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Dear Colleagues:

As I write this welcome letter for the 2018 Annual Meeting, I am struck by how quickly the year is progressing. My schedule was full of meetings this winter and spring and in June, I attended the NYSDA House of Delegates meeting in Saratoga Springs. Here it is summer and with some time off from society meetings, I get to reflect. What do I see? It's simple; I love this great profession and I am proud to serve this organization as I follow in the footsteps of some outstanding leaders. I also get to work with so many members young and *more mature* who volunteer their valuable time to make sure our great profession stays that way.

We also have the best Component Dental Society staff in the state! I know every year we all sing the praises of the staff, but Lori, Nancy and Ellen are an incredible machine and they are the real "Heart and Soul of the Seventh District". Working with them has allowed me to see how well our Executive Office runs. My sincerest "Thanks" to you all. You made my job so easy.

"Hats Off" to my Business Chair, Dr. Rick Andolina Jr. for all he has done to make sure my year as President is a success. I didn't even mind those late-night phone calls finalizing details as events drew near. Rick Jr. is one of those young members I get to work with that has the new ideas, determination and the passion for this profession that we need to carry the organization forward. He brought us our speaker for the Annual Meeting, Dr. "Jimmy" Kilimitzoglou and I promise you won't be disappointed. Thank you, Rick!

I hope you choose to attend the Seventh District Annual Meeting. Dr. "Jimmy" is an outstanding speaker and his lecture is relevant in today's changing environment. I always attend the annual meeting because I get to see friends and colleagues and meet new members who are our future!

As I have said before, I encourage you to reach out and get involved. Call our district office to let them know you want to come to a board meeting. Reach out to your country representative and find out what is going on locally or call me or any of our board members with questions. We serve you!

Our dental society has a rich and vibrant history and our future looks bright. I am honored to be a part of that future.

Sincerely,

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