



A Message from President Elect 2021 Megan Yates

Fellow CLI Members,

Well, here we are—the homestretch of 2020. I don't know about you, but this was the longest shortest year of my life. Who knew quarantining and social distancing could create the longest days but the shortest year?!? As someone with small children at home, I feel that in my bones. I'm sure many of you can relate.

Despite these...well, just plain weird and puzzling times, it is reassuring to know that CLI, as a community of like-minded professionals, was able to find ways to remain connected throughout 2020. Thank you to everyone who organized, moderated, and attended the “Let's Talk” Zoom series (which will continue in 2021) and a big congratulations to Carl Arnold, with wonderful assistance from Sandy Beeson, for putting on a fantastic virtual Annual Forum. I mean, there were no sumo suits, but it was still a fun time 😊.

As we look towards putting a pin in 2020, we are looking to 2021 with renewed hope and optimism (at least I hope we are) for what is yet to come. A vaccine for the masses is on the horizon and it's just possible that those slightly dysfunctional, yet endearing family gatherings will return by summer. I'm hoping we can look to breathe new life into CLI as well. For that, I am calling on all of you. If ever there was a time to bring renewed energy, focus, and enthusiasm to your involvement with CLI and your work as a Collaborative Practitioner, this is it! With that in mind, please mark your calendars and plan to join us, virtually of course, for the 2021 CLI Annual Retreat. Details as follows:

What:	2021 CLI Annual Retreat—Full Membership Portion
When:	Friday, January 15, 2021 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Where:	Via Zoom, from wherever you are!
Why:	Build and sustain connection with fellow Collaborative Professionals (will there be AJW Family Feud style events you ask? Maybe, but probably not 😊) and contribute to the conversation of what CLI's focus will be in 2021.

I also want to extend a warm “Welcome to the Board” to Rebecca Randen, Gay Rosenthal, and George Zaske!

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