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GREETINGS FROM DR. MICHAEL PYEVICH

I'd like to thank the IOS membership for allowing me to be their president for the 2019-2020 year. I'm quite excited about the opportunity though I know I have a difficult task ahead of me in following Craig Mahoney's stellar job last year.

Currently, Pat Buelow and I are working on the 2020 annual meeting, which will be May 1st, at the Graduate in Iowa City. This annual meeting would never get off the ground without Pat, and we all owe her a huge "thank-you" for all she does for us, and lately me in particular.

LAKE REFLECTIONS

I just returned from a fishing trip to Lake of the Woods in Minnesota with my 20-year-old son. We had a fantastic time and caught a lot of walleye, but my key takeaway from the trip was, "I can't believe my little boy is 20." I began my orthopaedic career the same month he was born, and it is hard to believe I've been in practice for two decades. I wonder how many IOS meetings I have attended since commencing my career. I don't know the exact number, but I've been to most of them over the past 20 years.

WHY COME BACK?

Some may ask "Why would an orthopaedist make the effort to participate the annual IOS meeting year after year?" Setting aside the fact that no two meetings are the same, the reasons to keep coming back are many and varied.

Many of you attend strictly for the CMEs. Others look forward to learning about what's new and cutting-edge. Several of our colleagues take



advantage of the opportunity to bounce a difficult case off of some of the best orthopaedists in the country. Some come to put a face to a name while others simply join us for the chance to see old friends and for the camaraderie. Whatever the reason, many of you make it a point to come to the IOS meeting each and every year.

Conversely, there are those surgeons that never come to the meeting and haven't even joined the IOS. I wonder, what value are they missing?

SHARED CHALLENGES. SHARED OPPORTUNITIES.

Our “regular” attendees and the “never” attendees have more in common than not. Both groups of orthopaedic surgeons are likely busy in their respective practices. Both deal with hospital administrators, taking call, and fighting insurance companies. Both types must address CMEs, MOC, and social media ratings. And both the “regulars” and the “nevers” practice in Iowa, try to recruit to Iowa, and treat our Iowan patients with cases ranging from the basic to the difficult and sometimes unusual. Other than differences in location or circumstance, what do the “regulars” and “nevers” *not* have in common? I honestly can’t think of anything.

Because of this commonality, and because of my personal experiences at the IOS annual meeting over the past 20 years, I’m confident that every orthopaedic surgeon – even those who have never yet joined our ranks – can find value in our annual meeting. I know that each attendee walks away with a pearl of knowledge which enhances their expertise, their practice, their group, or their care of patients.

“The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not followers.”

- Ralph Nader

I also know that we are all leaders in our groups and in our communities. At the annual meeting, the IOS adds to its leadership legacy by choosing new board members. This ongoing development of the IOS is very important. The IOS tirelessly advocates for all of its members on all aspects of our practices, from Washington D.C. to Des Moines to each of our individual practices. To continue this advocacy, we must continue to convert the “nevers” and show them the value of our organization.

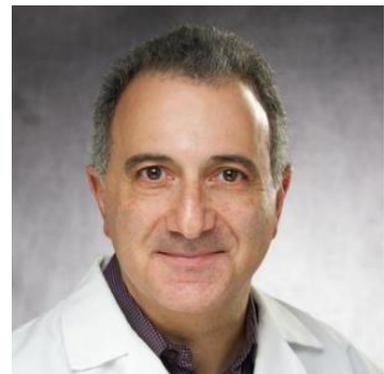
My goal this year is to increase the annual meeting attendance and the overall membership of the IOS. We also need to contribute to our PAC so we can continue our political advocacy. But I can’t do this by myself.

I would like to challenge everyone in the IOS to encourage just one of their “never” friends or partners to not only join the IOS, but also attend the annual meeting on May 1, 2020. Tell them why you attend. Invite them to see the benefits for themselves. I’m sure they will find it as valuable as I have all these years, and once they experience IOS, they will have their own reasons to return year after year.

I’ll see you (and hopefully your colleagues) in Iowa City next May!

Greetings from Washington, DC and the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference

The University of Iowa was recognized as one of eight programs around the country to have 100 percent PAC participation among the residents for 2018. It would be great to continue that trend for 2019. Sadly, the rest of the state is lagging behind the fine example set by the residents. Participation among the practicing surgeons for Iowa is at an all-time low of around 20 percent. This year we will donate fairly equally to Republicans and Democrats.



Cassim M. Igram, M.D.

In June, the PAC, myself included, presented money in support to several members of the Women's Democratic Congressional Caucus.

Donating is easy. Text AAOS to 41444 and follow the instructions.

Just so you know, Iowa is losing badly to Puerto Rico (in spite of the hurricane), and Delaware. Every dollar counts for participation, even donations of \$10. Congratulations to Molly Day, Brandon Wilkinson, and Jessell Owens for joining the PAC at the Resident Capital Club level. They are most definitely leading by example.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The IOS Spring Meeting will be Friday, May 1, 2020 at The Graduate located in Iowa City, IA.

Come early and connect with your colleagues.

We are currently planning a casual gathering the night before our Spring Meeting. Plan on catching up with classmates, old friends and new IOS members with drinks and appetizers at a to-be-announced location on the Pedestrian Mall from 6:30 to 8:30 Thursday night.

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The mission of the Iowa Orthopaedic Society is to enhance members' ability to provide the highest quality musculoskeletal care possible, by providing programs in continuing medical education, training in practice management, leadership in socio-economic affairs and opportunities to build collegiality.

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