



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



*“The happiest excitement in life is to be convinced that one is fighting for all one is worth on behalf of some clearly seen and deeply felt good” --- Ruth Benedict*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for nominating me to lead our organization as of March 2019. As many of you know, I have been representing AIPNA’s interests as CAP liaison for several years and have been the Vice-President of AIPNA for the last two years. My predecessors have certainly left me with real big shoes to fill! Hats off to their perseverance and their devotion to serve AIPNA. I accept this new role with great humility and a deep sense of responsibility. I sincerely believe AIPNA’s future will be determined by our collective goals for the organization and by our struggle to

make them real.

It was way back in 1991 that Tim Barnes-Lee and his colleagues at CERN launched the “world wide web”! It is about time that AIPNA has a functioning website. The website will bring more visibility, help recruit new members and talent and make it easier for existing members to pay their dues. It will allow access for eligible candidates in India and elsewhere to apply for travel grants and look for fellowship opportunities. I sincerely hope, that, rather than being a static information page, the AIPNA website will act as a tool to provide an intimate, interactive learning environment stimulating contemporary perspectives in the various fields of pathology and the practice of medicine. At the very least I would like it to be a forum of virtual “roundtables” that accommodate conversations about the many factors that affect our practices here in the US and the rest of the world. All this, of course is dependent on your input and involvement dear members!

Infrastructure is important and should be AIPNA’s first concern. To this end the Bylaws are being tweaked and various committees are being structured to make it feasible for new interested and dedicated AIPNA members to participate at the helm of affairs. I invite young, bright members to bring their energy and intuition, help enrich AIPNA and provide new directions. AIPNA is dependent on the efforts of generous volunteers whose collective intellectual horsepower will help this organization grow. Fundraising is an important issue and is critical to make AIPNA durable. The room rentals, free dinners and networking events don’t come cheap! We are solely dependent on generous donations, membership dues and sponsors. Each one of you, owe it to yourself to see how you can contribute. Pause; think for a moment, as to how YOU could GIVE! It could be your time, money, participation, getting corporate sponsors, recruiting friends to become members or simply showing up!! AIPNA will continue to provide grants for “needy and worthy” candidates. We should be committed to funding and creating meaningful opportunities for pathologists based outside the US who may want to “observe” our

practices or learn new technology or expertise. I sincerely believe, especially with the advent of the website, that we pathologists in the US can significantly learn from our colleagues in India and elsewhere through diverse research collaborations, sharing cost-effective practice related problem-solving techniques etc.

We should think inclusively about our own members' concerns and interests. I firmly believe that a lot of us within AIPNA can be "role models" to our resident members and "new in practice" members. With a little bit of creative thinking and hard work our services should inculcate the right attitudes and skills in the younger generation that will frame AIPNA's future, besides, it will make us hold ourselves to high standards.

I will make sure AIPNA remains true its charter (Bylaws) and unwavering in its mission to all of us. The new Bylaws will be shared with each one of you through a future issue of this newsletter. AIPNA needs dedicated individuals to join the Executive Committee and serve in various committees such as the Web Development Committee, CME Committee, Financial Committee, Event Management, Sponsorship, Social Media, Abstract, Grants, Awards Committee, Resident Mentorship program etc. It is my clarion call to each one of you to please sign up by emailing us at [aipnanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:aipnanewsletter@gmail.com) to indicate your area of interest and please include your preferred email and phone number.



AIPNA has brought us together and the fact that we celebrate this organization's 25 years of existence, dear friends, is testimony to your talent, dedication and determination. We will be presenting a separate publication on our 25 years of growth in the weeks ahead.

I am honored and glad to serve AIPNA. I look forward to further contributing to the AIPNA mission and the community at large.

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