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To: Knee Society Presidential Line

From: Mark W. Pagnano, MD

Re: W. Norman Scott, MD Nomination for Lifetime Achievement Award

Dear Colleagues,

After discussion with numerous members of The Knee Society it is my distinct pleasure to step forward at this time to nominate W. Norman Scott, MD for The Knee Society Lifetime Achievement Award. While I will relate other accolades it is appropriate to note upfront that few members of the Knee Society have had the sustained positive impact on the Society as has Norm through his vision for and execution of the Insall Traveling Fellowship program. Envisioned in the early days after John Insall's death, the Insall Traveling Fellowship was organized, fully funded, and operational within a year and the inaugural fellows tour took place in October 2002 due to the driving force of Norm Scott. At a time when small subspecialty societies have struggled for relevance the Insall Traveling Fellowship has served for the The Knee Society as a pipeline connecting and engaging rising academic knee surgeons. Currently there are 26 Active Members of The Knee Society who were former Insall Traveling Fellows including Drs. Pagnano, Backstein, Matsuda, Clarke, M. Berend, K. Berend, Barnes, Khanuja, Naudie, Springer, Hamilton, Lee, Austin, Long, Sierra, Howard, Young, Heyse, Taunton, Vigdorichik, Abdel, Jennings, Amanatullah, Sculco, Chen, and Gilliland. The Insall Traveling Fellowship continues to attract the best and brightest each year and remains a fabulous way to highlight firsthand the impact, relevance, and importance of The Knee Society to these early and mid-career surgeons!

As many of you in the Presidential Line know, Norm Scott was a founding member of The Knee Society and over the subsequent 40 years was deeply involved in the Society. In addition to being a founding member, he was an early member of the Executive Committee (1986), the Membership Committee including Chair (1987-1991), Treasurer (1991-1994), Presidential line (1994-1997), and served as President in 1996. At the AAOS he served on the Knee Reconstruction Committee & as Chair from 1985-1992, was a member of AAOS Summer Institute Committee from 1992-1997, and was Chair of AAOS Total Knee Arthroplasty Course from 1985-1992. Throughout his career Norm was dedicated to advancing the education of orthopedic surgeons and was constantly looking for ways to improve and expand education. He was amongst the first to fully harness the power of video in surgical education with high-quality, seamlessly edited, video-based talks becoming a hallmark of the Insall-Scott-Kelly Institute in the late 1990s. His founding, and personal funding, of the International Congress for Joint Reconstruction (ICJR) was timely and of immense value to many in the orthopedic knee & hip community. In the wake of the Department of Justice investigation of the orthopedic industry and the onset of the general financial collapse of 2008, there was a contraction of educational events and a sudden dearth of opportunities for younger academic surgeons to participate as faculty in CME events. ICJR stepped into that void to again provide opportunities for young, eager, enthusiastic faculty to both hone their presentation skills and to advance the collective orthopedic community's knowledge. Without ICJR-sponsored courses many of our contemporary mid-career stars in the knee and hip world would have languished without key opportunities to grow as faculty members. Today in an era when textbooks have in many ways become passe' it is illustrative to note that the 6th Edition of Insall & Scott Surgery of the Knee edited by Norm Scott continues to be one of the best-selling titles in the portfolio of the publisher Elsevier. Historically, the 1st Edition of Insall & Scott Surgery of the Knee was a landmark contribution to the orthopedic community as it was published at a defining time in the development of both knee arthroplasty and sports medicine surgical procedures and became the bible of knee surgery for practicing orthopedic surgeons. Today

in the context of consideration of Norm Scott for the Knee Society Lifetime Achievement Award one might note with interest that Elsevier has just announced plans for publication of the 7th Edition of Insall & Scott Surgery of the Knee.

Norm was a consummate knee surgeon throughout his career and he made definitive impacts in both the knee arthroplasty realm and the sports medicine realm. He was a co-author along with Drs. Insall, Ranawat, and Walker of the original 1976 Clinical Orthopaedics report of the Total Condylar Knee experience in and was the first author of the key original articles on the IB-I posterior stabilized knee design. He co-authored the Knee Society Clinical Rating System with Drs. Insall, Dorr, and Dick Scott. The 1997 JBJS paper titled Total Knee Replacement in Young, Active Patients was a landmark in expanding the indications for total knee replacement. In the sports medicine world, Norm served as professional team physician for the New York Knicks, the New York Rangers, the New York Liberty, and for the 1992 USA Olympic Basketball Team in Barcelona. His surgical care of the prominent NBA player Bernard King helped usher in the era of routine ACL reconstruction in high-level athletes with the expectation of return to play at a high level. Norm was an outstanding surgical and clinical educator and excelled in training knee Fellows. He had the perfect knack to quickly and effectively communicate the perfect boundaries for learning, conveying confidence and belief in the Fellow's ability while also making personal accountability abundantly clear. When it came to managing patients in the clinic he had a series of remarkable go-to phrases and explanations that effectively conveyed that he knew a patient's problem well and had a straightforward recommendation as a result. In my own practice today I continue to use many of these go-to phrases day in and day out as they are so helpful. Clinic time never felt hurried or rushed in any way whatsoever and yet the day moved very efficiently. Having trained at Mayo Clinic where the staff truly live out the mantra that "the needs of the patient come first" it was remarkable for me to witness the ability of Norm Scott to deliver personalized, unhurried care to his patients amidst the hustle and bustle of New York City. Norm took an active interest in the success of both his clinical fellows and the broader group of Insall Traveling Fellows and served as a career mentor and guide for so many. From amongst his clinical fellows are 6 Active Members of The Knee Society (Drs. Cushner, Pagnano, Clarke, Lajam, Lee, and Long) and from the Insall Traveling Fellows as noted previously are 26 Active Members of The Knee Society.

For you and me as past, present, and future Presidents of The Knee Society we have a unique view into both the inner workings of the society and a broader understanding of the dynamics that are needed to keep a small academic society such as ours vibrant and dynamic. Often it comes down to finding, recognizing, and empowering those unique individuals who are willing to step up and make a difference to others. Norm Scott has done that remarkably effectively for The Knee Society over a 40 year time frame by dedicating not only professional time but substantial personal, discretionary time and effort to ensure that the society that he helped found would remain not only relevant but important in the lives of academic knee surgeons today. The unifying, organizational impact of Norm Scott's vision and organizational skills are abundantly clear from 40 years ago as a founding member of The Knee Society, from 20 years ago as the founder of the Insall Traveling Fellowship with The Knee Society, from 15 years ago as a founder of ICJR, and through today where he continues to serve as a strong mentor and friend to so many of the Knee Society members.

Thank you for your consideration of W. Norman Scott, MD for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark W. Pagnano, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark W. Pagnano, MD