



Physician Assistants of Virginia,

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you this upcoming year and for your continued support and membership. These upcoming years will be eventful busy ones and will propel our profession into the future of health care delivery. PAs in Virginia will move past the constraints of the past and into the future where we will enjoy the collaboration of a team-based health care delivery system. I intend to ensure PAs are not only a part of the health care team but an invaluable, integral resource to all members of the team. The commitment to team-based health care is our foundation and we can utilize it to deliver the excellent care our patients need and have come to expect from PAs. As we build upon our partnerships and extend our visibility and availability we will open new doors that will facilitate our growth.

Progress is a journey that requires careful planning. VAPA encourages all of our members to become involved in this journey. As our plans unfold we will need action, faces and a presence to deliver our message.

We will have to create innovative ways to influence our legislators this year since White Coats on Call will continue to be on hold due to the ongoing renovations at the General Assembly Building. Our Government Affairs Committee will be the workforce behind this and they will be calling on all of our members to assist with mobilizing our legislation. Our Social Media Committee will be hard at work ensuring everyone in Virginia not only knows what PAs do but how a PA can help them in their time of need. Our Membership Committee will be engaging our current members and encouraging our non-member PA colleagues to join our ranks. When we mobilize as a group, united for our profession, our voice will be heard and we can make progress happen.

I encourage all members to reach out and establish contact with their Regional Coordinator to discuss opportunities for engagement. I am excited about the advances we will make and the plans VAPA has for Virginia's PAs. I look forward to working closely with all of you to accomplish our goals.

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