



A Message from Co-President Brian Burns

2020

Woah... 2020 has not been the year we predicted it would be! For any of us!! Starting the year last January—meeting together (in live 3D) for the annual Board Retreat at Hamline-Mitchell—eating a catered lunch together—everything seemed quite... normal.

But like the rest of the world, in the space of 5 days we transitioned to virtual meetings, set up our home offices and, well, we did it. We responded to the needs of clients. We responded to the protests and increased awareness around racial injustice and police brutality with important conversations. We strengthened our connection and collaboration with IACP. We are now responding to an increase in the need for healthy conflict resolution as divorces tick up after the long year of quarantine. We just concluded our first-ever virtual Forum, which was a resounding success! As an organization we are healthy. And of course, there is more to be done.

Angela and I want to extend a very warm and heartfelt thank you to Carl Arnold, Linda Wray, and Tonda Mattie, who are finishing their terms on the CLI Board. We appreciate your tireless contributions. A special note for Carl's leadership on the Forum. You are a tough act to follow!! The Board will now include Gay Rosenthal, George Zaske, and Rebecca Randen. Thank you for giving your time and talents. And thank you to all CLI members who in small and large ways give back to our community. Our sum is undoubtedly greater than the parts, and every moment matters. Our award winners this year personify this truth:

Audra Holbeck – 2020 Stu Webb Award

Käri McGuire – 2020 Volunteer of the Year

It has been our pleasure and honor to serve CLI as Co-Presidents in this strange and difficult and rewarding year, and we look forward to 2021!

2020 Co-President CLI,

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