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President's Update

by Gregg Mastropolo, CAA

As I write my last President's message for the Anesthesia Record, I have feelings of accomplishment, relief and gratitude for the experiences of this year. 2020 will always be remembered as a year unlike any other, and I'm proud to say that we weathered the storm and AAAA is still standing with a stronger team in place.



We laid out a strategic framework for the next three years at our last Q4 Board of Directors meeting to accomplish three main strategic outcomes: practice expansion, workforce development, and professional education. The goal is to develop resources and work with partner organizations to ultimately recognize CAAs through licensure as essential to patient safety in the Anesthesia Care Team model.

I have full confidence in Kristl Kamm stepping into the AAAA President role, as well as the existing and new members of the Board next year. I look forward to staying involved to support our strategic objectives.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my family for their support this year. It was a lot of hours dedicated to the AAAA, and even though there wasn't as much physical travel, the uncertainty of COVID-19 was a lot to take on and their support gave me the strength to keep going.

Sincerely, Gregg Mastropolo, CAA

Building the Foundation For Success

by Richard Evans, Director of State Affairs

The last few weeks have been very busy and exciting as I delve into my new role as AAAA Director of State Affairs. As an Austin-based lobbyist for the last 20 years, I've worked on many health care policy issues and had the opportunity to manage multiple states in my previous role as state government affairs director for AstraZeneca. As DSA my objective is to build on the accomplishments of AAAA by developing and executing a comprehensive government affairs strategy to advance the goal adopted by AAAA to "attain delegatory and/or regulatory (licensure) practice for CAAs in all 50 states and territories."

This objective is bold and the path to success has many obstacles. But mapping out a long-term plan, focusing resources on strategic opportunities, and providing guidance and support to state societies will position AAAA to make incremental progress toward this ambitious goal.

The Legislative Committee is laying the groundwork to move forward. We developed criteria to guide the decision about which states are the best opportunities for legislation. We're reviewing past efforts, current levels of support and the political environment in several states to narrow our focus to one or two priority states for 2021.

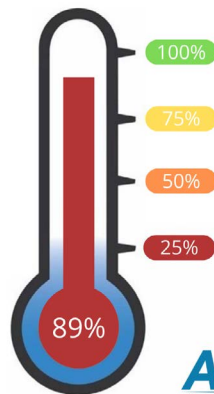
Passing major legislation like CAA licensing requires a long-term commitment and recognition that it may take two or more legislative sessions to be successful in a state. The process of building alliances, educating legislators, and engaging grassroots support is absolutely critical in the face of the opposition we will encounter from state nursing associations. Over the next few weeks, we will be working with state societies to provide grassroots advocacy training and developing a database of legislative contacts to turn our AAAA members into an advocacy army. We will work with you to start building relationships with legislators and strengthening those relationships that already exist. We will launch an outreach and education initiative to raise awareness about the CAA profession and the critical role we play as a member of the anesthesia care team. We will make our voices heard in the halls of state capitols and through our collective efforts we will find success.

I look forward to working with you all as we start this exciting journey to build a strong foundation that will advance the CAA profession across the country and establish AAAA as a powerful advocacy organization.

2020 Fall Fundraiser

Giving Tuesday is this week. And millions of people across the nation will give to causes dear to them. Consider donating to AAAA. We're just \$12,000 shy of our annual goal of \$100,000. Each dollar you give fuels opportunities for CAAs - present and future.

[Donate here.](#)



Introducing Richard Evans



We're excited to announce Richard Evans as AAAA's new Director of State Affairs. Evans will streamline state-level legislation and maximize legislative impact. He'll work alongside Director of Federal Affairs Jeremy Betts to advance CAA legislation.

Evans has more than 30 years of experience working in and around the Texas legislature. After serving as a staffer in the House, Senate and for then-Governor George W. Bush, Richard joined the Texas Association of Business where he rose to the position of Vice President of Governmental Affairs.

Evans launched his own lobby firm in 2004 and represented corporate clients such as Medtronic, AMERIGROUP, Stericycle, Nova Medical Centers, Las Vegas Sands, H&R Block, TriNet, Schneider Electric, Longhorn Health Solutions, MWH Global, Sysco Food Services, Zachry Industrial and James Avery Craftsman.

He also represented trade associations including the Texas Distilled Spirits Association, Texas Alliance of Nonsubscribers, Texas Association of Business, Texas Association of Health Plans, and Texas Destination Management Association.

Evans most recently served in a corporate role as Director of State Government Affairs for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals where he covered multiple states and managed contract lobbyists, led coalition-building efforts and engaged with industry organizations to support state legislative initiatives.

