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Dear SMCAF members:

In a unanimous vote, the members present at the April 5, 2013 SMCAF Spring Council Meeting in Bethesda, MD recommended that SMCAF be disestablished. As you all know, SMCAF has faced increasing difficulties with financial and administrative support over the recent years, not to mention relevance to the Military Healthcare System (MHS). This is a recommendation not taken lightly and many options were discussed. I am personally saddened, particularly in view of the SMCAF historic legacy.

Issues leading to this recommendation include:

1. Financial challenges and increased cost of doing business
2. Dwindling membership
3. Lack of administrative support
4. Reduced interest and participation from the membership
5. Purpose and relevance to today's MHS

In short, we have decided to recommend to the membership that we honor the dignity of our early members, to realize that our purpose of consultation has been fulfilled, and to disestablish our Society in a manner worthy of its founding.

Dr. Mason Ahearn was appointed to head a Sunset Task Force to address the disestablishment of SMCAF. This task force will address the disposition of the remaining funds in the SMCAF treasury and how to wind down the Society in accordance with the By-laws. The task force also was asked to plan a SMCAF final event to take place in the Washington, DC area for April 2014. Be advised that SMCAF will NOT be conducting an annual meeting in conjunction with the AMSUS Annual Meeting scheduled for November 2013 in Seattle.

A ballot to be sent to the SMCAF membership is forthcoming.

V/R,

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