

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the end of this year, I will have served my final term as President of the Society. It truly has been an honor and privilege to have served in this role. I wish to thank the Board of Directors and Planning Committee members for their support and dedication to achieve our goals of the mission statement, which include the provision of educational activities for our members and for the healthcare community in our region. I would also like to thank our members, who are the strength of the organization. We accomplish so much more when we work together!

This year, our outstanding educational programs were recognized by the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) with the 2018 AGS State Affiliate Achievement Award. This prestigious award is given to an AGS state affiliate that has successfully achieved continued growth of educational programs. Since our inception in 1991, we have devoted enormous time and energy towards this goal. It is gratifying to be recognized by the national organization for our hard work. The award recognition, in its entirety, can be found on page 4.

As you will read in the following pages, 2018 has been a productive year. I hope you had the opportunity to attend one or all of the programs offered. The final program for 2018 (Fall Program) will take place November 1 at the University Club in Oakland. This year's program features guest speaker Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD, president of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, who will discuss Living a Good Life—Not Just a Long One, about how our patients find purpose and meaning in their lives as they age. Mark your calendar and join us on November 1 for a stimulating evening of learning and socialization.

A recap of highlights from this year include:

- **The Clinical Update in Geriatric Medicine –**

The conference yielded a robust attendance, with superlative evaluations. The course continually attracts numerous healthcare professionals from our region and beyond. This year, we welcomed registrants from 19 states. Held in 'our own backyard,' this premier educational event offers outstanding and timely education to all geriatrics health care professionals. The conference is designed by the PAGS-WD planning committee, a dedicated and tireless group of your colleagues, including those from the community, academic, and payor sectors.

- **Controversies in Geriatric Medicine -** In its fourth year, the program continues to attract a large audience. What sets this case-based presentation apart from other programs is the focus on audience participation through interactive discussion between panelists and audience members.

- **Geriatrics Teacher of the Year Award –** Initiated in 2016, this award recognizes outstanding teachers for their dedication and commitment to geriatric education. The next call for nominations will begin October 1, with the awards presentation to take place during the dinner symposium at the 2019 Clinical Update.

- **David C. Martin Award -** Named after Pittsburgh's first full-time geriatrician, this award provides financial support for medical students and other trainees who have had their scholarly work accepted for presentation at the national meeting of the American Geriatrics Society. A student may receive up to \$1,500 for travel, registration, and hotel costs. Since



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its inception, the society has granted more than \$81,000 to awardees.

- Resident and fellow interest remains strong, with recruitment of 11 new resident and fellow members this year. This brings the total number of resident and fellow members to 34. The society waives membership dues for the length of training for this select group. We hope this initiative will be a pipeline to bring young physicians into our organization.

You are an integral part of the Society and your commitment, by renewing membership, is a testament to our efforts and mission: to educate, communicate, and engage health care professionals in the provision of quality health care for all older persons.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you on November 1st.

Fred Rubin, MD

Membership dues have not increased in over 5 years!
Our award-winning programs are offered at a discount to members (and in many cases, complimentary)! Your dues are instrumental in supporting our educational offerings. Renew today at www.pagswd.org!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2019 Slate of Candidates

Kawita Vichare, MD, chair of the Nominating Committee announces the slate of candidates for election of Officers and Board of Directors. The following individuals will be placed on the ballot, which will be mailed to the membership on November 2, 2018

President (two-year term beginning January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020)

President: **Namita Ahuja, MD**
Secretary: **Judith S. Black, MD, MHA**

Board of Directors (three-year term beginning January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021).
Kawita Vichare, MD

Recruit a Member!



The Fall Program is the perfect opportunity to strengthen our membership. Consider inviting a colleague to attend the program. The nominal guest fee includes the program registration and one-year of membership in the organization. Forward the society website www.pagswd.org for current program registration or to download the membership application.