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From the President

Jonathan Levison, MD

As the onset of summer draws near, it is once again time to renew memberships for the Society as well as to attempt to encourage new candidates to join. This year's educational program includes the 6th Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory Symposium, a Fall Dinner Meeting, as well as the Annual Spring Meeting. These meetings are subsidized using membership dues in addition to those monies granted by industry.

The importance of maintaining strong membership numbers in the State of New Jersey helps us be recognized as a unified group of Physicians with the common objective of nourishing the specialty of Vascular Surgery within the State. In addition, a strong membership assists with representation in dealing with local political issues.

Unfortunately, at the present time there are many practicing vascular surgeons in the State that either are not members of the Society, or are delinquent in paying Society dues for the 2006-2007 year. Attached with this newsletter are up-to-date lists of members in good standing and prospective members in addition to a delinquent dues list. The purposes of disseminating these lists are to cultivate as many new members as possible and to maintain a financially solvent organization. In addition, if anyone were aware of other prospective candidates for membership not on the list, it would be greatly appreciated if that information could be forwarded to the society at ppassman@blynchassociates.com.

Best wishes for a relaxing summer.

From the Capitol

Beverly J. Lynch

The Department of Banking and Insurance, in response to an overwhelming response from the physician community, has announced the **"out of network" reimbursement regulation** will not be adopted as proposed. Rather, in the upcoming months the Department will be closely reviewing the many submitted comments, and may take further action to address this issue.

A bill which would authorize certain persons to give surrogate informed consent for a family member who is not able to give that consent was approved by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

The bill, **S-1757**, entitled the "Access to Medical Research Act," would authorize adult family members or health care representatives dictated by an advance directive for health care to make certain medical decisions for an incapacitated patient in regards to medical research. The bill establishes a hierarchy for those people who can give

informed consent, depending on whether the patient is receiving non-emergency or emergency room care. The bill also provides that a family member or authorized representative must exercise substituted judgment based on the wishes and values, to the extent known, of the patient and act in the patient's best interests.

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Sixth Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory Symposium** will be held Friday, September 28, 2007 at The Parsippany Hilton. This event will be co-sponsored by VSNJ and Overlook Hospital and members will, again, be entitled to a \$50 fee reduction.

This year, a companion symposium, **Perspectives in Vascular Nursing 2007** will run concurrently at the same location. We encourage you to alert those colleagues in the nursing profession to this unique opportunity.

For more information contact VSNJ at 609-392-7553.

Coming up in 2007/2008...

Friday	September 28	Non-Invasive Vascular Conference Parsippany Hilton
Thursday 6:30 pm	November 1	Fall Dinner/Membership Meeting The Manor, West Orange

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Wednesday	March 12	Annual Scientific Meeting Location TBD
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