

Dear SAVIR Members:

We have made important strides this past year and we need our members now more than ever. As you know, our accomplishments would not be possible without the committed participation of our members and we look forward to again working with you all this upcoming year. The following update includes requests for involvement by our members and some recent accomplishments. Best wishes for a happy and dynamic new year!

GET INVOLVED ...

- **SAVIR needs input from our members, and one of the best ways is to join a committee** – Visit the [SAVIR Committee list](#) to see what they do and contact the [Chair of the SAVIR Committee](#) you want to join. In addition, please email Charlie Branas at cbranas@upenn.edu if you are interested in joining the new SAVIR Sustainability Committee that is now forming.
- **Help SAVIR Recruit New Members** – Please forward one or two injury researchers who are not yet members to the [SAVIR New Members site](#). Please also identify an Injury Research Center that is not yet a SAVIR member and ask their Director to consider joining by visiting the [SAVIR New Center Members site](#).
- **Provide feedback on the new SAVIR website** – Please visit the new SAVIR website at www.savirweb.org and feel free to comment or make recommendations for improvements to Julie Gibbs-Long at admin@savirweb.org.

Board Meeting and New Strategic Plan

This past November the SAVIR Board held its annual face-to-face meeting in Washington, DC. A vote for a SAVIR Bylaws change at this meeting reduced the President's tenure from two years to one year. The Board then also voted to immediately instate Charlie Branas as the new current SAVIR President, Hank Weiss as the immediate Past-President, and Corrie Peek-Asa as the new SAVIR President-Elect. Many congratulations to Corrie who was unanimously and enthusiastically voted into her new position. In addition, Steve Hargarten stepped down as immediate Past-President of SAVIR after six immensely productive years leading, and in fact founding, the society. We will always be in his debt.

The Board meeting then proceeded with a nearly all-day session led by a professional strategic planner. Outstanding discussion was had and three key strategic goals were agreed upon for the next two years: (1) enhancing the funding and sustainability of SAVIR, (2) developing SAVIR products and services for injury researchers at all stages of their careers, with a priority on young scientists, and (3) recruiting new SAVIR members and more actively involving existing members. Each key strategic goal was assigned tasks with deadlines, projected costs, and responsible committees, councils, and/or individual members.

Membership Drive for Individuals and Centers With the resounding success of last year's conference in Columbus, Ohio, our popularity and membership have grown and we are eager to have this continue. We are setting goals of building the society to several hundred individual members and dozens of center members by year's end.

Please encourage researchers and Injury Centers who are not yet members to join SAVIR. We are particularly interested in having young scientists and new Injury Centers join us. We all have

a great deal to benefit from an ever-expanding violence and injury research network. *Your membership renewal information will be sent on January 14th.*

New SAVIR Website, www.savirweb.org

As part of last year's discussions and the new strategic plan, a much improved SAVIR website has just been launched at www.savirweb.org. Many thanks to Hank Weiss and Anara Guard for their tireless work bringing the new website together. With the launching of SAVIR's new website, we are taking a giant step forward in the short life of our unique organization of injury and violence researchers and research centers. While most visitors will see the top-end content set in a pleasant and dynamic set of web pages, there is a lot more going on beneath the surface.

As a member, you can log-in to gain access to [MySAVIR](#) which contains the member's only components of the website and your personal preferences. In order to do this the first time, you will need to use the email address that you gave us in your application (which is the email address that you are received this notice). Go to [MySAVIR](#) or SAVIR's home page, www.savirweb.org, and type in that email address; your temporary password is "injury". Once you are in, you have the option of changing your password.

Now that you are able to gain access to the [My SAVIR](#) member dashboard, you will be able to access and update your personal information and preferences. It will be up to you to keep your information current. Other website features include:

- Did you miss the SAVIR Columbus Research Conference? Catch up on selected recorded keynote presentations on the [Research Conferences](#) page.
- Would you like to donate to SAVIR? It's easy. Just go to the [Donation page](#) and fill in your credit card information.
- Want to help SAVIR indirectly through your Amazon purchases? Check out the [SAVIR Amazon Store](#). Buy any item at regular Amazon prices through this link and 4% of the purchase cost is donated to SAVIR.
- Want to see course syllabi from around the country? Go the [Syllabi page](#) (after you log in).
- Want to learn more about SAVIR committees? Learn what they do on the [Committees](#) page.

Yours Truly,
Charlie Branas, PhD – President

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