

### The Last Hurrah!

I can't believe it's that time of the year again. Holiday season is upon us, budget season is in full swing, the end of the year crunch, contracts that need to be finalized by year end and on and on! But wait, that also means my time as Chapter President is also running out. Man, that was fast and furious, but I have to admit, a lot of fun and very rewarding. It may sound weird when I say this isn't really about me or who the Chapter President is in a given year, but that it is rather about the commitment and passion of the Chapter Committees, their leadership, dedication and hard work. It is true though. Nothing would happen without that engagement of those members serving on the numerous committees that make up our Chapter. So YES(!), this is a call for member engagement.

Become an active and engaged ACC member! Trust me, you'll love it. We all work hard in our jobs and being involved in the Chapter means extra time and effort, but it is so much fun to be part of such a good group of people with a passion for what we do that you don't want to miss out. Besides, we are probably the most successful and awarded mid-size ACC Chapter in the nation, having been awarded another Chapter of Distinction Award in 2021, and we like to keep it that way (and brag a little bit, too).

All sales pitches aside, please consider becoming an active member and join the talented pool of Chapter leadership. We love new ideas and extra hands so we can continue to do all the great things we are planning for every year.

I didn't quite know what to expect when taking over the leadership for the Chapter back in January, especially after the roller coaster ride of 2020. No in-person events, no face-to-face board meetings, only Zoom, Webex, or other virtual interaction. So going into my year of service, I was cautiously optimistic that we would be able to gradually phase back into our standard programming with in-person CLE's, social and other events. Gradually it was, but a very sloooow gradual phasing back to whatever new normal this is or is going to become indeed. Things didn't quite progress as I had hoped, but in the end Against All Odds (yes, I do like Phil Collins and whoever doesn't is a liar) we had an in-person CCI event, Golf Spa, and we will(!) have an in-person Holiday Party this year.

Cheers to all of you! I hope to see your (hopefully still familiar) faces at our Holiday Party on December 15! So Come As You Are (yes of course, Nirvana) and come in droves.

Last but not least, a big Thank You to Sue! Sue is our hardest working and favorite Chapter Administrator. She is the one that keeps us organized, and who saved me a few times from the onset of Alzheimer's (or at least it felt like it at times).

See you around!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sue" or "Sue [initials]".