

Happy New Year! I hope that 2021 is a much better year for everyone. I also hope you were able to take a bit of a break over the holiday season. It is time to get back to business. We have a Board meeting later this month and committees have meetings in the next few weeks.

The Conference committee will be starting their work in earnest this month. There is still time to volunteer if you are interested in helping out with this exciting venture between SLA and MLA. It is sure to be an engaging and exciting process.

The Education committee has been working on the development of a bursary in response to a resolution made at the 2020 AGM. This is an ongoing process and has been interesting so far. Please reach out to us if you have thoughts and ideas. We are currently doing a survey to see what else is out there and how they are managed.

The OBOP committee has been hard at work planning for OBOP in March. This will be a different year, but I am looking forward to the interesting events that the committee has planned.

The Engagement, Communications and Education committees are working together on a project that we hope will interest you. Keep an eye out for an announcement on this project.

We had to say goodbye to one of our Board members, Anthony Woodward who was in the position of Vice President, Advocacy. We wish to thank him for his thoughtful and interesting contributions. This also means that we now have a vacancy on the Board. Please reach out if you are interested in stepping in to complete this term. It is actually only a few months, but is a great way to test the waters.

All this to say that SLA is keeping busy responding to member needs.

Take care and happy January.

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