

*Mission: The SSH will lead in facilitating excellence in (multi-specialty) health care education, practice, and research through simulation modalities*

## President's Message

As the new President of the SSH, I am looking forward to an exciting year for the field of simulation and the Society. I was able to meet many new members and converse with colleagues at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual



Lisa Sinz, Barry Issenberg, Marcus Rall

International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) in San Diego. What a tremendous event! We had a record-breaking year with over 1500 attendees.

At the time of the IMSH, we were able to show our gratitude and appreciation for the Society's first Executive Director, Beverlee Anderson, who has decided to retire. Beverlee's vision and promotion of simulation helped the Society achieve significant milestones. Beverlee was recognized for her efforts at the Board of Directors meeting as well as the membership business meeting in San Diego. It was with great honor that the Board of Directors announced the establishment of the **Beverlee Anderson Education Endowment**. Beverlee will be working with the Society's leadership to develop the criteria for the endowment. We are pleased that Beverlee will be staying on during the first half of 2008 to help facilitate the transition of operations to the new Executive Director and new Executive Office in Minnesota. Beverlee will also continue in her role as our journal's Managing Editor.



A national search was conducted for a new Executive Director to help lead the organization. The Board of Directors is pleased that Mari Mellick has joined the Society as of January 1. Many of you may have met Mari in San Diego at the time of the IMSH. Mari brings nearly 15 years of medical society association management experience. Please help us welcome Mari and feel free to contact her at [mmellick@ssih.org](mailto:mmellick@ssih.org).

There are tremendous opportunities for all of us to join efforts this year. As members of the Society, you are the foundation for our continued growth and development. Your involvement is crucial to the future directions of the Society. Information is posted on the website which includes opportunities for you to provide comments or become involved with the following initiatives:

- Strategic Planning
- Accreditation Guidelines for Simulation Centers
- Simulation legislation pending before Congress: HR 4321

The new Board of Directors and Committees (listed on the website) will be striving to move the Society forward in the coming months. When you receive a call to help, we hope you will respond positively.



*William F. Dunn, MD*  
President

## Is your Sim Center in our directory?

Members may list their Simulation Center and information about their programs and services by completing the Simulation Center Directory submission form under Member Services on the website. When completed, your listing will appear in the directory available to the public under Resources Section on the website.

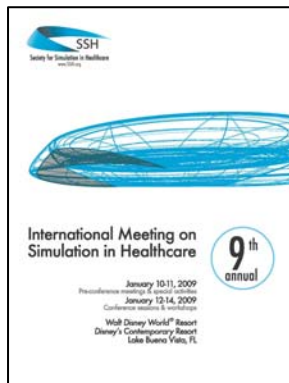
## News and Recognitions

- Dan Raemer was recognized for his contributions to the Society since its inception



Dan Raemer, Lisa Sinz

- Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS), in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons (ACS), has developed a database aimed at increasing collaboration among product developers, medical professionals and researchers as well as general awareness of the emerging field of medical modeling and simulation (MMS). The database, publicly available at [www.medicalmodsim.com](http://www.medicalmodsim.com),
- Thanks to Bosseau Murray, Penn State Hershey, who represented SSH at the recent METI conference in Florida.



### 2009 IMSH Planning

Planning is well under way for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare with Elizabeth Hunt and Tomo Sawa at the helm. The evaluations from the 2008 conference were very detailed and numerous changes in content have been recommended by the Education Committee which

provides oversight of this important activity. The calls for abstracts and workshops will be on-line June 1 and have early deadlines so that the committees have adequate time to review and make selections for the 2009 conference.

### Simulation Center Accreditation

The Sim Center Accreditation Presentation from the 2008 IMSH by Lisa Sinz is available on-line under News. Learn more about the development of standards for simulation centers. DRAFT standards will be posted for comment later this Spring.

### Society Membership Growing

The SSH membership has topped 2000; representing a considerable growth since our inception in 2004. The Membership Committee is designing a comprehensive survey so that the Board of Directors can have membership input into the developing strategic plan for the Society. When you get an e-mail requesting you complete the survey, we hope you will do so.

New Centers or organizations can also purchase membership codes for discounted membership for new members. There is a 20 code minimum purchase.

The Society offers joint membership discounts with our affiliated groups which include:

- Australian Society for Simulation in Healthcare
- Society in Europe for Simulation in Medicine
- Association of Standardized Patient Educators

SSH members wishing to become members of these groups or who are members of these organizations and wish to join SSH should contact [memberservices@ssih.org](mailto:memberservices@ssih.org) for details.

### Promoting your Center's Activities

Any member may post an upcoming conference or course or program on our website. The link to the on-line form is available on the member services page after you log-in.

Great ideas – and answers – come from the listserv. If you're not already a subscriber, login and do so today.



If you have news you wish to include in this newsletter, please send a note to member services.

### Job Postings

If you have a job opening, you may post it on the listserv, take an ad in the Journal or use the on-line Career Center (resources.) There is a list of samples and templates for Simulation Center Director/Manager, Coordinators and Technicians generated by the Sim Ops Roundtable sessions at the Annual Meeting. The samples are available to members only after they login and are located in the Document Resource Library (DRL).

*This newsletter is published for the benefit of the members of the Society.*

*Please feel free to print and distribute to your colleagues and encourage them to join the Society.*

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