



HEAD OFFICE UPDATE



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A Message from the Executive Director

I have to start off by saying thank you to all of our members.

Disruption and isolation have been prominent throughout our lives since March 2020. What has been inspiring is the way the CAEP community has come together during probably the busiest and most stressful time that members will ever experience.

Despite facing PPE shortages and the unknowns of COVID-19 in early 2020 to the weariness with that has come with wave 3, all that I have seen is our members doing more than ever with CAEP and for the emergency medicine community.

It started with our COVID Townhalls which have transformed into Grand Rounds sharing knowledge, expertise, and leading advocacy initiatives. Participation in our Sections and Committees has increased to levels unseen since I have been Executive Director.

When it became apparent that 2020 CAEP Conference could not be held, all face-to-face CME cancelled, I worried about the impact on CAEP not just financially but that its vibrancy would be diminished.

I have never been so happy to have been so unnecessarily worried. CAEP members have volunteered more than ever and CAEP continues to flourish!

The material from our 2020 Conference was generously organized by our Ottawa 2020 Organizing Committee and used during our National Grand Rounds. CAEP CME was officially launched into the virtual space.

When it became apparent that our 2021 Winnipeg Conference would have to be held virtually, our Chair and Scientific Chair – Aleks Chochinov and Tamara McColl – buckled down and came up with innovative solutions leading to our first-ever and very successful 2021 virtual conference!

Our current President, Kirsten Johnson, has vigorously led the charge for change in Emergency Medicine whether it be on National Licencing for physicians, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion or how the EM community can do and be better post-pandemic.

The CAEP staff have learned to work virtually and continues to be the small team that does mighty things!

I am so proud to be your Executive Director and I cannot wait to see everyone next year in person!

Stay safe and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garrow", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

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