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## President's Page

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To the MAC community:

I want to take this space, my final column for the *MAC Newsletter*, as an opportunity to thank you for the trust you have placed in me to serve as your president for the past two years. While serving in a leadership role, one should expect a few surprises along the way. However, I think it might be fair to say that this term has been unlike any other.

All of those who have served in this role hope to leave MAC as a better organization. Yet, it is not the president who achieves this. It is you, the members, who participate in governance and leadership, volunteer for committees and plan our meetings, and respond to our surveys and calls for input. These are the actions that make MAC better.

A year ago, hundreds of you responded to a survey on professional development and your capacity to participate. The two minutes it took you to complete the survey was immeasurably useful in helping leadership plan out our activities and shift to online workshops. This resulted in two successful online webinars brought to you by our Education Committee. It has also helped us formulate the planning and delivery of the 2021 Annual Meeting and our 2021 Fall Symposium.

Through several different Council actions, MAC will offer more opportunities for volunteers. Based on the recommendations of the Financial Task Force, MAC will restart the Financial Committee and will launch a new committee focused on development. These will provide opportunities for members to join and be part of the process of

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maintaining MAC's financial health by forecasting and creating opportunities for new funding sources to support programming and monetary awards. Last fall, MAC Council also approved the formation of a committee to address advocacy and social justice issues as they relate to our profession and members. These will provide more opportunities to become involved and develop a larger pool of new leaders for MAC.

Finally, as president, I have had the amazing opportunity to work closely with a dedicated group of people who over the last 18 months have acted with one purpose in mind—guiding MAC through this pandemic and celebrating 50 years as a professional organization in 2022. I await the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and to meet the newest members of MAC and our profession at the spring 2022 meeting in Madison. And, like you, I am unsure exactly what that meeting will look like and wonder how we might serve those who have benefited from or prefer remote attendance, but I imagine that those planning this meeting and those of us looking forward to it might feel the same excitement, not unlike those involved with our first meeting 50 years ago.

I have served MAC nearly continuously for the past 13 years beginning on a program committee. It has been an honor. I am looking forward to stepping back and watching where you will take MAC going forward.

Sincerely,



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