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Greetings JCSMS members!

This is around the time we would typically be meeting in some city, doing fun things, discussing the latest in sports medicine and finding collaborative partners for our various projects. Unfortunately, a pandemic sort of messed things up and the board felt we had to make the decision to postpone our in-person meeting for this year. We also felt that trying to do our type of meeting online would just not work very well, so we are saving up for next year. As vaccines continue to roll out, and we develop at least some herd immunity, hopefully we will be back in person next February, tentatively scheduled for 2/2/22-2/5/22 in Louisville.

Even though we are not meeting in person, that does not mean collaborations have to be put on hold. Many of you have been collaborating on a number of different projects and I applaud all of you for your efforts. It can be pretty amazing what all can be done when a group of talented and motivated people come together for a common cause. Whether it is a new position statement or other projects, please do not forget to take advantage of the JCSMS website. We can (and have) posted position statements, educational opportunity announcements or other items of mutual interest. We are here for you!

As we move into this next year, the board has still been active, and I wanted to update you on what we have been doing. First, Jon Metzler has agreed to become our newest board member as Ted Forcum will be rotating off. However, Ted will remain on the board, taking a leadership role as the director of sponsorship. We would not be able to do many of the things we do without kind and generous sponsors. So, if any of you have any ideas, or potential sponsors, please get in touch with Ted! While we did not have a meeting this year, and did not need sponsors, now is the time to start working towards our next meeting.

Another change we have made has to do with membership. Since we have become a truly diverse group, we have decided to have two categories of members. One is clinical, the other is educational/collaborative. The latter category is for those organizations who do not necessarily provide direct sports medicine services, but have some other involvement with sports medicine, health, or policy. This will allow some of our organizations who have been stuck in the observer category, to become a regular member. The observer category was always meant to be temporary, no more than 2 years for a mutual evaluation period.

On behalf of the JCSMS board of directors, stay safe and healthy. There is finally a glimmer of light at the end of an exceptionally long tunnel. And as always, let us know how we can help coordinate any of your collaborative needs.

Bill Feldner, JCSMS Chair