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Dear Colleagues,

We hope that you are safe and taking care of your loved ones.

Our professionals' tasks in this record breaking pandemic are made so much more complicated and dangerous. We have seen astronomical numbers of new cases of COVID-19 every day and yet our lab work goes on and is even increased.

Additionally, in this hyper-partisan political season we have seen record numbers of people fulfilling their civic duties and voting for Congress and the president.

In the backdrop of these two stupendous events, the mundane tasks related to managing our society seem trivial, yet they are not. We owe a great deal to our members who have volunteered to keep our society functioning and progressing in these difficult days. In a couple of weeks, we will have our Council meeting to discuss the affairs of the society.

Due to the hard work of Jeff and Maggie, our scientific committee and our members we had an extremely successful Virtual annual meeting in August. There are so many reasons for 2020 to be an unforgettable year, and our successful annual meeting is another memorable event that will live in our memories for some time. We missed meeting our friends and enjoying their company, however, our meeting was extremely successful by all accounts. It was well received and well reviewed and it was financially a success. Our society is in much better financial condition at the end of 2020 than it was at the beginning. We will have a full report at the Council meeting from our treasurer, and we will have a full report for you in the next newsletter and/or by emails.

Take care of yourselves, be safe and continue doing all the great stuff you do every day.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Qasim Ansari MD".

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