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### IAFCCP

#### Welcome from the President's Desk

As I write this column, we are coming up on a busy conference season with AMTC, EMSEXPo, ENA, and the like. My feelings surrounding these events go something like this: 9-6 months out I am excited; 6-3 months out, everything feels just busy; 3-1 months away, I start to feel a bit frantic; 1 month to go-time, I get incredibly excited again.

These events present an incredible opportunity to attend some classes to see the relevant trends, connect with old friends, and make some new ones. This year at AMTC, the IAFCCP board is going back tackling a few big items such as bylaw updates, CCTMC preparation, new position papers, and welcoming new board members Eric Bauer, Julia Love, Duncan McConnell, and incumbent Jason Bazelow. Congratulations on being selected by your peers as a leader in the HEMS industry and making the commitment for excellence by advocating for advanced practice paramedics globally.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to say thank you to Bruce Troutman, Peter Tilney, and Michael Brisson for their time, sacrifice, and voices over the past few years. They have made great contributions to the organization and industry as whole, and I am confident we will still see them engaged as leaders in the industry promoting our values of education, advocacy, and leadership.

For my closing comments, I want to talk about safety. It is no surprise that we have niches of the advanced practice out-of-hospital field that carry inherent risks. These risks at times can cost the ultimate price, but they do not have to. Our focus on readiness needs to be equally as keen as our focus on expertise, for readiness is our safety barrier. Albeit our offices are uncontrolled, that does not mean that we need to be unprepared. Be aware, be prepared, be safe; our family and friends deserve it.

*Ryan Walter, President*

### AMPA

#### AMPA Fellowship Program

The AMPA fellowship program and the corresponding FAMPA designation were introduced at this year's general membership meeting to recognize AMPA members who have made noteworthy contributions to the association and the specialty of air and critical care transport medicine. New opportunities to participate in AMPA's committee structure were also introduced.

Fellowship requirements are divided into 3 categories: experience, knowledge, and leadership.

Experience requirements: The prospective fellow must both:

- be an active or founding AMPA member for the 3 years prior to application
- demonstrate proof of active participation in air or critical care transport medicine for a minimum of 3 years

Knowledge requirements: The prospective fellow must demonstrate knowledge regarding air and critical care transport medicine through completion of 1 of the following:

- the AMPA Core Curriculum
- the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Diploma in Retrieval and Transfer Medicine
- the University of Otago Diploma in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport
- the Bond University Diploma in Retrieval Medicine
- the James Cook University Certificate in Aeromedical Retrieval
- an equivalent demonstration of knowledge approved by the AMPA Board of Trustees

Leadership requirements: The prospective fellow must demonstrate leadership in air and critical care transport medicine through 2 of the following:

- publication of research specific to air and critical care transport medicine

- presenting on 2 or more occasions at AMTC, CCTMC, the Core Curriculum, or AMPS
- service on the AMPA Board of Trustees or as an active member of an AMPA committee for a minimum of 2 years
- service as an active Air Medical Journal reviewer for a minimum of 2 years
- an equivalent demonstration of leadership approved by the AMPA Board of Trustees

The application fee is \$100. Fellowship applications will be reviewed by the membership committee or its designee, and applications meeting all requirements will be presented to the AMPA Board of Trustees for approval of the applicant's election into fellowship.

Continuous membership must be maintained to keep fellowship status and to use the FAMPA designation. Re-election following a gap in membership of greater than 3 months will require all of the following:

- re-application and payment of the application fee
- two more years of continuous AMPA membership
- one new leadership activity

*Brendan Berry, President*

### ASTNA

#### Growth and a New President

Greetings! I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Josh Wall and I am the new president of ASTNA. I am very excited to take on this position for our organization, and I look forward to working with many of you in the transport industry! I'm currently employed as a full-time flight nurse for AirMed at U Health: University of Utah. I'm also adjunct faculty at the College of Nursing at the University of Utah, and I volunteer as a reviewer for the *Journal of Emergency Nursing*.

It is hard to believe that another AMTC has come and gone! It is a time of year I greatly look forward to as I get to see many transport colleagues, work on projects for

our organization, and meet new people starting out in the industry. A big thanks to all of the professional organizations for their hard work and dedication in making this conference a success. I'd also like to thank those who took the time to prepare quality lectures and preconference sessions that help to improve our practice as transport nurses in providing safe, efficient, and quality patient care. I look forward to seeing many of your faces again at CCTMC and AMTC next year!

2019 has been an exciting time for ASTNA, and I would like to take a moment and provide a brief outline of the progress of the organization as well as many of the educational opportunities offered! To date, we have the highest membership numbers in the history of the organization, totaling almost 2,500! With this amazing increase in our numbers, the organization has been able to have many "firsts," including an online TPATC and our new Pediatric Advanced Transport Course (PATC).

ASTNA was also very excited to release our newest publication at AMTC, "Human

Patient Simulation for Transport Environments." This publication offers the evidence-based research in which health care simulation was founded so that transport programs may create quality simulation training to meet their needs. Additionally, it includes over 50 simulation scenarios covering all areas of transport medicine!

ASTNA also launched a collaborative online community in which members may socialize, share research articles and practice ideas, and stay connected with their colleagues all over the world.

In an ever-changing industry with complex patients, ASTNA strives to offer top notch education, not only to providers caring for adult populations but also pediatric, OB, and neonatal! ASTNA's Publication Committee has begun work on the Critical Care Transport Core Curriculum and continues to update the organization's position papers. Additionally, ASTNA's Education Committee has begun work on a new course, the Critical Care Advanced Transport, and continues to update and create educational opportunities.

I encourage all of our members with subject-matter expertise to get involved in these projects, which work to make our practice as transport nurses better every day. With so much knowledge and expertise in our organization, we continually count on members to help make this association what it is. The work that we do, including the publications and education, would not be possible without our members and amazing volunteers! I encourage anyone with a desire to get involved at any level of our organization to reach out to our board of directors. Whether you've served as a committee member, contributor, or an ASTNA member, we want you to get involved!

As 2019 comes to a close, I wish to express my gratitude to our membership for being the amazing professionals they are. Remember to take care of yourselves so that you may care for others. Stay safe!

*Josh Wall, President*