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President , Minnesota Academy of PA

Dear Colleagues,

As my presidential term comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable strides we've made together as members of the Minnesota Academy of PAs (MAPA). This year has been one of growth, progress, and renewed strength for our Academy and for the PA profession across Minnesota.

One of our most visible accomplishments was updating our organization's name from Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants to Minnesota Academy of Physician Associates. This change aligns us with our national body and better represents the scope and impact of the care we provide every day.

We also advanced important legislative efforts, including the introduction of a title change bill and the passage of our 2080-hour rule update—designed to streamline practice for experienced PAs relocating to Minnesota. These legislative developments, along with our successful entry into the PA Compact, are vital steps toward expanding practice mobility and increasing access to high-quality patient care across state lines.

Internally, after facing management challenges over the past two years, we've now secured a stable and effective management company. This has reinvigorated our operations and allowed MAPA to become more active, responsive, and member-focused.

Our focus on students and early-career PAs has never been stronger. We launched new mentorship initiatives, introduced student social media ambassadors, and developed a dynamic student lecture series. We also proudly partnered with the Minnesota Medical Association for the Treat Yourself First Campaign, reinforcing our commitment to clinician wellness.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication of our members and our board. Your volunteer hours, your advocacy, and your passion for the PA profession are what make Minnesota one of the best states in the nation for PA practice.

As we look ahead to 2025-2026, I am confident that MAPA will continue to lead with purpose and vision. Thank you for being part of this journey.

With gratitude and pride,

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President, Minnesota Academy of PAs

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A special thank you to the MAPA Board Members over this last year.

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