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Dear Members,

I am honored to be your current President of the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Hats off to Dr. Juan Duchesne, Dr. Emad Kandil, the Councilors and Program Committee Members for an outstanding program. The speakers were outstanding and informative and the meeting was well attended. The presentations were excellent and well balanced.

As your President, I plan to review our by-laws to ensure that they are up to date with what we are currently doing. I also have several initiatives that I would like to propose that I believe will further enhance and add value to our organization. I will reach out to many of you to ask for your assistance in achieving these initiatives and I hope that you will be agreeable to help.

The initiatives are as follow:

1. Create a Quality and Safety Committee
 1. This committee will be similar to the CoT and CoC committees. Hold an annual quality paper competition.
 2. Send a person or two to the annual ACS Quality & Safety Conference in Washington DC, July 19-22
 3. Such individual(s) will give a presentation to the members at the annual meeting and share what they've learned
2. Create a Diversity Committee to increase the number of African-American, Asian, Hispanic, and Middle-East members
3. Create a "Louisiana Woman of the Year" Award to be selected by members of the Women of Surgery Committee. The recipient:
 1. Must be a Louisiana Resident
 2. Does not have to be a surgeon or even be in the medical field
 3. Will give a 20 minute talk at the annual conference
4. Create a RAS-ACS Committee
5. Create an Endowment to increase our financial strengths
6. Create a Liaison Committee
7. Profit-sharing with our executive director of proceeds after a certain amount of money has been raised from pharmaceutical companies/industry
8. Recognize members' accomplishments in the program and at the meeting
9. Create the best basic science paper category
10. Include a "Best Videos" session at the annual meeting. Dr. Timmer, you can showcase your robotic cases here.
11. Include a "Tricks of the Trade" session
12. Include junior faculty as co-moderators of sessions

These are just some of the ideas that I have. I welcome your comments and suggestions. I also welcome anyone who has an interest in having a more involved role with our organization. Please send me an email and express your interest.

Again, thank you for putting your faith in me and I look forward to a fantastic meeting in 2021.

Sincerely,

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