

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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This will be my last message to all who have supported the Pain SIG for the last 6 years. I exit knowing that our new slate of officers will continue to forge ahead in the area of Pain Management and take us to new and significant heights in relation to clinically being able to address pain through the complexities of physical therapy. There are many new advances that assist the therapist in addressing the complex and often lonely field of Pain Management. The various nuances challenge us to reach for new and uncharted waters in the area of ways to address the pain patient. We must look toward the future with a firm grip on the past so that we can keep a steady course in our advancement.

I wish to give thanks to the staff and the Board at the Orthopaedic Section as well as the editorial staff for all of their hard work in support of our SIG over the years. Without their help, we couldn't have been where we are today. Also, I give my profound thanks to all who served with me through both terms and helped make this group what it is today. I leave knowing that we are striving toward great heights in what we can do to modulate pain and return our clients to function. We have come a long way but also we have so far to go. It is incumbent upon us to continue to work in a multidisciplinary field to provide the greatest support that we can to individuals suffering from chronic pain.

Most importantly, I want to thank each member for all your support and encouragement over the years. I would challenge each of you to reach to new heights in your quest to become all that you can be for your patient and yourself. It is that striving courage to seek new challenges that makes us all the very best that we can be. And finally I wish to close with these words...

*"Someday after man has mastered the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity...we shall harness all the energies of LOVE, and then for the second time in the history of the world man will have discovered FIRE!" Teilhard de Chardin*