work as well as her ability to strengthen the MVSS-Industry relations.

The 2021-2022 MVSS Webinar series this year and started with a November event sponsored by Shockwave Medical. Penumbra, Terumo, Cook, and 3M all sponsored events as well.

Finally, thank you so much to all our members for their time, attendance and dedication to these events. This is yet another example of why the MVSS is the best Regional Society!

MVSS Educational Outreach Committee

Patrick Muck, Chair,
Rachael Nicholson, Co-Chair
Judith Lin
Carlos Bechara
Andrew Hoel



March 2022 Webinar - Type B Aortic Dissection - A Review of the Trials, Algorithms for Management and New Horizons

Welcome New Members

In an organization, every member benefits from being part of the group, and the group benefits with every new member. Our Society continues to benefit from the enormous support and involvement from its members.

We encourage all members to attend our educational programs; Annual and Business Meetings and become engaged in the Society through participation on Committees, in our educational programs, submitting and sponsoring your colleagues' abstracts; and encouraging your trainees to participate in the Mock Orals and Medical Student Education Programs.

MVSS would like to welcome the following New Members who have joined the Society since January 2022.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Samantha Cox, Prisma Health Medical Group - USC Columbia, SC

Julie M. Duke, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Jon G. Quatromoni, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Todd Rasmussen, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Fahad Shuja, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Ravi Ambani, University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland Heights, OH

Michele Richard, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Jarrad Rowse Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Erik Allen Woodhouse, University of Wisconsin Medical Foundation, Waunakee, WI

We also welcome over 30 trainees & medical students who have joined the Society since January, and we hope to welcome you as an Active Member in the near future.

For information regarding the Society go to our website:

<https://www.midwestvascular.org>

For Membership Information and Applications go to

[MVSS Membership](#)



Attention Members - Renew Your 2022 Membership Today!

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