

Arizona Society of Pathologists President's Message:

ASP's mission is dependent on your involvement.....

Dear Members

Over the past few years, we have seen how people in healthcare bureaucracies, the insurance industry, lawmakers, and regulators have tried to dictate patient care. These individuals do not understand the world of medicine like we do. More than ever, we need to reach out, educate and create positive relationships with these people. Together we need to fight the forces which tend to erode the human face of medicine and diminish physician patient relationships.

ASP is not only a great venue for leadership opportunities, but a perfect platform for various pathology groups in our state to get connected to others with similar goals and issues. We can share experiences and brainstorm common problems together. Networking with fellow members is invaluable for all, including medical students, residents, young academic faculty members and new in practice community pathologists.

Personally, the past several years on the board have been nothing short of fulfilling. I came in with the intention to not only "make a difference" but to become a better community member by giving, in any and every way I could, all while further advancing the mission of ASP: which is protecting the interests of and advocating for the practicing pathologists of our wonderful state of Arizona! It has been a lot of hard work, but I have truly enjoyed my time serving as president and feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity.

I want to encourage each one of you to get involved in any way that you can. ASP needs you to be the voice(s) of our state's pathology and help shape our collective future. This organization can only be as great as its members and those willing to be involved. A strong collective voice can accomplish extraordinary things.

We must all work together in a balanced, strategic, and intentional way to accomplish longevity. It is not merely the giving of financial resources, but giving of one's expertise, passion, talent, and experience that will help sustain our society. We need to continue to align with organizations such as ArMA and CAP who have strong advocacy teams dedicated to protecting the best interests of our society and medicine in general, year- round at a state and national level.

Our annual 2023 CME meeting to be held on Saturday, November 18th in Phoenix promises to be another smashing success and I hope to see each one of you in person.

Thank you to my Executive board members, my wonderful administrative directors Patrice Hand and Kassie Mueller, and all the sponsors that have supported ASP. Serving as your society president has ignited my desire to do more, be more, and serve more!

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