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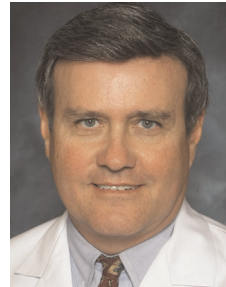
Letter from the Editor

I wish to thank the Board of Directors of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery (ASLMS) for the opportunity to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the society's official journal *Lasers in Surgery and Medicine* (LSM). I am honored to have served ASLMS in a position where so many outstanding editors preceded me and so many others will follow.

As my term as LSM Editor-in-Chief comes to a close, I would like to acknowledge LSM's Managing Editor, Beth Mallen Watson. I am greatly indebted to Beth for her long-standing contributions and support of the society and journal in addition to all of her hard work over the past 10 years on my behalf.

Finally, I wish Dr. Brian Wong every success as he assumes the office of LSM Editor-in-Chief in April 2015. Brian is an outstanding physician scientist with a well-deserved national and international reputation for distinguished scholarship and creativity in laser biomedicine. He directs a research program that is truly interdisciplinary in nature spanning the fields of biology (cell and tissue function), physics (optics), chemistry (analytical), engi-

neering (integrated systems design and fabricating), and medicine (diagnosis and therapy of disease). There are very few people who can master all of the above disciplines, and he is one of them. LSM is in excellent hands under his leadership.



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