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Ex-President's Note

Dear ACLM Fellows and Members,

I wanted to give one last update regarding our wonderful and successful 60th Anniversary Annual Meeting held last weekend in Scottsdale, Arizona. Almost 150 attendees experienced the warm Arizona sunshine intermixed with a slight drizzle of rain. The presenters and lectures were stellar, and like last year's meeting in Los Angeles, we will work to place these presentations online and available to our members in the near future.

At this annual meeting, new officers were also installed on both the Executive Committee and Board of Governors. Dr. Monique Anawis is our new President of ACLM, Dr. Joe Graskemper is the President-Elect, Dr. Mary Wall is our Treasurer, and Dr. Don Havins is the new Secretary for our College. In addition, Dr. Tony Quang, Dr. Joe Piorkowski, and Mr. Robert Harrison have been elected to the Board of Governors. Furthermore, proposed ACLM bylaws changes were unanimously passed during the Fellow's Meeting, permitting College business to be conducted via e-voting. With these bylaws changes, I want to remind all the Fellows to set your email filters to include ACLM emails so that they are not automatically filtered into your junk mail folder. All issues to be voted on by the Fellowship can now be done timely and be more representative of the full Fellowship body, without having to wait until the Annual Meeting of the Fellows, enabling all Fellows to vote rather than just Fellows who attend the Annual Meeting.

With this change, the first item for vote by the Fellows will be the logo design update. In the next two weeks or so, the College will be sending all Fellows the top 3 design choices as denoted as preferred at the Fellow's meeting last week. The ballots will be open for a limited time – please vote!

Although the annual meeting just concluded, our next annual meeting planning is already underway. The 2021 annual meeting will be held on Feb. 26 to 28, 2021 in Orlando, FL. Drs. Tony Quang and Santos Ruiz are the program chairs for Orlando. I know they are going to plan a fantastic meeting next year. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee for the 2021 meeting, please let me know. It is a giant task to plan a meeting, and it takes a large, enthusiastic group of people to make it a success. If you are planning ahead, the 2022 meeting will be in San Diego, CA. Both dates/locations are on the website to assist in your scheduling.

Additionally, please plan to join me in Los Angeles for the 2020 ACLM Midyear Meeting on Oct. 23, 2020. The "Day with the Judges" will again focus on opiate and cannabis issues in our country. With all the exciting events being planned, please remember to visit the College's website at www.aclm.org for the latest updates.

Finally, it has been an honor and privilege to have served as your 2019-2020 ACLM president. I look forward to seeing all that the College will accomplish in the next 12 months – and, will also now look forward to reading, instead of writing, the President's Note each month!

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