Summary of the 57th Annual Meeting of the MWSPR in Chicago

As the, now, Past-President of the Midwest Society for Pediatric Research, I want to thank all who attended and presented at our 57th Annual Meeting in Chicago. Our attendance was excellent, higher than expected, and the science of the Plenary lectures and abstracts were phenomenal. A broad variety of topics were covered during the plenary session. Sessions started off Thursday morning with several interesting presentations on investigations into neonatal diseases and we ended our session on Friday with an exciting Award Luncheon sponsored by Abbott Nutrition. Throughout the meeting we were privileged to hear from many guest speakers including Dr. Susan Quaggin of Northwestern University, our Founder Award recipient Dr. Francis Sessions Cole of Washington University, Dr. Thomas Shanley of Lurie Children’s Hospital, and Dr. Frank Greer of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

I especially would like to thank those that helped with planning the meeting, as well as thank our sponsors. Aaron Hamvas, Nancy Morales, and Stephanie Pelligra from Northwestern were wonderfully resourceful as on site organizers. Pam Kling, our Secretary-Treasurer, did a spectacular job of keeping all the financial and organizational details flowing appropriately. Lori Ennis from Med-Pub handled abstract submission and meeting registration. Our wonderful sponsors included Abbott Nutrition, Mead Johnson Nutrition, University of Minnesota Department of Pediatrics, Lurie Children’s Hospital, the Cleveland Clinic, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

I look forward to seeing you all next year in Chicago to continue the wonderful research and presentations from our members and students.

Heather Bartlett, MD
University of Wisconsin- Madison
MWSPR Metcoff & Kenny Awardees Accepted at PAS

Awardees of the Jack Metcoff & Frederick M. Kenny Awards at MWSPR to have Abstract Accepted & Registration Fees Waived to the 2017 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in San Francisco, CA: The parent society, the Society for Pediatric Research (SPR), will waive registration fees to the 2017 PAS for the MWSPR best resident/fellow presentations. The Metcoff Awardee is Kyle Sabey. The Kenny Awardee is Rakhee Bowker. Both have submitted their abstracts to the PAS by the deadline! Congratulations to them on their award and the opportunity to present their data to the rest of the SPR.

All MWSPR Awardees

Career Contributions Founders Award

F. Sessions Cole, MD, from Washington University, sponsored by Mead Johnson Nutrition. The Founder’s Award, initiated in 1986, is awarded to a senior investigator and member for fostering advanced in pediatric research, contributing to research and to the development of careers of academic pediatric researchers in the Midwest. It is the highest award given by the MWSPR. It serves to purpose of being both a thank you by the Society and in a way, a lifetime achievement award.

James Sutherland Award for Junior faculty, sponsored by Mead Johnson Nutrition

David McCulley, MD from the University of Wisconsin. The Award is presented for the outstanding presentation by a junior faculty member (≤5 years on faculty). It is named after the neonatologist from the University of Cincinnati, who was instrumental in establishing their NICU. Dr. Sutherland was a renowned teacher, clinical investigator, and role model for trainees who was active in the MWSPR.

Frederick M. Kenny Memorial Fellow or Resident Award, sponsored by Abbott Nutrition

Rakhee Bowker, MD, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine. The Frederick M. Kenny Award is given for the outstanding abstract presentation by a fellow or resident at the MWSPR Annual Meeting. It is named after Dr. Kenny a Pediatric Endocrinologist at the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. He established the Pediatric Endocrine Clinic and Endocrinology Fellowship and developed Pediatric Endocrinology and in laboratory research. His work was focused on the adrenal function, endocrinopathies, and his work led to the description of the course of endocrine diseases.
Mission of the MWSPR:

The MWSPR has experienced many exciting changes in Academic Medicine in general, advances in Pediatric medical care and research, funding climates and changes in methods of scientific communication, with online research data at your fingertips.
2016 New Members

Please welcome our newest members!

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**Call for New Members & Member Categories**

We accept new members September 15 each year. If SPR/APS members, accepted year round. Bylaws now include several new membership levels in an attempt to be more inclusive and to broaden our membership base: **Full Membership**: Faculty positions with established independent research. **Affiliate Membership**: This membership level is designed for those with postgraduate degrees (Masters, PhD, etc.) who are actively involved in research and who meet criteria for full membership, but who are not faculty members. **Provisional Membership**: This membership, limited to a two-year period, is offered to those who are actively involved in research, but who do not yet meet all criteria for full membership. Form is on Website & page 6: [www.aps-spr.org/regional_societies/mwspr](http://www.aps-spr.org/regional_societies/mwspr).
Interested New Members

New members who are already members of the SPR can join MWSPR year-round. We are now receiving new member nominations that will be evaluated at the 2017 Meeting in Chicago October 12th & 13th.

