EDITORIAL

Letter From the Chair

Dear Fellows of the College,

I am saddened as I write my last letter to you as the chair. My second term as the chair now has come to an end. I have to say that it has been a great humbling experience to have served this growing professional organization. Allow me to mention some of the major accomplishments during the past 2 years. Our regional directors program continues to grow, and now we have representatives nationwide who meet on a regular basis to offer educational programs with CME and CEU credits. We are celebrating the 1-year anniversary of our professional journal, which is being considered for indexing. We will continue to work hard to make our journal the ultimate journal on wound care. I would like to thank Elsevier for its support in this process. The application for the college approval for Wound Centers of Excellence is now available on line. The education committee has offered the Back to Basics course and now is preparing a more advanced course for wound care providers who have been in practice for a number of years and need

a refresher course. The same course may be used by candidates as a preparation course for the examination for physicians recently offered by the American Academy of Wound Management for the examination.

Of course I will remain on the board of directors as immediate past chair and will continue to serve on the board and as the chair of the membership committee to help grow our organization. Our hope is to be able to independently have our own annual membership meeting. Your help and continued support are needed to achieve our goals.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the board of directors for their contributions and hard work. Also many thanks go to our executive and membership directors, Chris Murphy and David Abts, for their administrative support.

Again, I am humbled and honored to have served as your chair for 2 consecutive terms. I would like to wish you happy holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year in 2010.

Sincerely,

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