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A Message from Your President-Elect 55th Anniversary Program February 18, 2025 Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Friends,

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you, the membership of the American Society of Forensic Odontology. As President-Elect and Program Chair of this year's meeting, I look forward to welcoming you to Baltimore on February 18th for our 55th Anniversary Program.

In preparing the program nearly a year ago, I had wondered would happen in 2024-2025 that would change the lives of persons in the communities we serve. Be it locally, regionally, or internationally, what would we be facing? Would we be prepared, or even be able, to respond? What new challenges would require a new approach? As responders, how would we help? As people, how might we or our those around us be affected?

Our hearts go out to the victims, their loved ones, communities, and responders in the past year; from the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore, to the wildfires on the west coast, and so many more. The aviation tragedy in Washington, DC last night gives us pause. Seeing the responders, resolute in their tasks in a demanding environment, reminds us that it is under the worst of circumstances that we see the best of humanity.

Responding to an incident, or providing support, these forensic personnel are the friends and colleagues that we meet at ASFO. As we come together in Baltimore, it will be not only to prepare to serve those who need us, but to be there to educate, support, and even inspire each other as we learn from the past and prepare for the future.

Our speakers and the ASFO leadership, look forward to seeing you on February 18th at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor.

Sincerely, Mary A. Cimrmancic, DDS