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Dear Colleagues:

As you may know, Alan T. Hirsch, MD completes his term as the first Chair of the Peripheral Arterial Disease (P.A.D.) Coalition this September. Alan's strategic vision and commitment to excellence have enabled our Coalition to grow in scope of activities and reach. Started as a core group of 15 organizations in 2004, the P.A.D. Coalition now is comprised of 71 member organizations that collectively represent more than 1 million health care professionals. During Alan's tenure, the Coalition has made great strides. We have:

- Developed and disseminated a variety of new resources to help translate the intersocietal ***Guidelines for the Management of PAD*** into clinical practice;
- Launched the nationwide public awareness campaign – ***Stay in Circulation: Take Steps to Learn about PAD*** – with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute;
- Launched a new membership program targeted to medical practices, hospitals, health plans and health systems; and
- Initiated advocacy activities to improve access to evidence-based P.A.D. diagnostic and treatment strategies.

While Alan will continue to remain involved with the Coalition, we thank him for his tireless leadership and extraordinary dedication to our mission.

According to our Rules of Governance, our Vice-Chair for the last three years – Marge Lovell, RN – will assume the Chair position this September. Like Alan, Marge's dedication to improving the lives of all people with P.A.D. is unmatched. Marge has worked closely with Alan and our Steering Committee over the last three years, and we anticipate her transition to the Chair position will be seamless.

Due to this transition in leadership, the Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the P.A.D. Coalition's Vice-Chair position as well as for all of the Coalition's Standing Committees. Below is further information about these positions.

Vice-Chair, P.A.D. Coalition (3 year term)

Key duties of the Vice-Chair of the PAD Coalition include:

- Serves as Vice-Chair of the Coordinating Committee, the strategic planning body of the Coalition.
- Serves as Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee, which is empowered by the Coordinating Committee to oversee all activities and ensure adherence to the Coalition's mission and goals.
- Calls meetings of the Steering Committee and carries out all other duties as may be required by the Coalition's Rules of Governance and/or assigned by the Steering Committee.
- Along with the Chair, co-leads monthly one-hour Steering Committee conference calls, the Coalition's September Annual Meeting, and other activities as appropriate.
- Maintains close communications with Coalition staff to supervise all Coalition activities.
- Helps represent the Coalition on the Board of Directors of the Vascular Disease Foundation (VDF), our parent organization. While the Coalition's Chair serves on the VDF Board of Directors and participates in its monthly conference calls and two face-to-face meetings per year, the Vice-Chair may be asked to participate in select calls/meetings.

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Requirements:

Candidates for Vice-Chair must be currently serving on the Coalition's Coordinating Committee. Candidates must display a strong commitment to the Coalition's mission and goals and be willing to devote time and energy to strategically lead the Coalition.

Standing Committees

We continue to seek volunteers to serve on the P.A.D. Coalition's Science, Membership, Communications, Education and Advocacy committees. The attached Rules of Governance reviews committee charges, and all member organizations may nominate individuals to serve on these committees. Each committee holds approximately 6-8 conference calls a year to coordinate activities.

Please use the attached form to nominate individuals to serve on the Coalition's committees.

Please submit all nominations to Gwen Twillman (gtwillman@padcoalition.org; fax: 303.989.0200) by **Friday, August 1**. The election for the Steering Committee position will be held at the Coalition's Annual Meeting on September 8, 2008, Washington, DC.

If you have any questions, please contact Gwen or me. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Emile Mohler, MD, Chair
Nominating Committee
P.A.D. Coalition