Mobilizing health professionals on issues that represent the gravest dangers to human health.
It is no mystery that the secret to a successful organization is having a capable and competent team. In 2018, I was a first-time president, and I could not have pulled through the year without the help of veteran board members and past presidents Drs. John Rachow and Lynn Ringenberg. They were experts in knowing the history of the organization, could recite the bylaws and procedure manual from memory, and had tips from their own experiences as past PSR board presidents. But most importantly they were good-natured people who allowed me to find my own style of leadership. I owe them a world of gratitude.

2018 also saw the coming together of highly effective PSR national staff. Jeff Carter, our Executive Director, completed the filling of all key staff positions for the organization. The year was well spent on existing staff welcoming the newcomers and the new staff hitting the ground running. It is no surprise that the Visionary Leaders Awards were so successful.

PSR was indebted to bequests from generous families in 2018 as well as robust donations of new and longtime supporters. More than ever, it is clear that the important work we do is only possible thanks to the contributions of our like-minded backers. In the collective fight against human-caused global climate change, health care professionals play a vital role, just as they do when they speak out on the need for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The greatest threats to humanity are the greatest threats to public health. To continue addressing the threats of nuclear weapons and climate change, we need effective teams to advance our work. It is much to our credit that our organization achieved that in 2018.

PSR continues to fight to protect human health and survival, and our work is more critical than ever. Thank you for supporting and amplifying our voice and our work. Please visit www.psr.org to learn more.

POUNÉ SABERI, MD, MPH
For over 55 years, PSR has served as a critical health voice on the most serious threats to human health and survival. Today we have opportunity to leverage that history in support of the growing power of women, youth, and people of color to confront these dangers. We are diversifying our Board, working on establishing even stronger partnerships with other grassroots groups, and partnering with communities and organizations around the country to amplify the voices of people whose health is directly impacted by climate change and nuclear threats.

I’m convinced that in the years ahead, PSR’s success won’t be measured by the individual success of PSR members but in our collective ability to leverage that history in support of the growing power of women, youth, and people of color to confront these dangers. We are diversifying our Board, working on establishing even stronger partnerships with other grassroots groups, and partnering with communities and organizations around the country to amplify the voices of people whose health is directly impacted by climate change and nuclear threats.

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2018 may come to be seen as a landmark year in our struggle to save the planet, as the consequences of inaction started to come into focus like never before. The midterm elections increased the number of elected officials willing to acknowledge the dangers associated with climate change and commit to clean, safe renewable energy. A growing disillusionment over a foreign policy based in belligerence and bluster, rather than diplomacy and cooperation, has generated new fears among the public over nuclear weapons, and a renewed willingness by policymakers to challenge U.S. nuclear weapons policies.

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In January, PSR filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concerning its one-sided restrictions on scientists participating in EPA Science Advisory Boards.

In January, PSR’s Environment and Health program director Barb Gottlieb was the opening plenary speaker at an all-day seminar on fracked gas, pipelines and health cosponsored by Boston University School of Health, Massachusetts Medical Society, Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, Union of Concerned Scientists, Greater Boston PSR and others.

In February, PSR released “Saving Energy, Saving Lives,” a report on energy efficiency’s potential to save lives by reducing the need for dirty energy generation, part of an ongoing collaboration with the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE).

In March, PSR and Concerned Health Professionals of New York released the fifth edition of the “Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking,” which detailed how fracking imperils the health of millions of Americans. Rolling Stone called the report “the most authoritative study of its kind.” Their featured story on the publication included interviews with several PSR health professionals.

As part of the Olympic Truce Call to Action to avert a war with North Korea, San Francisco Bay Area PSR and PSR Iowa participated in Olympic Games Closing Ceremony events. PSR Los Angeles hosted a March 6 public discussion, “North Korea, Nuclear Weapons, and Prospects for Peace,” featuring Christine Ahn of Women Cross DMZ and cosponsored by 16 organizations.