We asked Evans a few questions to help our members get to know their latest ally.

[Meet Richard](#)

Join a Committee

Want to apply your skills and passions? Make new connections? Further AAAA's mission?

Then join a committee. You'll work with other driven volunteers in a wide range of topics. And hone your skills, or develop new ones in the process.

Our committees drive the AAAA initiatives you love.

[Get involved today](#)

Leadership Election Results

We're pleased to announce AAAA's newly-elected leaders. These passionate volunteers donate their time and talents to realize their vision of the future.

We're grateful for all of the candidates - whether elected or not - who were graciously willing to serve the association and help advance the CAA profession. Now, let's meet the new leaders.

Laura Knoblauch, CAA, President-Elect



"My long-term vision for AAAA is practice in all 50 states including the VA system with no billing or reimbursement issues. However, I envision we can work to achieve this long-term goal by increasing the awareness of our

profession, engaging the CAA community on various activities of AAAA (including legislation), and ultimately improving transparency and communication from AAAA to its membership. AAAA needs to continue building relationships with other medical organizations and become champions of our state academies and support them. The AAAA needs to continue working alongside the other CAA professional organizations (AAAEP, NCCAA, ARC-AA) to ensure we are all working for the betterment of the CAA profession." [Meet Laura](#)

Emily Mycyk, CAA, Treasurer



"Looking at the future of the AAAA, I'd like our presence to be nationally recognized and I believe awareness is a key factor in that process. Increasing education regarding our profession and unique skill set to both political and

healthcare organizations around the country would be a step to making this vision a reality." [Meet Emily](#)

Ralph Dapaah, CAA, Director



"A vibrant and expansive academy where the majority of students, new and experienced fellows alike, are thoroughly invested in the advancement of our profession and academy by taking a stake in leadership or becoming an

involved member. For AAAA achieve 90 or above percent CAA membership, as well as an increase among MDA'S and Residents. For other medical societies to look at AAAA as an example and standard-setter as it pertains to unity as an academy and growth projection." [Meet Ralph](#)

Jennifer Stever, CAA, Director



"To continue legislative and practice expansion for Anesthesiologist Assistants. Continued growth and diversity of AAAA membership is vital to practice expansion." [Meet Jennifer](#)

2021 AAAA Annual Meeting

Welcome to Sandestin

I hope this message finds you happy, healthy and successfully navigating the end of this unprecedented year. AAAA is pleased to announce registration has launched for the association's 45th Annual Meeting, April 9-11, 2021 at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Resort. In 2021 we are shortening the meeting by one day for added convenience, while still providing the CME credits our members have come to expect. All content will be presented over three days, between Friday, April 9 and Sunday, April 11, with our Welcome Reception Friday evening and new Farewell Brunch Sunday morning. We are also offering off-site excursions for the first time: fishing the Emerald Coast on Friday and dolphin cruise with snorkeling on Saturday. Guests are welcome to join!

Come early or stay late to enjoy all that Sandestin has to offer: warm, beautiful, clear emerald green waters and pristine sandy white beaches. The city is conveniently located for those traveling by car from the southeast region or by plane from destinations across the country. The closest airports are Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) and Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS).

While we hope to see you in-person, we understand that flexibility is important. Members will have the opportunity to register to attend in-person or virtually, with both categories providing the 20 CME credits needed for CAA licensure renewal. In-person meeting registrants will be refunded the difference in cost if we decide to hold the meeting online due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

Call for proposals: If you are interested in providing a lecture, either in-person or online, for AAAA's 2021 Annual Meeting, please send your suggested topic and abstract to events@anesthetist.org by Friday, December 18.

I look forward to connecting with you in Sandestin next year!

Maggie Munn, CAA
AAAA Annual Meeting Chair

State News

University of North Carolina medical System begins hiring CAAs

The North Carolina state Academy is excited to announce that opportunities for CAAs are now available within the University of North Carolina (UNC) medical system.

While opportunities for practice currently exist across the state, this is the first time CAAs have had the opportunity to work within the UNC network of hospitals. Along with WakeMed Health and Hospitals and Duke University, UNC is one of the largest healthcare providers in the Triangle region and one of the most recognized academic medical institutions in the nation.

We look forward to working with UNC to identify excellent candidates for these new positions. Interested students and fellows are encouraged to apply through the link below.

Questions can be directed to president.ncaaa@gmail.com.

[See Job Details](#)

Florida Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants Virtual Conference

The Florida Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (FAAA) invites you to join their virtual conference running January 16-31.

The virtual conference includes both on-demand lectures and live events perfect for CAAs and SAAs.

