

# BOARD CHAIR REPORT

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This year, AIMGA has been instrumental in the success of the growing number of members who have secured residency spots in various disciplines and has provided valuable supports for the Practice Ready Assessment Candidates. Our various programs have helped members secure alternative employment options in and outside healthcare. With our Executive Director's vision and stewardship, AIMGA has been advocating for IMGs at every opportunity and have now cemented a solid presence in the community as an organization with healthcare professionals from around the world willing and very capable to help fill the gaps in the healthcare sector. Our partner organizations and other stakeholders acknowledge our contributions and recognize that we have much to offer to assist our overburdened healthcare system.

I would like to thank our generous funders for the continued support. With your strong partnership, AIMGA can deliver essential services and programs to our members, assist them in navigating the complex processes of licensing and certification, for which we are truly grateful. I thank our AIMGA staff who conscientiously perform their important tasks every single day. You are the driving force that keeps our organization responsive and accessible to our large membership. Your dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated. Our Executive Director, Ms. Deidre Lake, is the backbone of our organization, propelling us forward. I cannot thank her enough for everything she has done for AIMGA to bring us here today.

Her selflessness, sacrifices, and collaborative leadership are truly inspirational and deserves recognition. A most sincere thank you to our Board of Directors for sharing your valuable time, expertise, and guidance in making crucial decisions for our esteemed organization.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the AIMGA Board for the past four years. As a new member back in 2014, I took advantage of the existing programs and services in pursuit of my own personal goals. Along the way, I realized I could contribute my knowledge and skills to enable my fellow IMGs to achieve success. My time spent serving on the AIMGA Board in different roles has been an awesome learning experience that will sustain my commitment and resolve in advocating for our members.

I will continue to explore other avenues to highlight our unique strengths and skills as IMGs and bring attention to our struggles as we try to find acceptance and belonging in this country that we call home. To my fellow IMGs, I thank all of you for believing in our collective cause and for your passion to our chosen profession. Never lose sight of the dream, stand proud of your accomplishments, and know that you will one day succeed and reach your full potential.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Jennifer Garcia