PSR members in Washington, Oregon, Massachusetts and California persuaded their legislators to sign onto a March 26 letter to President Donald Trump criticizing aspects of the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review, including the enormous cost associated with the expansion of modernization efforts, the added risk of escalating nuclear conflict, the de-emphasis on diplomatic efforts, and the potential acceleration of a new arms race, among other things. The letter was circulated by Reps. Earl Blumenauer, Barbara Lee and Mike Quigley and ultimately included sign-ons from 43 U.S. representatives.

PSR carried its health messages to national conferences, ranging from the first national convention of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health in April, to an invitation-only conference on energy efficiency convened by the Energy Foundation, also in April.

In May, PSR launched a new website with enhanced features, including: an interactive chapter network map to assist in finding PSR resources across the nation; a new resource search to facilitate finding reports, articles, fact sheets, and tools; quick links to campaign updates, press releases, and action alerts; and highlights on how to get involved by taking action, participating in upcoming events, becoming a member, and supporting PSR’s work.

The Nuclear Weapons Abolition Program cosponsored a webinar on May 7 with Susi Snyder of PAX and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) called Don’t Bank on the Bomb on strategies to divest from the nuclear weapons industry.
• PSR members placed op-eds warning about nuclear weapons risks in local media outlets around the country, including The Baltimore Sun, The Boston Globe, Quartz, Medscape and The Seattle Times.

• On June 7, PSR released and delivered to about 20 Congressional offices (including leadership such as Sen. McConnell, Sen. Schumer, Rep. Ryan, Rep. Pelosi) a “Health Professional Open Letter to Congressional Leaders” on North Korea with signatures from prominent health professionals, including presidents of national physicians’ associations as well as deans and former deans of medical schools and public health schools. In the run-up to the June 12 summit with North Korea, the letter urged congressional leaders to promote diplomacy and prevent a war that could result in massive casualties.

• In the lead-up to the Helsinki summit between President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin in July, over fifteen hundred PSR members sent messages to their senators urging support for S. 3169, a bill introduced by Sens. Menendez, Warner and Reed on June 28 that would make it U.S. policy to extend the New START treaty between the U.S. and Russia for an additional five years.

• In August, PSR chapters and their partners’ successful efforts ensured passage of city council resolutions in Baltimore, MD, Los Angeles, CA, and other U.S. cities in support of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Inspired by these victories, in November, ICAN launched its new Cities Appeal, ICAN Save My City, a global campaign to persuade cities to express support for the TPNW. The California state legislature also passed a statewide resolution in late August.

• PSR launched a new initiative, the PSR Emerging Leaders Council (ELC), designed to unite students and early-career health activists in advocating for issues critical to patients and communities. The ELC is open to students, trainees, and those in their first 5 years of practice in medicine, nursing, public health and other allied professions.

• On November 8, PSR hosted the third annual Visionary Leaders Awards in Washington, D.C., honoring incredible individuals and organizations for their efforts to advance nuclear weapons abolition and curb environmental threats to health, including climate change. See p.13 for more information about this event.
PSR's Environment and Health Program amplifies the voices of health professionals and other advocates on the catastrophic consequences of climate change and other environmental damage.

In 2018, PSR successfully expanded our Climate Ambassadors program to 29 Ambassadors in 13 states, including medical students. Climate Ambassadors actively engaged on federal climate, air and clean energy issues, participating in media interviews, writing op-eds and letters to the editor, submitting comments to federal agencies, meeting with congressional offices, and speaking at events.

Their efforts, in combination with leadership from our national office, are working to advance four long-term goals:

1. Supporting state efforts to oppose fracking, fracked-gas pipelines, compressor stations and fossil fuel export facilities. We continued to mobilize health professionals in order to leverage the high level of trust and influence they have among public officials and the general public, while supporting advocacy with critical research, including the release of the fifth edition of the “Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking”.

