



August 2020 President's Update

Dear CMAA Baltimore Chapter Members,

What a year we have had. Certainly, one that anybody would be willing to scratch from memory and start over. Since that is not possible, we can all work together to rise above. It has been a while since we have reached out to our community. I hope this letter finds everyone well.

There are a few updates to share with everyone. Perhaps the best news is the fact that the Chapter has been able to move forward with awarding scholarships. In fact, 6 scholarships were awarded to well deserving students representing both the University of Maryland and Morgan State University. Look for an announcement pertaining to the awardees in the very near future. Special thanks to Joel Keels and Pranoy Choudhury for leading this effort.

The Chapter was also on the cutting edge in helping National deliver a virtual PCM Course. Much behind the scenes discussion and effort went into making that event happen. The response received from the attendees was very positive, and you can now see that National continues to utilize the virtual presentation model initially developed here. Joel Keels and the good folks at KCI really stepped up and delivered and are recognized for their efforts.

We continue to expand diversity within the Chapter and have worked to partner with members at Morgan State University. The Chapter worked with the faculty and determined that there was potential for great benefit if the school was able to join CMAA as an Academic Organization. The Chapter is pleased to announce, Morgan State University now has all the benefits, access to training, as well as supplemental study paper and webinars to enhance student learning. Morgan State's CMAA membership was sponsored through the generosity of DFI. We look forward to strong future partnering with the CM students and faculty at Morgan. Go Bears.

The Board had initially agreed to postpone the golf and awards banquet for 2020. Current ongoing situations have us maintain the thought that in person activities will remain suspended. We hope to return perhaps in early 2021. We do intend to go forward with the awards program and an announcement pertaining to that should be coming in August. Please note the expanded award categories and plan to submit your best projects.

Some other exciting opportunities are available to you as a member. National has many resources to obtain required points for your recertification. These can be found on the website and you are encouraged to sign up. The National Convention has been redesigned and is now going to be featured as a virtual offering titled CMAA2020. There is certain to be great sessions and other experiences for our members. The cost for registration is substantially less than the typical convention price and may afford many an opportunity to join in and experience a level of a National Convention. Registration is currently discounted so go online and sign up today.

Sincerely,

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