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Dear Fellow and Future CANS Members,

It was great seeing many of you at the Annual Meeting last month at the US Grant Hotel in San Diego. The meeting was a resounding success, as attendees were engaged in a free flowing dialogue that included pertinent topics such as the growing trend towards Neurosurgical subspecialization, the effects of the ACA and healthcare reform, and strategies for dealing with the opioid crisis. The resident research presentations were uniformly outstanding, and demonstrate that the future of our specialty is in great hands. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Annual Meeting that will be held at the Universal Sheraton Hotel in Los Angeles, January 18-20, 2019. This meeting promises to have another outstanding program, and will provide ample time for networking opportunities. Additionally, there are a number of family friendly activities within walking distance of the hotel including Universal Studios and the Universal CityWalk complex.

During the next year, our organization will be hard at work to represent your interest within the state of California and on the national level. Some of our most significant responsibilities include:

1. Representation in:
 - Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC)
 - California Medical Association (CMA)
 - Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (CSNS)
 - American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)
 - Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS)
 - Californians Allied for Patient Protection (CAPP)
2. Leadership Development
3. A mechanism for members' to file and act on concerns
4. Annual Meeting with CME each January
5. Monthly Newsletter
6. Website with critical links and various resources
7. Mentorship of residents in the socioeconomic aspects of Neurosurgery

Healthcare is rapidly evolving in these changing times, and the role of our organization is certain to take on even greater meaning and significance. A large, united membership is essential for us to continue to influence the direction of our specialty and the field of medicine as a whole. I therefore urge you to renew your CANS membership at your earliest convenience. Moreover, I ask that you encourage your partners and colleagues to do the same. The stronger our association, the more able we are to effectively represent the socioeconomic needs and concerns of all California Neurosurgeons.

Sincerely,

Langston Holly, M.D.
2018 CANS President