Message from FACC President
July 2020

Hi everyone! I hope everyone reading this message is safe and healthy, as well as all your loved ones.

We face a challenging year, as we move forward through this Covid-19 dilemma, which I was so hoping not to have to address in this message. However, as it stands now, it is difficult to know what tomorrow will bring, much less what will happen before we lay our heads on our pillows at night.

A quote by author Mark Caine, “The first step toward success is taken when you refuse to be a captive of the environment in which you first find yourself”. I find this a fitting quote that affects all of us at this point in our lives and the current environment in which we live. As this situation continues to escalate, we must be prepared to use alternate resources to achieve our goals, personal and professional, especially when it comes to our CMC and MMC certifications.

We were all saddened when we had to cancel our 2020 Summer Conference and Academy that was to be held this past June. But there is good news on the horizon, as we are excited to say that plans are in the works to, hopefully, hold our 2020 Fall Academy in-person in October! Woohoo!

Our Professional Education Committee Chair Julie Hennessy, MMC, and committee members have already secured many speakers for this event, and they deserve a round of applause for their dedicated efforts in bringing us specialized training that applies to our unique profession. To Our Champions of Education - We Thank You! In case you are not aware, during our Board meeting on May 21, 2020, the Board approved moving the 2020 Summer Conference and Academy speakers to either the 2020 Fall Academy or the 2021 Summer Conference and Academy. In addition, the Board approved to reschedule the Athenian Dialogue from the 2020 Summer Conference and Academy to the 2020 Fall Academy.

Be assured that the FACC is committed to your education and professional development. As such, I am confident there will be some form of education provided to further your professional goals, even if we cannot get together in-person. We will not allow the current environment of the world to hold us hostage from furthering our educational goals; cancellation of our educational opportunities is not an option. I am an advocate of education, and with there being so much technology available to us there must be a means that can meet our educational needs!

On another note, I would like to address recognition. In general, I would say most of us are modest by nature but will stand fast if pushed into a corner. Often, we are not recognized for our own accomplishments. With that being said, I encourage each of you to let the FACC know when you learn about a member who is retiring or has
passed away. Many times, we don’t speak about ourselves and sometimes we can’t, therefore, I am asking you to share others' accomplishments and celebrations of life with us, as we wish to give them honor, which they so truly deserve, and which you will too someday.

Remember, let us avoid being “me” and become “WE” and let us join together in having “No Limits” to our successes!

Warmest regards,

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