2. Promoting investment in clean, safe renewable energy and energy efficiency. Making the health case means broader public support for a rapid energy transition. A highlight of our work on this goal in 2018 was the release in February of “Saving Energy, Saving Lives,” a report by ACEEE and PSR on the health benefits of energy efficiency.

3. Protecting federal policies and programs that safeguard clean air and our climate. In 2018, PSR worked with 19 leading health and medical organizations to oppose the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s efforts to weaken methane emission standards, and coordinated efforts by PSR members in New Mexico, Colorado and Pennsylvania to oppose a similar Bureau of Land Management initiative.

4. Engaging health professionals to speak about climate change as a health crisis. In 2018, we intensified our engagement of health professionals, who can persuade the public-at-large and U.S. decision-makers, on the urgency of acting on climate change.

Three major reports released in 2018 showed we have a very limited time to slash carbon emissions and avert catastrophic climate change. The 2018 midterms gave us renewed hope, as more elected officials are now in office who acknowledge the climate crisis and support clean, safe renewable energy sources like wind and solar.
ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH 2018:
PSR SUCCESSFULLY EXPANDS
CLIMATE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

70
Total actions taken by Climate Ambassadors in 2018 (op-eds, LTEs, speaker events, etc.)

13
Number of states where PSR has recruited Climate Ambassadors

25
Target number of Climate Ambassadors PSR looked to recruit by end of 2018

29
Total Climate Ambassadors by end of 2018
NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION 2018: ADVOCACY TRAININGS HELP PSR CHAPTERS MAKE THE HEALTH CASE

25
Trainees participated in Tampa, Florida advocacy training on October 13

21
Trainees participated in Hallowell, Maine training on November 17

24
Trainees participated in Boston, Massachusetts training on November 18

70
Total trainees who participated in 2018
NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION PROGRAM

PSR’s Nuclear Weapons Abolition Program is working to advance three long-term goals:

1. Growing the Grassroots: Increasing popular support for key policy changes that will reduce the nuclear weapons threat.

   We’re expanding our work with other justice movements—such as workers’ rights, environmental justice and voting rights. Our chapters in Washington and Oregon, for example, have shown that intersectional partnerships can connect more communities and more diverse voices to the nuclear disarmament movement, and connect it to the broader social justice movement in the U.S.

   Our traditional grassroots mobilization focused on state and local resolutions throughout 2018. Many of these resolutions incorporated one or more of five policy goals proposed by the “Back from the Brink” coalition (including the Union of Concerned Scientists, Soka Gakkai International and PSR):
   » Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
   » Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any U.S. president to launch a nuclear attack;
   » Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
   » Cancelling the plan to replace our nuclear arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
   » Pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

   Overall, PSR chapters around the country played a role in 110 resolutions in 2018, from an assortment of organizations, churches, groups, towns, and cities.

   In late 2018, PSR increased its participation in the United Against Nuclear War coalition to ensure that PSR’s work supports and strengthens the work of the major nuclear weapons grassroots organizations—and to set the stage for greater collaboration in 2019.

2. Amplifying the Health Voice: Recruiting prominent health voices to speak out on the nuclear weapons threat and the urgent need to take steps toward abolition.

   In early 2018, PSR released and delivered a letter from prominent health professionals—including national physicians’ association presidents and deans and former deans of medical schools and public health schools—urging congressional leaders to seek diplomatic solutions to the U.S./North Korea conflict.

3. Congress and Candidates: Cultivating champions in Congress for legislative initiatives that will lead to the abolition of nuclear weapons.

