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Dear SSCI Members,

REMINDER
Membership Nomination Deadline – November 30
See website for details – www.ssciweb.org

It is startling to me to realize that I am almost halfway through my year as SSCI President. I continue to be impressed by the dynamism and commitment of our membership. This letter accompanies the SSCI Newsletter and the Call for Abstracts. Please give your attention to both.

Although the annual meeting is not the only thing the SSCI does, it is the most visible event of our year and is also the main forum in which the activities of the SSCI in fostering the careers of the physician scholar at all levels come to fruition. The SSCI leadership, in association with our partners in S-AFMR, SSGIM, APA, SSPR, and our newest partner, ASN (American Association of Nutrition), has been planning since the end of the last annual meeting (literally – we met at 4PM on the Saturday right after the last oral session) and met again in Atlanta last month to review progress and to begin the final stages of preparation. Please look over the Call for Abstracts. Do you or your trainees have something you would like to present at the meeting? Think about it. It is a dynamic venue, particularly for those early in their careers. We will again have the Nephrology Young Investigators’ Forum and the Osteoporosis & Bone Health Young Investigators’ Forum on Wednesday, February 20. **The abstract deadline for each of these programs is October 12.**

The Newsletter will keep you up-to-date in general, but let me call your attention to the invitation to participate in the SSCI’s standing committees. The future of SSCI can only be enriched by broader membership participation. Read the invitation, and if you are interested, let us hear from you.

The membership nomination deadline is November 30. Information regarding the membership nomination process can be found on our website – www.ssciweb.org. I encourage you to nominate members of your faculty who have achieved success in their area of academic medicine for membership in our organization. Surely we all have deserving colleagues we can nominate. A thriving membership with the constant addition of new members is the only way to sustain our growth and to continue to achieve success in our mission.

The annual meeting will be in New Orleans on February 21-23; I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Means, Jr., MD, President
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