

A message for CAEP's Executive Director Lynn Garrow

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. As I write this, the CAEP Conference will be happening in Saskatoon shortly. So much work has gone into the planning of it by our National and Local Chairs and their teams! This is the first time that the CAEP Conference has been held in Saskatchewan and many people who have not been to CAEP have registered to come.

It has reminded me that CAEP is many things to many people: Networking, Advocacy, Specialty Committees, Professional Development, Research and more... It has certainly come a long way from when I started back in 2016. The common thread that runs through everything is the love of Emergency Medicine and the commitment to patients. This has shone brightly through the crisis of the pandemic and especially now when pressures on the healthcare system have been relentless and many people feel that it is broken.

Through it all, CAEP members have faced untenable work situations and yet still rally with and around each other. My wish for this Conference is that seeing your friends and colleagues and spending time with each other will not only provide a sense of renewal but also hope for the future.

The Public Affairs Committee, the EM:POWER Task Force, our CAEP President, incoming President, CAEP staff and many others have worked tirelessly to not only deliver an in-depth report on the future of emergency medicine but also brought it to life through meetings with the Deputy Ministers of Health, the Ministers of Health and recently a National Forum on the Future of Emergency Care.

I am, as always, very proud to be your Executive Director, and my wish for everyone this summer is that unplanned closures are few and that you all get time to enjoy the Canadian summer with your family and friends.

Best wishes,
Lynn Garrow

