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# SNACC NEWS

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It is an honor to serve our society as President and I am encouraged by the degree of collegiality and energy we have within the Board of Directors and within our society. This newsletter is the first of the New Year and the first in our society's experiment of using the web site ([www.snacc.org](http://www.snacc.org)) as the source for the full document. If you have trouble accessing the full newsletter, please let me know; we hope that this will allow us to have a more in-depth coverage of society activities while sparing the rising costs of printing and mailing. Please note you can pay your annual dues on the website as well.

First, I would like to welcome your new Board members. Stella Tommasino is your new Secretary-Treasurer, Sol Soriano is taking on the newly created position of Vice President for Communications and Mary Ann Cheng, Rosemary Craen, Basil Matta, Mark Zornow and Cor Kalkman have joined as new at-large Board members. As you will see, they are all actively engaged in the many exciting things that are happening which I would like to share with you. I know they will welcome your ideas and support so please feel free to contact them.

Following in the path of Jeff Kirsch, SNACC continues to nurture our relationships with other groups of our colleagues. As has been custom, our annual meeting will have a premeeting dinner with ASCCA (their President, Neal Cohen and I will be moderating the program). We continue to share our expertise at the IARS with a panel focusing on neuroanesthesia issues (Dan Cole, our Immediate Past President is organizing and will be moderating the panel on Neuroanesthesia Update: Practical Caveats, Monday March 24, 3:00-4:30pm). Finally, Mary Sturaitus and several of our Board members are working closely with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (CNS Section on Cerebrovascular Surgery) and the American Society of Interventional and Therapeutic Neuroradiology in supporting their annual joint meeting on interventional neuroradiology in Phoenix, February 15-19.

Also following in the footsteps of Christian Werner, our society continues to work on increasing our relationships with our international colleagues. Piyush Patel, our President-elect, along with Basil Matta and Christian Werner are working with our European colleagues in planning a neuroanesthesia satellite conference in conjunction with the 2004 World Congress of Anesthesiology. Basil Matta is leading a membership drive to seek ways of reaching out to more of our US and international colleagues as well as our sister societies overseas.

We will also be continuing the efforts started by Dan Cole in expanding the participation of SNACC members in our society; I have already mentioned the new members of the expanded Board of Directors. We have chosen to emphasize the development of educational resources for our training programs in neuroanesthesiology. Sol Soriano will continue to lead this effort. Karen Domino (our Vice President for Scientific Affairs) and Sol Soriano have recently completed assembling the updated bibliography that many of you contributed to that is on the website, [www.snacc.org](http://www.snacc.org). Karen is also leading the way in conjunction with Mike Todd to develop a resource site to enhance the ability for our members to share their expertise in cooperative research projects like IHAST.

I think all of us are grateful for the hard work placed in the development of the annual meeting.

Please see the full  
newsletter on the SNACC  
website [www.snacc.org](http://www.snacc.org)

Welcome to new  
Board members

We look forward to  
seeing you at the  
IARS SNACC Panel,  
March 24, 3:00-4:30 pm,  
in New Orleans

Basil Matta is leading  
the effort to increase our  
interactions with our  
international colleagues

Please see the updated  
SNACC Bibliography  
on the website and  
contact Sol Soriano for  
helping with the  
education task force

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Detailed in the newsletter on the web site are the summaries of the pre-meeting dinner chaired by Dan Cole with Neal Cohen of ASCCA, the ASA Breakfast chaired by Monica Vavilala, and the annual meeting organized by Piyush Patel. Each did an outstanding job and we are all most appreciative of their efforts as we feasted on the fruits of their labor and the expertise shared by the many individuals who participated. The new format of "problem-based" learning about clinical challenges was well received as was the awarding of the second distinguished service award to Harvey Shapiro and the first Distinguished Teaching award to Verna Baughman.

Karen Domino also is currently organizing this year's annual meeting (to be held Friday, October 10th in San Francisco) and Basil Matta is organizing the ASA Breakfast Panel. The details of the meeting will be posted on the web site later in the year, but promise to be as exciting as in previous years. As was the case last year, abstracts for the meeting will be processed on-line at the web site and must be submitted by May 31, 2003. Also for your convenience, your annual dues can also be paid at the web site.

Many other initiates are also in motion and we'll discuss these in later newsletters. Before concluding I must express my appreciation to our many corporate sponsors whose educational grants make many of these activities possible. Finally I must also express our appreciation for the continued efforts of Ruggles Corporation, which helps provide the continuity and platform for our efforts.

San Francisco is always a popular venue for our meeting and I hope I will see you there this fall.

**Thanks to all who made last year's meeting such a success, including Monica Vavilala, Piyush Patel and Dan Cole**

**Congratulations to Harvey Shapiro, winner of the second (2002) Distinguished Service Award and to Verna Baughman, winner of the First (2002) Distinguished Teaching Award**

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**Plan now to attend SNACC's 2003 Annual Meeting, October 10, 2003 to be held in San Francisco at the Westin St. Francis Hotel. As usual, a premeeting dinner will be held in conjunction with the American Society of Critical Care Anesthesiologists. Watch the SNACC website for updates on an exciting meeting.**

**Online Abstract Submission: [www.snacc.org](http://www.snacc.org)  
Deadline for submission: May 31, 2003**

**Abstracts for the 2003 Annual Meeting will be accepted electronically through the SNACC website: [www.snacc.org](http://www.snacc.org) beginning March 1, 2003.**

Don't wait! Reserve a premier ASA hotel room at the Westin St. Francis BEFORE the ASA brochure is even mailed. Registrants who also plan to attend the ASA Annual Meeting can make ONE hotel reservation by calling the Westin St. Francis Reservations Department (415) 397-7000. Make sure to use the Group Code: SPA to qualify for a special rate.