



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### August 2013

I am honored to be the incoming president of CAL/AAEM. I would like to thank all of you and take a moment to introduce you to the new executive council and board of directors. I have been involved with AAEM since residency and served as a member of the national board of directors. I look forward to another exciting year on the CAL/AAEM Board of Directors.

Our incoming Vice President is John Christensen, a current member of the national AAEM Board of Directors and a voracious advocate of workplace fairness for emergency physicians. If you are in need of a reading list related to the business of emergency medicine, email John. Watch for John's work-in-practice valuation topics in *JEM* and *WestJEM*.

John and I are thankful to Trevor Mills for his hard work over the past two years as president of CAL/AAEM. We will benefit from his continued presence on the board as immediate past president. He brings a wise and grounded approach to CAL/AAEM.

The incoming secretary is Jennifer Kanapicki Comer. As a graduate of the Stanford fellowship in international emergency medicine, she brings a global perspective to our local activities.

Our chapter is extremely lucky to retain Shahram Lotfipour as treasurer. He has maintained the budget for a number of years. Under his leadership, we have kept membership prices down, while expanding our membership benefits to include



1. *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine: Integrating Emergency Care with Population Health*, print and electronic subscriptions
2. CAL/AAEM News Service email updates and information
3. Latest LLSA summaries online (password protected access on CAL/AAEM website)
4. Discounted registration fee to the CAL/AAEM pre-conference educational event at the annual AAEM Scientific Assembly
5. Discounted registration fee to the annual California ACEP Scientific Assembly and Yosemite conference
6. Free introductory legal advisory service for workplace fairness issues



7. Support of medical student education and conferences in the state
8. Support of California legislative initiatives and the annual Emergency Medicine Legislative Leadership Conference in Sacramento
9. Free network opportunities and up-to-date information through CAL/AAEM social media
10. Annual CAL/AAEM Speakers Series

This year's board includes Deena Ibrahim, Randy Woo, Joanne Williams and Reena Duseja.

Francine Vogler is another long-serving board member and brings great expertise to the board. Last year Francine initiated our Twitter account ([www.twitter.com/calaaem](http://www.twitter.com/calaaem)), which now has over 100 followers and brings information and active conversation to our cyber chapter.

Deena and Randy both have experience as resident members of the CAL/AAEM Board of Directors. In this capacity, they spearheaded our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/calaaem](http://www.facebook.com/calaaem)), another vital meeting place for our members to share ideas.

I am happy to welcome Reena Duseja, a new board member from San Francisco (UC-San Francisco). She brings exciting new ideas to the board.

Our new resident representatives are Erica Frumin and Shaheena Patierno from UCI. They will continue to bolster our resident membership and involvement, locally and at a national level.

Finally the most important member of CAL/AAEM is you! If you have an issue of workplace fairness, democracy (or lack thereof), or emergency medicine in general, please contact me or a member of our board. I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

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