



Arizona Society of Pathologists President's Message

ASP needs your support and involvement!

I have assumed the role of President of the Arizona Society of Pathologists this year, taking over from Dr. Richard Eisen. My heartfelt thanks goes to him for working diligently to resurrect our society last year when he stepped in to help transition management from ArMA administrative support to the ASP Board. Many additional thanks go to our wonderful board for all the work they have put into managing our society over the past year and a half and into the future.

In the post-COVID era, it has been challenging to return to meeting in person and networking as we used to. CME is readily available online without ever having to leave your home or office. Nevertheless, our sense of community as Arizona pathologists is more important than ever given the ever-changing political landscape and challenges facing us with reimbursement, AI incorporation in practices, digital practice, and more. Now is the time to talk to each other and share our experiences and expertise (and gain that CME in the process).

As my predecessors have stated, I also want to encourage each one of you to get involved in any way that you are able. We need voices from across the practice spectrum from private to academics to industry and small to medium to large groups. ASP needs you to be the voices of our state pathology community; to local, state, and Federal government and to the College of American Pathologists, to 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 Pathology and Medicine as a whole, year-round at a state

and national level. I would like to thank those who have volunteered to serve as delegates to the CAP House of Delegates and am proud that we have all seats currently filled. If you are interested in potentially joining in the future, do not hesitate to reach out.

MY ASK FOR YOU: Let us know what you would like to see from your society! We have instituted a new offering in the form of virtual educational webinars (four per year) as a membership benefit in addition to the annual meeting held in the Fall (November 14th, 2026). We stay vigilant for any legislative issues, both local and national, that may affect the practice of pathology and lend our voice to support policies that support all our practices.

Finally, thanks to Dr. Eisen and Dr. Anil Prasad, whose wise words from previous president's messages are incorporated above as, even though change is inevitable, many things remain the same.

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