



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for the confidence you have expressed in me by electing me as your President. As my term gets underway I am writing to highlight the goals that I have set with the Executive Council. I encourage you to visit our website, www.ctacs.org, to read about each objective in detail.

- Working Closer with CSMS Thanks to the joint efforts of both of our Executive Directors over the past 18 months, the Chapter's relationship with CSMS expand dramatically. We will continue to work with CSMS on legislative issues and on the follow-up work for the Summit on Emergency Care that the Chapter convened last year. As well, we are moving forward to better engage our residents in organized medicine by paying their county and state medical society dues.
- Increase Exposure to Young Surgeons
I have appointed Dr. Alexander Palesty of Saint Mary's Hospital to serve as Chairman of the Young Surgeons Committee with the goal to reinvigorate this very important part of the Chapter. Amongst the plans for the YSC is to pair up new Chapter initiates with a longer tenured Chapter member as a mentor.
- Enhancing the Chapter's Financial Position
First and foremost, we are not in any financial difficulty. The Council has held discussions with regards to our future capital needs and I want to implement a plan to assure our financial health continues. The Chapter has two revenue sources, dues and annual meeting exhibitors and sponsors. While dues continue to remain strong we need to work harder to expand vendor support of the Chapters activities.
- Formalizing the Committee Structure
I would like to see our standing committees become more formal in nature. I plan to ask each committee chair to review its charge, establish 2 or 3 meaningful goals and develop a plan to achieve them. I also would like to see each committee develop a succession plan. Overall, I believe our committee leaders do an excellent job. However, I think that the organization would benefit from a more formalized structure that is conducive to growth.

Over the past 10 years the Chapter has changed dramatically in its relationship with the College, the State Medical Society, our Legislators and our Vendors. We have made great strides through the tireless efforts of our volunteer leadership and our professional Executive Director. I look forward to building on the work of my predecessors during my time as your President.

Sincerely,

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