

Raymond W. Liu, MD, Addresses LLRS Members at the Society's Annual Meeting

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is an abbreviated version of the speech Raymond Liu, MD, FAAOS, president of the Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society, presented at the society's annual meeting on July 17, 2021, in New York, N.Y.

► I am truly honored and humbled to serve as the incoming president of the Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society (LLRS). This society has been so special to me throughout my career, providing a forum unlike any other to learn about and improve the care of patients with limb deformity. To be able to serve for the next year with the support of First Vice President L.



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Reid Nichols, MD, and Second Vice President Stephen Quinnan, MD, FAAOS, is an incredible privilege.

I first would like to thank our outgoing president, Austin Fragomen, MD, FAAOS, for his amazing and extended service over the past two years. During this time, Austin negotiated terms to support both the *Journal of Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction* and *Strategies in Trauma and Limb Reconstruction*, the two limb-deformity journals; worked with our colleagues in the Board of Specialty Societies and the American Academy of Orthopaedic

Surgeons to improve educational opportunities for limb deformity; carried our society through a successful 2020 virtual meeting; helped initiate the LLRS Podcast; and helped establish our new resident teaching course, Essentials of Lower Extremity Reconstruction, run by Education Chair David Podeszwa, MD, FAAOS. Any of these accomplishments alone would solidify a productive presidency; the fact that Austin completed them all is a testimony to his passion and dedication to our society.

I would also like to thank Executive Director Karen Syzdek for doing an amazing job holding our society together through multiple obstacles and ongoing changes. The thought of doing my job this coming year without Karen's support is daunting.

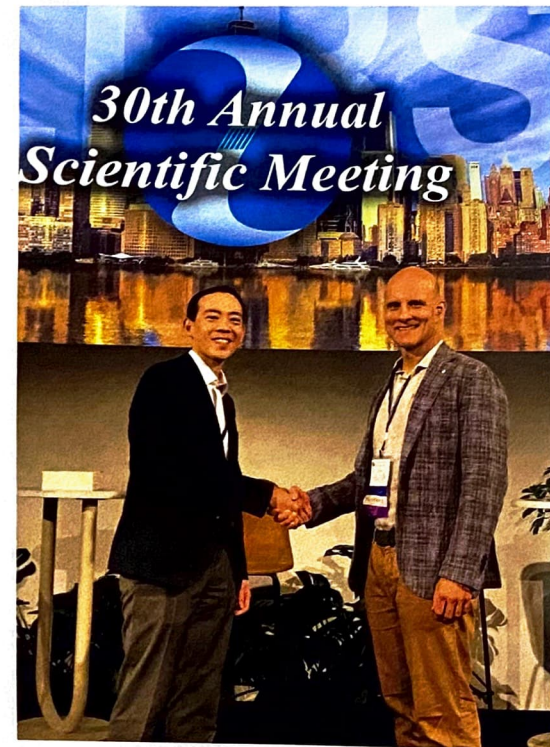
In the coming year, our goal is to build upon our partnership with AAOS. We hope to expand the number of co-branded Instructional Course Lectures at the AAOS Annual Meeting, increase our contributions to teaching tools such as the Orthopaedic In-training Exam, and help represent the field of limb deformity in key committees.

Surgeon education remains a key focal point for the society. I will work with our Specialty Training Committee Chair Jaclyn Hill, MD, FAAOS, on incorporating two positions for surgeons from low- or middle-income countries into our competitive Traveling Fellowship, with the support and

partnership of SIGN Fracture Care International. We will continue our quarterly Zoom conferences with our LLRS-Nigeria colleagues and work toward establishing an equipment donation program. We will also work on the development of a mentorship program, with the goal of helping our own surgeons through the difficult learning curve of limb-deformity care.

Our website is our connection to the world and is being redesigned by Board members Jill Flanagan, MD, FAAOS, and Jessica Rivera, MD, PhD, FAAOS. The goals of the new website include providing patient-focused information about rare conditions, connecting limb-deformity researchers for collaborative projects, and keeping our members engaged and connected to the society.

Once again, I want to thank LLRS members for their dedication and the outstanding care they provide for limb-deformity patients throughout the world. I wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them throughout the year and at our next annual meeting in Portland, Ore.



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