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President's Message

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Learning From One Another In a Changing

It is with immense gratitude that I step into the role of President of the Canadian Academy of Audiology. I recognize and deeply appreciate the Academy's dedication and all who have contributed so much to this community. Above all, I see this role as an opportunity to listen, collaborate, and contribute in a meaningful way to the profession we all care so deeply about.

What inspires me most about this Academy is the breadth of experience within it. We have colleagues across several domains who have devoted entire careers to advancing audiology, who built clinics, shaped standards, researched new possibilities, and trained generations of clinicians. And we have students and early-career members stepping into a profession that is changing faster than any of us expected.

Each group holds something the other needs. Experience brings wisdom, and new perspectives bring fresh questions. A profession that keeps both in conversation is a profession that grows to meet the needs of those we serve.

Our recent CAA Conference in Moncton was a wonderful reminder of this community's strength. The excellent program, strong attendance, and vibrant sense of camaraderie throughout the conference reflected not only our collective commitment to advancing audiology, but also the value in coming together. Beyond the presentations and formal discussions, the conversations between colleagues, the exchange of ideas, and the opportunity to reconnect and build new relationships made the gathering so meaningful. It reinforced that some of our greatest opportunities for professional growth come from simply being in conversation with one another.

A Moment of Change

None of us needs to be told that our field is in motion. New technologies, new models of care, new access pathways, and evolving scope of practice are all reshaping how we work. These changes can feel like pressure, and sometimes they are. But they are also an invitation. In a time of immense change, the one thing that is always ours is how we choose to respond. As we navigate immense change in our profession, I believe one of our greatest strengths lies in the diversity of experiences, perspectives, and expertise within our community.

This year, I want to encourage each of us to be curious, to remain open to new ideas, and, perhaps most importantly, to recognize how much we can learn from one another. Whether you are just beginning your career, have decades of experience, or bring a perspective shaped by a different

professional background, you have something valuable to contribute.

I encourage you to seek out conversations with colleagues whose experiences differ from your own. Ask questions. Share what you've learned. Challenge assumptions, including your own. Listen to understand, and be willing to see familiar challenges through a different lens.

As so much around us changes, we have a tremendous opportunity to learn from one another, embrace new perspectives, and shape the future of our profession together. While we don't need to have all the answers, we can all contribute to the conversation.

On behalf of the Canadian Academy of Audiology (CAA) Board of Directors, I am grateful to every one of you for the work you do and the communities you serve.