

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Members of the Academy:

The Academy is in excellent shape with many well-functioning components.

Over the past several years, Drs. Jennifer Downey and David Lopez guided the Academy along a path of stability as well as provided creative and flexible responses to the ever-changing needs of our members.

For example, we changed our name to reflect the reality of the relative positions of psychodynamic psychiatry and psychoanalysis in psychiatric residency training today and in the public's mind. At the same time, we merged with the American College of Psychoanalysts that has increased the richness and depth of the psychoanalytic tradition out of which our Academy was born.

Our consistently high-quality Annual Meetings are well-received by attendees and reflect the great diversity of interests in our field today. They are organized by our Academy Program Chairs with care, creativity, tremendous enthusiasm and unbounded energy and overseen by our new Chair of Programs, Dr. Joseph Silvio. I encourage all of you to attend our next meeting in San Francisco in May 2019 immediately before the APA Annual Meeting.

Our publications continue to be top quality, informative and engaging, and the Teichner Scholar Program, the Scott Schwartz Award and other Academy educational initiatives continue to thrive.

Some of my goals as President will be: 1) to increase the membership of the Academy by more assertively reaching out to trainees and psychiatrists at all stages of their careers; 2) to find out from our leaders and members how they would like to see the Academy evolve for themselves in the immediate and long-term future; 3) to keep the Academy on a firm financial footing; 4) to support our current educational initiatives mentioned above as well as those in the areas of global psychiatry, integrative-care and distance teaching; 5) to maintain our deepening and evolving relationship with the American Psychiatric Association; and 6) to reinforce the importance of the psychiatrist-patient relationship in the diverse clinical settings in which we work.

Don't hesitate to contact me to find out how you can become more involved in Academy activities and what the Academy can do to better help you meet your needs!

Thank you for your continued support of Academy activities!

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