BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Distinguished guests, members, and staff of AIMGA, it gives me immense pleasure to present this report at the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Alberta International Medical Graduate Association.

It, indeed, was an honour to have served as the chair of AIMGA for a fourth year and I am glad that AIMGA has made remarkable progress since its' inception in 2000. I appreciate all those whose commitment and wisdom started us on our way. I am even more grateful to those who work so hard in this current stage of our growth.

I am delighted to begin my report by acknowledging the active involvement and engagement of our members in a wide range of initiatives and their great efforts that have finally put them on the pathway to becoming a physician in the Canadian healthcare system. Congratulations to successful members who have achieved success by obtaining a position in Residency, the Practice Readiness Assessment, or the Alberta Clinical Surgical Assistant Program (ACSAP).

Here are some highlights of the year 2019:

167 The number of clients who reported having passed licensing exams in 2018 (QE1, NAC, QE2)

31 The number of clients who secured residency seats. The total number of residency seats allocated to IMGs was 38.

8 The number of clients who obtained a position with the Alberta Clinical and Surgical Assistant Program where they are provided with a CPSA limited license to practice

13 The number of clients who reported receiving a CPSA eligibility letter deeming them eligible for the Practice Readiness Assessment route. Of these 13, 6 are now in practice.

In addition to our regular programs, AIMGA focused on collaborating with stakeholder groups around educational initiatives and implementing programs that increase medical knowledge, clinical skills, communication, and professionalism such as the introduction of M-CAP Online and the clinical lectures and workshops.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank our members for sharing our vision and for their active participation in our collective activities. We acknowledge the dedication and achievements of our staff members. We would especially like to recognize the consistent and excellent work done by our Executive Director, Deidre Lake. Her vision, the dedication of staff and volunteers in the implementation of the Association's strategic directions is impressive. We further express our appreciation to our funders, the Governments of Canada and Alberta in support our work. As the Chair of the Association, I extend my praise to our board members for their commitment to the Association, and their various contributions.

Dear members, we continued to grow our membership and strengthen our governance and operations. To date, our membership comprises of 885 active members in Good Standing. The members of the Board of Directors and staff are committed to the vision of the organization and have guided the development and implementation of our strategic priorities.

Finally, as we move forward in 2020 and beyond, I am proud of what AIMGA accomplished in 2019 and excited about the future. Our Association is strong and vibrant, and together we will continue our efforts to reach our goal to successfully integrate IMGs into the Canadian system.

Cordially,

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Board Chair, AIMGA