

Hall of fame Intro for Lorry Davis

It is my great pleasure personally and my honor professionally to introduce for induction, Lorry Davis our newly retired and beloved Executive Director for over 30 years. I know a lot of accolades have already been given but with Lorry there is always more to say about her! She has been the glue, the structure and voice of insight and direction of the Florida Society of physical medicine and rehabilitation. I know that her dedication, loyalty, and passion to perform whatever role was needed for our organization is the reason we have been able to navigate the challenges of maintaining viability in this ever changing political landscape and technological environment and to thrive. She has been our communications and logistics coordinator and her incredible skill set has led to our success.

Personally I have known Lorry for over 35 years, she came to our wedding and bat mitzvah of our daughter and we have always had a connection that was open and honest and over the years has matured. And in Lorry's words endured the post traumatic stress disorder of our lives. We could go for a couple of years without talking and our next conversation and comfort would be like we had just spoken yesterday. My heart is always warmed and comforted by Lorry's kindness, Openness, intuition, humor and wisdom.

I believe it would be unanimous that our officers agree we owe a debt of gratitude to her for who she is and her essential role in the success of their presidency and the organization.

Knowing I could not truly do justice to all she has meant to FSPMR and that-so many of our past presidents would have wanted to speak in Lorry's honor I will share some of their thoughts and tributes.

Andy Sherman said in his to the point way

Lorry was always the right hand and the left!

Oregon Hunter wrote

While I deeply regret that I cannot be with you tonight to celebrate this well-deserved honor, I wanted to share a few words about someone who has been instrumental in shaping the landscape of physiatry and pain medicine in Florida—and whose impact extends far beyond what any of us could have imagined when we first began working together.

When I first met Lorry in 1987, she was already demonstrating the exceptional skills and vision that would define her remarkable career. What began with her helping me develop the medical breakout sessions at the FWCI conference grew into something much larger—a partnership that would transform how physicians in our specialties connect, learn, and advance their practice.

Lorry didn't just coordinate events; she built bridges. Her ability to secure world-class speakers and create meaningful educational experiences helped establish both FSPMR and FSIPP as the dynamic, respected organizations they are today. Through her leadership, these societies became more than professional groups—they became communities where physicians could collaborate, and ultimately provide better care for their patients.

What strikes me most about Lorry is her vision for bringing together related medical specialties, her talent for creating educational programs that truly serve physicians' needs, and her unwavering commitment to excellence.

As she transitions from her longtime role with FSPMR to her new position as Executive Director for Grace Healthcare Services—continuing her dedication by providing free medical and free pharmacy services to the largest homeless shelter in Alachua county—we see the same values that have always guided her: compassion, excellence, and an unwavering commitment to helping others.

Lorry, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you have done to promote the development of physiatry and pain medicine in Florida. Your legacy lives on in every physician who has benefited from the programs you've built, every patient who has received better care because of the education you've facilitated, and every colleague whose career has been enriched by the professional community you've helped create.

Michael Creamer said

Lorry, Your legacy is reflected not only in the strength and growth of this organization you have guided, but also in the many individuals and families whose lives and careers have been enriched because of your unwavering dedication and example.

On a personal note, I want to recognize the profound impact you have had not only on my own journey, but also on the lives of my family. Your service to the local community—especially your dedication to the underserved—stands as a testament to your compassion and commitment to others. Also, Through your leadership with Grace Healthcare Corporation, you have touched countless lives and strengthened the foundation of care for so many who needed it most.

Bernie Batas relayed

Lorry was outstanding in her role as the executive director of our society. Her performance was extraordinary and depth of knowledge on the operation of FSPMR was impressive. My tenure as president was smooth and productive only because of her excellent organizational skills. Best wishes Lorry on your future endeavors.

Matt Imfeld said

Lorry is a great person and definitely the main reason FSPMR has run so smoothly over the years. She was always available for any questions and very helpful especially when I needed reminding that deadlines were approaching. She definitely deserves to be in the FSPMR Hall of Fame.

Oscar Depaz wrote

From the first time we met, many, many years ago...in the time of Camelot, I knew the *“Ex hippy from Ashbury”* with a master’s degree was well overqualified to be my transcriptionist. Lori, however, probably questioned how someone with a MD degree could spew such gibberish for dictation. Fortunately for me, Lorry proved to be the best

interpreter of my heavily accented gibberish and remains the best transcriptionist I have ever worked with. She always managed to capture every word accurately, even when others struggled to understand my pronoun agreements.

More importantly, it was obvious Lorry possessed untapped potential...no doubt she was acutely aware of this as well and when she was given the opportunity to work on a special project for the company with Oregon Hunter, she took off and *never* looked back. One specific project Lorry assisted with was to help organize the RMA Medical Breakout Session for the Worker's Compensation Annual meeting. As these meetings continued to grow the FSPMR Society began to participate, and Lorry was ready to spread her talents further and became the Executive Secretary of the Society.

By the time I became the sitting President, Lorry had taken the Society from a "social organization", where we met once a year to catch up and partake in an educational session to a vibrant, energetic and political organization. I believe our history will be told as before/then after Lorry Davis. She brought consistency and discipline to the organization allowing a President to discuss ideas and plans which she would implement with success. Lorry has been the common thread that has allowed all our Presidents to continue to move our society forward with distinction.

The story of our lives is written by the people who come into it, and personally, mine was enriched by having Lorry enter it and working together for years. Just as Lorry enriched my own journey, she has also profoundly shaped the FSPMR Society as the Executive Director, Lorry has become the heart and soul of our organization, allowing it to thrive—not just in spirit, but through her dedication to organizing our annual conferences and fostering member engagement, she has set a new standard for excellence within FSPMR. Our story is so much better because Lorry came into it.

Lorry, thanks for your hard work, dedication, and talent. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement.

Please rise and join me in an ovation for LORRY DAVIS a true FSPMR Hall of famer who has given greatly to our organization and to all of us who have benefited from her amazing talents, commitment and DEDICATION

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