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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Wohns, MD, MBA, FACC, FSCAI



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Since my term ended at the memorable ACC.22 in Washington, I have had some time to reflect on the three years I served as your Chapter President/Governor. Despite the challenges that COVID created in every aspect of our lives, both professional and personal, I nonetheless reflect on these three years as a highlight of my career.

The reason for that, quite simply, is all of you. We have an amazing Chapter. Our members and leaders exemplify the very best of our profession.

Inevitable Transition

Working closely with our legendary Chapter Executive, Alice Betz, was an unexpected joy. I could not have imagined a better partner in every dimension; from executive, organizational, and communication skills to strategic thinking, institutional knowledge, and off the chart EQ. Alice is the best of the best. As with many of my predecessors, when I was asked to run for this position, my first call was to Alice. The call had two purposes: tell me about the job and tell me you are not going anywhere (at least for my term). Alas, transitions are inevitable, and it is Alice's time to move on to the next phase of her life. We anticipate this transition to occur in the next several months. A search committee has been established and we begin interviews later this month.

Silver Linings

Working with so many of you was a similar privilege and joy. COVID impacted many expectations of my term, but I had no disappointments. As the adage goes, every crisis brings opportunity. I am proud of how quickly we mobilized to offer virtual educational programs. Our 2ndWed@6 webinar series created new relationships across the state and our FIT Council and CV Team members flourished with focused programs and engagement. We learned from one another and grew with the relationships that were formed. Together we explored a plethora of clinical and professional topics including patient advocacy, inclusion and diversity, provider well-being, work life balance, CON and ASCs and everything COVID.

Bright Future

Now I could not be more pleased than to pass the baton to Dr. Karthik Ananth. I have gotten to know Karthik since he was installed as president-elect last spring. He brings experience, vision, knowledge, energy, dedication, and commitment to the role. I know the Chapter will thrive under his leadership.

I end this note with my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Chapter. I thank you for your friendship, for your collaboration and support, and for the many new relationships that I shall treasure.

With great respect and sincere gratitude,

David

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REFORM SIGNED INTO LAW

Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently signed legislation that reforms the prior authorization process by reducing wait times and streamlining how physician offices and payers interact. The signing marks the culmination of more than three years of effort by the Health Can't Wait Coalition of which Michigan Chapter ACC is a member.

[News Article](#)

[Legislative Summary](#)

CHAPTER BOARD TRANSITIONS

Congratulations to the new members of the Chapter Board:

Nick Hoeve, DO, FACC
Nishtha Sareen, MD, FACC
Marty Tam, MD, FACC
Shalini Modi, MBBS, FACC
Jennifer Cowger, MD, MS, FACC
Nicole Bhave, MD, FACC
Sanjay Dandamudi, MD
Michael Joynt, MD

Thank you to these outgoing Board members:

Elizabeth Pielsticker, MD, FACC
Monica Jiddou-Patros, MD, FACC
Celeste Williams, MD, FACC
Ali Shakir, MBBS, FACC
Ron Grifka, MD, FACC

[See complete Board roster here.](#)

WELCOME TO NEW FACCs AND AACCs

Each year at the ACC Scientific Session, new FACCs and AACCs take an oath to transform

cardiovascular care and improve heart health.

We are proud of [Michigan's newest FACCs and AACCs](#) and congratulate them on their achievements!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Michigan Chapter 34th Annual Conference
November 11-12, 2022
Novi, Michigan**

Watch accmi.org for details coming soon.



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