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As noted earlier, with the help of the membership and the Council we accepted 26 new members to the MWSPR; 10 of these are also members of the national SPR and/or APS. We have several more under review and will accept new members with September 15th deadline if not members of SPR or APS and if members, year round. As of this year’s meeting, we have 185 active full members, including our new members.

This year changes were made to the Bylaws to include several new membership levels in an attempt to be more inclusive and to broaden our membership base:

1) **Affiliate Membership**: This membership level is designed for those with postgraduate degrees (Masters, PhD, etc.) who are actively involved in research and who meet criteria for full membership, but who are not faculty members.

2) **Provisional Membership**: This membership, limited to a two year period, is offered to those who have applied for full membership, who are actively involved in research, but who do not yet meet all criteria.

Interested New Members

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New Junior Section for Trainees and Young Faculty

We are excited to announce that the MWSPR has a new Junior Section to include pediatric residents, fellows, and young faculty. The purpose of this section is to introduce and integrate trainees and new faculty to the MWSPR and its parent organization, SPR. There will be opportunities for mentorship, networking, and leadership to help equip members as they pursue their research interests and academic careers. Membership is free and the application form is simple. We encourage any resident, fellow, or faculty within 3 years of training in a Midwest pediatric program to apply. You will have the unique opportunity to help shape this new section, as it develops to represent your interests.

Please e-mail either Katie or Kacie (below) to get a copy of the application form which is also shown below.

Katie Satrom, MD – ksatrom@umn.edu
Junior Section President

Kacie McMahon - kacie.mcmahon@gmail.com
Junior Section President-Elect

MWSPR Member Diversity Travel Grant to 2017 PAS in San Francisco

The parent society, the Society for Pediatric Research, in its mission to support diversity in child health research in the Pediatric community, will support a travel stipend for one MWSPR member to the 2017 PAS meeting. If you submitted a 2017 PAS abstract, please send a copy of your abstract, up to 100-word paragraph explaining your support of diversity, and a biosketch or CV. Deadline is January 15, 2017. One person will be selected by the MWSPR Council by February 1, 2017. Awardees will be recognized at the SPR Presidential Awards luncheon in the 2017 Annual PAS Meeting.
**Fellow and Junior Faculty Section Membership Application Form**

**NEW REQUESTS ONLY**

Membership is open to all fellows who are currently enrolled in an established fellowship program related to pediatrics or advancing child health in an academic institution and to junior faculty in their first 3 years after fellowship. The application for membership must be signed by their Program Director or Department Chair. There is no charge for this membership category, designated as Junior SPR Members. Junior members will not have voting privileges but may serve as representatives on Council and other SPR committees, as determined appropriate by Council.

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- [ ] 5th year
- [ ] 6th year

**Fellowship Completion Date:** (Actual or Anticipated)

- [ ] Male
- [ ] Female

**Pediatric Subspecialty or Area of Interest**

**Applicant’s Signature**

**Applicant’s Professional Mailing Address**

- Department or Division
- Institution
- Street Address/Box #
- City, State/Province, Postal Code
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**Program Director (Fellows) or Department Chair (Junior Faculty)**

- Program Director/Chair’s Name (Print)
- Program Director/Chair’s Email Address
- Program Director/Chair’s Phone Number
- Program Director/Chair’s Signature

*(Preferred Method) Scan and email to the SPR Central Office at info@aps-spr.org. Make sure you receive confirmation that it has been received.*

Fax to: 281.419.0082, Mail to: SPR, Attn: Allison Calix, 3400 Research Forest Dr., #B7, The Woodlands, TX 77381
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Nomination for Membership Form

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Membership Category Requested

Full: ___________ Provisional (Junior Faculty): ___________ Affiliate (Non-Faculty): ___________

If not a member of SPR or APS, requires Nomination packet, including all of the below in a PDF document:

1. Nomination & Seconding Letters from MWPSR attesting to candidate's qualification for membership (may be scanned):
   - Nominated by (not a current council member)
   - Seconded by (not a current council member)

2. This form.
4. Provisional and Affiliate do not require, but Full Membership requires reprint(s) or preprint(s) of at least one first author publication documenting independent scientific productivity.

Entire packet must be received by September 15 yearly. If already member of SPR or APS: application for Full Member has no deadline, is received year-round, & does not require nominating or seconding letters. Attach only the nomination form and C.V.

Send application electronically as PDF by email or by mail to the Secretary-Treasurer of the MWSPR:

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