**AMAOPS 2020 – 2021**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

As President, it has been my pleasure to preside at all AMAOPS Board meetings and attend meetings by virtual means while speaking on behalf of this organization. In our 85 years, I do not know of a postponement of our MOAC (convention or Membership meeting) but due to the worldwide pandemic all face-to-face meetings were postponed.

All of our meetings through April 2021 were by zoom or (virtual/

phone).

We had no Membership Meeting in 2020 but did have a spring/summer Board meeting by teleconference in May 2020.

Our focus continues to be to organize a Student Advocate Associations (SAA) at our medical schools here in Missouri. Even though our meetings in January 2020 in Kansas City proved to be amazing in organizing, and in the planning of starting this dream, everything is on hold due to the physical closing of all three medical schools due to the pandemic.

Chris Yasso (Mrs. Joseph) volunteered to be our AMAOPS representative on the MAOPS Education Committee. Cheryl Johnston (Mrs. G. Michael) and Cindy Hix (Mrs. Elliott) were to join Chris on the (MOAC) Convention Committee. Sandra Novinger (Mrs. Joseph) was appointed to the Executive Committee.

We are still planning to celebrate our 85th + 1 anniversary at MOAC 2021. Activities will be much the same as previously planned.

St. Louis District Holiday Party for this year was planned but will be

postponed to December 2021, at this time.

MAOPS wanted to investigate having the MAOPS/AMAOPS medallion award reproduced. It was decided that we would donate $1000 to help defray the cost of striking more medallions. Sandra Novinger (Mrs. Joseph) volunteered to be our representive on the MAOPS Awards Committee.

Pat Molnar (Mrs. Joseph) and Ann Carter (Mrs. Rex) paid tribute to our Past AAOA President, JoAnn Hunter and Reba Hubbard, Past AMAOPS President. We lost JoAnn in December 2019 and Reba in August 2020.

We are planning to have a memorial service for all that we have lost at our first face-to-face membership meeting.

I attended the MAOPS May and September Board meetings and gave

a report concerning our organization. Of course, I reported on our plans for the SAA’s in Missouri. The MAOPS President and Board has decided

to look in to the issue in Kirksville for starting the SAA again. Also, the MAOPS Board decided, due to cost, that they would not reproduce the Medallion Award this year. Their officers were installed remotely. Bonnie Bowles received the ATSU President’s Medallion Award. Congratulations to Julie Williams who received the Medallion Award for 2020.

The AAOA was a virtual meeting this year, our delegates were Julie Williams, Sandra Novinger, Chris Yasso, Pat Molnar and Joyce Spezia. Julie Williams is serving on the AAOA Nominating Committee.

It was decided that we would put an article in the MAOPS Prognosis, instead of mailing our own newsletter as our activities were minimal this past year.

We will be having our annual Membership meeting at 10 AM on April 23rd, 2021 by zoom. It was decided that we would give four gift cards $25.00 each for attendance prices excluding board members. The nominating committee will be the same and the officers will continue for 2021-2022. Our plan, at the writing of this report, will have our Summer Board Meeting outside, location TBA.

On January 12, 2021, we lost our Cindy Hix (Mrs. Elliott), our board is heart broken as she will be forever missed. Our meetings will never be the same as Cindy added such fun, happiness yet seriousness of decision making her opinion with determination. We are in deep sadness, for ourselves but also for Dr. Hix and family. The pandemic has touched our organization in a terrible way, as Cindy fought hard through her illness but God wanted another angel.

**Joyce Spezia, AMAOPS President**