Here's what's in store:

- Earn up to 20 FAACCT CME Credits
- Access the events digital library to review lectures on-demand after the event (limit time)
- Participate live in town hall forums and live lecture series
- Registration is available and held from October 21, 2020 through January 31, 2021.
- Early bird registration for FAAA members is available only for a limited time: closes November 15, 2021

[Register Here](#)



AAAA Annual Conference **2021**

Save the Date
APRIL 9 - 11

Hilton Sandestin
Miramar Beach, Florida

The graphic features a background image of a wooden boardwalk leading through white sand dunes towards a turquoise ocean under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on this image, with the year '2021' in a large, bold, white font on a blue rectangular background.

Careers

Seeking your next career opportunity? Here are the most recent listings from around the county. See more at www.anesthetist.org

[Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant - 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.

[Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant - Muncie, IN](#)

IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, which is part of the largest and most comprehensive healthcare system in Indiana, is seeking a patient-focused Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant to collaborate with our highly skilled teams in Muncie, IN.

[Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant - Indianapolis, IN](#)

Indiana University Health Physicians is seeking a patient-focused, collaborative Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant who is looking to be a part of the anesthesia care team in Indianapolis, IN.

[Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant - Indianapolis, IN](#)

Want to make a difference in the lives of Hoosier kids and their families? We are seeking a patient-focused Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant to join our growing and collaborative team at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health in Indianapolis, Indiana!

[Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants - Fort Wayne, IN](#)

This position is full time with 4, 10-hour shifts per week. No nights & no call - excellent work/life balance! Overtime is available if desired. This role will provide the opportunity to work on a wide variety of cases.

[Junior-level faculty position: Co-Director of Didactic Education - Washington, DC](#)

Case Western Reserve University, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, is seeking a qualified candidate to fill a junior-level faculty position: Co-Director of Didactic Education. This is a non-tenure track position at the rank of Instructor, with time split equally between administrative and teaching duties.

[Junior-level faculty position: Director of Simulation Education - Cleveland, OH](#)

Case Western Reserve University, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, is seeking a qualified candidate to fill a junior-level faculty position: Director of Simulation Education. This is a non-tenure track position at the rank of Instructor, with time split equally between administrative and teaching duties.

[Full-Time CAA Opportunity at St. Luke's Surgicare Center - Maumee, OH](#)

Anesthesia Associates of Ohio has an excellent full-time CAA opportunity at St. Luke's Surgicare center in Maumee, Ohio. Located only ten minutes from Toledo, the surgery center has 4 OR's. Bread and butter cases including healthy peds, ENT, general surgery and ortho.

[Director of Didactic Education, Master of Science in Anesthesia Program - Cleveland, OH](#)

Case Western Reserve University, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, is seeking a qualified candidate to fill a junior-level faculty position: Director of Didactic Education. This is a non-tenure track position at the rank of Instructor, and the majority of time will be spent on administrative duties.

[CAA Opportunity in Ohio](#)

Anesthesia Associates of Ohio is currently looking for a full-time permanent Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA) to join our team rendering anesthesia services at an Ambulatory Surgery Center located in Maumee, Ohio! Located along the Maumee River, Maumee is about 10 miles southwest of Toledo and 50 miles south of Ann Arbor, MI.

[CAA Opening with Gunderson Health System - La Crosse, WI](#)

Gundersen Health System is seeking a full-time CAA to join our community-oriented anesthesia team in La Crosse, WI.

This position offers autonomy with a physician-lead team approach with a large variety of case types including general, ENT, ortho, neuro, CV, OB, ancillary, out-patient, and limited hearts.

[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. The hope to employ 20-30 CAAs by the end of 2021.

Follow AAAA on social media for up-to-date career opportunities, industry insights, and more.

Employers

Want your listing to reach thousands of talented CAAs across the country? Send your listing information to info@anesthetist.org.

*Job availability have changed since companies' original postings. Job listings are a members-only benefit, and you must be signed in to see the postings.

Connect with AAAA





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Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant positions available across Georgia



Do you have Georgia on your mind?

Come explore the diverse opportunities we have for CAAs at various locations and clinical settings, which include:

- Award-winning facilities
- Challenging case mixes
- Flexible schedule options

Take a LEAP to the destination of choice in anesthesia.



Explore our Georgia openings >>

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About NAPA

Single specialty and clinician led, North American Partners in Anesthesia (NAPA) has evolved through more than 30 years to become a leader in anesthesia and perioperative services. We are also a four-time winner of Becker's Hospital Review "Top 150 Places of Work in Healthcare."