

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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This year, CSM was better than ever and Marie Hoeger Bement outdid herself with this year's programming. Chronic Pain Assessment and Management was a huge success with Maureen Simmonds, Nancy Rich, and Carolyn McManus presenting. Carolyn's wholistic approach to Pain Management got rave reviews! She has indicated that she may be able to get John Kabot Zinn in 2 years to address our group which would be awesome. We will look to share him with other groups who are interested in his world changing approaches to Pain Management.

Our reception following our Business Meeting was a huge success thanks to a generous company donation. We had almost 30 people in attendance. It was a great time to network and get to know all of our SIG members. Make plans for attending next year's reception. We also had about three times as many people attend our business meeting. It is early yet but our Nominations Chair, Tom Watson is receiving nominations for this year's election of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A huge thanks to those who have worked so diligently during this term.

In this issue you will read a synopsis of Carolyn's wonderful presentation at CSM which should be very helpful to all of us dealing with Pain Management.

On the scientific front, researchers have discovered Runx1 which is a group of proteins which transmit pain and perception of movement to the spinal cord. In lab animals those that are deficient in Runx1 showed a decreased response to pain stimuli! This work can have future wide implications on how we address the chronic pain patient. Further information can be found in the journal, *Neuron*.