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President's Update

by Gregg Mastropolo, CAA

In the last two months, the AAAA leadership has been focused on some important initiatives that will help set us up for the future. We



are in a key time of the year before the holidays and I'm happy that our Board and committees continue to make progress on their work plans as we all deal with the effects of COVID-19.

On August 9, we hosted our Q3 Board of Directors meeting and also started a new strategic plan for 2021-2023. Here are some key takeaways:

- The strategic plan will be finalized this Fall 2020 and we will communicate the goals to the membership when available. Our committees will be focused over the next three years on strategies that help achieve strategic objectives (internal and external impact).

- Our advocacy agenda remains focused on both state and federal issues. On the federal side, we are working with two contractors - Bose Public Affairs Group (CMS, VA) and Nimitt Consulting (AA billing and practice issues). Recent state issues include Kansas, Washington, Wyoming and Arizona.

- AAAA is in the process of hiring a new Director of State Affairs. Jeremy Betts will remain a key part of the team as the new Director of Federal Affairs while maintaining his status as General Counsel.

- AAAA continues to have a strong relationship with ASA and our executive committees have been meeting

Fuel the Future

It's been a wild year. Full of challenges, change, and even a little celebration. But we're not here to dwell on it.

Let's talk about the future instead. And how you can impact its direction.

Two ongoing opportunities to influence AAAA and the CAA profession are here. Each is vital to the success of our organization. And each are a way to make your voice heard.

Fall Fundraiser

What do you want your impact on the CAA profession to be? What do you want your legacy to be? The opportunity to decide is here.

The Fall 2020 Legislative fundraising campaign is in full swing. And this year it's all about one thing: legacy.

- How your donation creates access to new states
- How it creates jobs
- How it directly impacts patient care across the country
- How it forges a brighter future for CAAs to come

Haven't donated yet? That's okay. There's still time.

Leave your legacy today.

[Donate right here.](#)

Submit Your Vote

We asked you to share the names of our profession's best.

You didn't disappoint.

You've created an inspiring pool of leadership candidates. And now it's time to vote.

Voting for 2021 leadership positions is live now through October 6.

The four positions in this election are:

- President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Director (x2)

Your participation matters. It dictates what we do in the present to create the future we all want to see.

Each member's voice carries weight. Make yours heard.

You can find a full roster of candidates and [submit your vote here.](#)

Connect with AAAA



each quarter to maintain alignment of programs and services. I encourage all AAAA members to check out the ASA virtual meeting coming up in early October. Members of AAAA who are also members of ASA get a discounted rate.

- The Board of Directors have appointed a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) task force which includes a combination of AAAA members (fellows and students). The task force will present recommendations to the Board at our next meeting around how the association can develop its DEI strategy and make an impact.

- AAAA will be working with NCCAA to offer professional development CME credits starting in June 2021. More information forthcoming as we develop our offerings.

- The Board has also been working on an update to our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures manual. These changes are intended to eliminate redundancy and bring the AAAA up to speed in terms of industry best practice. The revised Bylaws are included as part of the election ballot for member approval.

I want to close by encouraging all members to vote in the AAAA election, which is live now through Tuesday, October 6. It's very important that all fellow members submit their vote for each open position.

We're also excited to host our annual Fall Fundraiser this year the week of 9/21. Your donations go directly to advancing our advocacy and strategic agendas as it relates to practice expansion, workforce development and education. ■

CME on Demand

Did you miss our first ever virtual conference earlier this summer? Don't worry. You can still catch all the content on demand. And earn 24.5 CME credits.

AAAA's Virtual Meeting featured presentations from leading experts in the medical field.

Topics include:

- Adult Congenital Heart Disease: What You Need to Know*
- Anesthetic Management for Enhanced Recovery after Major Abdominal Surgery*
- Anesthetics and the Developing Brain*
- Arterial Blood Gases Made Incredibly Simple*
- ASA and AAAA: Partnering for a Better Future*
- And much more!

Content remains available on-demand through Dec. 31 for existing registrants and is now available for purchase to new registrants.

[Connect with the content here.](#)

A Message From Our Friends at ASA

ANESTHESIOLOGY® 2020—just \$99 for ASA members and free for student members

Registration is open for the October 2-5 annual meeting. World-class virtual designers are working with the best minds in anesthesiology to deliver a rich educational and networking event you can attend from anywhere, including:

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- More than 1,400 scientific abstracts, problem-based learning discussions, and medically challenging cases
- AI-powered networking and live social events
- 12 months of online access to lectures and sessions

[Explore the program and register now.](#)



Careers

Seeking your next career opportunity? Here are the latest listings from around the county. Follow AAAA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for up-to-date career opportunities, industry insights, and more.

[No Call Opening in Northern Florida - Florida](#)

Case-mix includes: general, thoracic, vascular, pediatrics, neuro, and ortho. Occasional cardiac, OB, trauma, and regional. Hospital employed position. Competitive compensation plus benefits! Sign-on bonus and relocation offered!

[Permanent Opening Just Outside Columbus - Ohio](#)

Case-mix includes: General, Neuro, Healthy Peds, Endo, Regional, Ortho, Podiatry & Eyes. Monday through Friday with optional call. Competitive Salary & Benefits Package plus call pay!

[Missouri Anesthesiologist Assistant Opening Specializing in Pediatrics - Missouri](#)

Handle a wide range of pediatric cases in a metro area in Missouri. New graduates are welcome to apply.

[Permanent Opening Near Charleston, SC](#)

Join a growing South Carolina private practice group covering both hospital and outpatient settings.

[Ohio Anesthesiologist Assistant Outpatient Permanent Opportunity](#)

Lotus Medical Staffing is recruiting for a permanent opportunity covering two ASCs roughly 20 minutes apart. All conscious sedation. No nights, weekends or call required! W-2 opening plus benefits.

[Missouri Anesthesiologist Assistant Locum Opening - Southwest Missouri](#)

A hospital-based setting in southwest Missouri has an ongoing need. Cover one hospital-based setting. No call required.

[University of North Carolina Health Care - Chapel Hill, NC](#)

The University of North Carolina Health Care Department of Anesthesiology provides a full range of anesthesia services working closely with the clinical departments. The Department offers a full spectrum of anesthesia care to patients of all ages.

[Southern Indiana Anesthesia Consultants - New Albany, Ind and Louisville, KY](#)

Southern Indiana Anesthesia Consultants is filling immediate openings for 10 full-time CAAs. SIAC is a private practice group that services New Albany, Ind. and Louisville, Ky. Their goal is to employ 20-30 CAAs by the end of 2021.

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