



Greetings,

On behalf of the 2018-19 ASCA Board of Directors, I want to thank you for being a member of ASCA. We know you have a choice as to what professional associations to be affiliated with and we appreciate that you have chosen to invest your time and professional development dollars in ASCA.

Prior to the annual conference, the Board of Directors gathered together to prepare for the upcoming term year. We were happy to then join over 925 attendees at our 30th annual conference and engage in discussion and reflection on the issues we face and how we can move forward together. An update on the 2017-18 Board was presented at the conference. You can find a summary at [2018 State of the Association](#).

I had the honor of providing some remarks at our banquet describing the priorities and philosophy of the 2018-19 Board. You can read these remarks at [2018-2019 Presidential Remarks](#). The ASCA Board of Directors is committed to advancing the student conduct profession and ASCA. We recognize that in order for our association to advance and be the leading voice of the student conduct profession, we must ensure that we, including all of our opportunities, are intentionally inclusive to all of our members. We know we have work to do in this area. To that end, our strategic priorities have been developed with a commitment to the diversity and inclusion at the forefront. To that end, we will also look to our Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Final Report to guide us in our work. Our strategic priorities document and the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Final Report are located at <http://www.theasca.org/documents>.

As we build on our foundation and forge new paths for ASCA, we will be engaging in difficult conversations. This includes doing things differently when it comes to teaching, presenting, and other involvement opportunities. The Donald D. Gehring Academy is paving the way as, for the first time, applications for faculty were open, instead of asking specific people. This is not to say the previous way was wrong; however, it is time for us to open our opportunities in a fair and equitable manner so that we are benefiting from the expertise of a wide range of our members.

Our members are the association and we need to understand both what that experience has been like for you and what we want it to be moving forward. It is critical for the Board of Directors to be available and accessible to you. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us. Our information can be found at <http://www.theasca.org/bod>.

Sincerely,



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