



A Message From the President

September 1, 2021

THERE WILL BE A FALL CONFERENCE!! That's the good news. However, the Board of Directors has elected to eliminate the in-person option for the conference, which changes the schedule and registration fees. The conference will be great, and it will be virtual.

Our Vice-President and conference Chair, Leah Einhorn, has amassed, poured over, and disseminated all the variables related to this painful decision. She spoke with a physician on the state COVID Task Force as well. We examined COVID data and trends in Anchorage and statewide, looking at ICU capacity, hospital capacity, percent of COVID patients in the hospital, trends of cases and testing, and of course, deaths. We explored significant mitigation processes and struggled over the financial impact of this decision.

In the end, the decision was painful, but not difficult. We are here to better society, and in this case, as leaders in this noble profession, we were in agreement that meeting in person, indoors, in a group setting, would not be the prudent thing to do at this time. The health of our members and the community at large is the most important factor. So, rubbing elbows will have to wait for next year. I hope I recognize you all after all this time apart. With each and every hurdle and obstacle we have faced, I am more and more proud of the APTA Alaska Board of Directors. Thank you all for your leadership and excellence.

I look forward to seeing you at our Virtual Fall Conference. Thank you for supporting us as we are here to support you.

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