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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am writing with an update on Southern Society for Clinical Investigation (SSCI) activities in an effort to keep you all up to date with activities.

We have been carefully monitoring the current coronavirus situation, and after careful consideration, the Council has decided to cancel the face to face SRM 2021 meeting. However, we are committed to continuing to serve our members, and thus, we very much want to have a meeting. Therefore, we in the planning process for a virtual meeting. Although the pandemic has certainly thrown us a curve, I believe that there is a silver lining as far as the meeting is concerned because I firmly believe that we will be able to develop some very creative and valuable programming for February. **Further, we will definitely have abstract presentations and trainee awards** so that we can recognize our students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty. So, stay tuned and **be on the lookout for a call for abstracts soon!**

We will also plan to present most of the typical SSCI awards this year. Our award ceremony will take the form of a virtual platform, but rest assured that we will continue our awards. We will retain our usual robust selection process, and I look forward to all of your input.

Finally, I wanted to remind everyone of our goal towards enhancing our membership. There has never been a better time to join – so please be on the lookout for colleagues who would like to participate. Remember, we have now created three membership categories – Member, Fellow and Emeritus - that will hopefully encourage greater participation across the breadth of individuals in our Departments. I continue to be especially enthusiastic about our most junior members, and their engagement in the organization.

We have several important deadlines approaching. Please review these carefully and more importantly submit your nominations and abstracts.

Fellow Nomination Deadline – August 15 - <https://www.ssciweb.org/membership.php>

Research Scholar Award Deadline – September 1 - <https://www.ssciweb.org/ssci-research-scholar-award.php>

SRM Abstract Submission Deadline – October 9 - <https://www.ssciweb.org/southern-regional-meeting.php>

Mentor of the Year Awards in Student, Post-Graduate, and Junior Faculty Categories Deadline – October 31 - <https://www.ssciweb.org/mentor-of-the-year.php>

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at rokey@muscd.edu or call me at 843-792-2914 with any ideas about the meeting or the virtual world.

Please stay safe and be well,

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