   In 2018, PSR held advocacy skills training workshops in Florida, Maine and Boston. Seventy trainees learned new skills and techniques for advocating to influencers like Members of Congress. The 2018 election results increased the possibility that some modest steps toward reducing the threat of nuclear weapons might advance over the next two years.
Physicians for Social Responsibility has 23 chapters around the United States:

**ARIZONA**
Tucson, AZ

**CHESAPEAKE**
Baltimore, MD

**CHICAGO**
Chicago, IL

**DC METRO**
Washington, DC

**FLORIDA**
Tampa, FL

**GREATER BOSTON**
Boston, MA

**HARRISBURG**
Harrisburg, PA

**IOWA**
Oxford, IA

**KANSAS CITY**
Kansas City, KS

**LOS ANGELES**
Los Angeles, CA

**MAINE**
Portland, ME

**NEW MEXICO**
Santa Fe, NM

**NEW YORK**
New York, NY

**OREGON**
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**WASHINGTON**
Seattle, WA

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**
Asheville, NC

PSR also has student chapters around the country.
WASHINGTON PSR
Supported a statewide ballot initiative to put a price on carbon pollution and invest in clean energy projects, gathering over 9,000 signatures to get the measure on the ballot. The largest impact on the campaign was through securing endorsements from the state’s largest medical associations.

OREGON PSR
Helped pass the Portland Clean Energy Initiative (PCEI), the nation’s first-ever clean energy fund for climate justice and first ballot initiative created/led by communities of color in Oregon history. Helped develop and lead new Power Past Fracked Gas coalition to prevent construction of fracked gas facilities in our region, including the Jordan Cove project, which would be the largest greenhouse gas emitter in Oregon, and the NWIW methanol facility in Washington, which would be the world’s largest fracked gas-to-methanol refinery.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA PSR
Hundreds of medical and health professional students, and many younger physicians were exposed to the work of PSR throughout the Bay Area, including active participation in health professional education at UCSF, exemplified by: integrating environmental health into the core curriculum for all first-year medical students; an Inquiry Immersion Course on Climate Change; accredited electives “Earth Health” and “Women’s Health, the Environment and Health Professional Activism.” Members presented nuclear and environmental work to many medical and other health professional students at Stanford, UC Davis and UC Berkeley.

LOS ANGELES PSR
Led efforts to pass a resolution in the Los Angeles City Council that urges the U.S. to embrace the U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and implement other critical nuclear security measures. Brought together a coalition of atomic bomb survivors, students, veterans, interfaith, environmental health, and social justice organizations dedicated to nuclear abolition. Their success helped inspire ICAN’s new “Cities Appeal” campaign to win support for the TPNW in cities throughout the world.

ARIZONA PSR
Actively involved in promoting the benefits of Proposition 127, a ballot measure requiring electric companies to get half of their energy from renewable sources by 2030. Commissioned to write an educational piece on this proposition in the voter guide sent out to every voter in the state.

TEXAS PSR
Toxic Free Child (TFC) Education and Training provided classes for 100 low-income Hispanic pregnant women or parents of very young children (age 0-3) in how to eliminate common household toxics and create safer, toxic free household environments.

FLORIDA PSR
As part of their Climate and Health: A Call to Action Program, developed numerous patients materials which have been translated into Spanish and Vietnamese. Materials were distributed through the Health Department, Planned Parenthood and numerous community events. An abstract, Climate and Health Call to Action: An Evaluation of a Program to Engage Health Professionals, was accepted for the ACEEE 2018 Conference on Health, Environment and Energy.

PHILADELPHIA PSR
Spearheaded an effort to integrate climate change into the medical school curriculums at Temple, Penn, Drexel and Jefferson medical schools. Medical schools were asked to develop talks on climate change and the roles that health professionals will play in educating themselves and others.

GREATER BOSTON PSR
Emerged as a leader in the fight against plans to export fracked gas via Massachusetts, in particular by opposing the Governor’s plan to build a natural gas compressor station in the densely populated coastal town of Weymouth. Their criticism of the compressor station approval process, in a formal, scientific report, received extensive news coverage, convinced a state government agency to reverse its initial findings, and has led to chapter board members being drafted to testify and for the Commissioner of Public Health to agree to meet with chapter leaders.
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