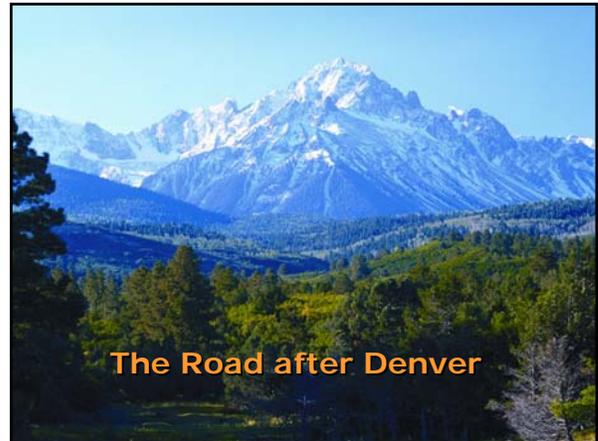




## President Elect's Address

Hormoz Ehya, M.D.  
 President-Elect  
 November 14, 2009



## Future of Cytopathology



### After the Summit:

- Multidisciplinary Steering Group will present the Summit recommendations to the Executive Board for approval
- A new Task Force will be charged with carrying the results into the next phase
- The Task Force will submit its recommendations to the EB for final approval
- Long Range Planning Committee will incorporate the recommendations into ASC Strategic Plan

## Future of Cytopathology



### Future of Cytopathology Task Force

George Birdsong, M.D., Co-Chair  
 Sue Zaleski, M.A., SCT(ASCP), Co-Chair

- Regulatory & licensing issues
- Reimbursement issues
- Educational aspects
- Laboratory error & Patient safety factors
- Work with other societies (ASCT, CAP, ASCP, PSC, etc.)

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- Improve the process of appointing chairs and members to key committees
- Expand the opportunities to engage former leaders in current affairs of the Society

## Reform leadership election process

- Transparent
- Objective
- Based on a record of service and loyalty to the society

The "President's Advisory Panel" (co-chaired by Prabodh Gupta, MD & Shirley Greening, MS, JD, CFIAC) in collaboration with the Nominating Committee will review our nominations process and make necessary recommendations to EB

## Promote closer ties with other societies

- PSC
- ASCT
- ASCP
- CAP
- IAC
- AMA

## Provide safeguards to prevent undue influence by commercial interests

- As a profession, we have always had close relationship with technology companies
- As a society, we have and will continue to encourage their presence at our meetings and contributions to our Foundation
- However: We must ensure that our policies, guidelines, recommendations and educational programs are not influenced by corporate donations

## Provide safeguards to prevent undue influence by commercial interests

- The "President's Advisory Panel" in collaboration with the "Ethics and Conduct Committee" will review our Conflict of Interest policies and make necessary recommendations to the EB
- The Ethics and Conduct Committee's charge will be expanded to oversee compliance with the COI policies

## Discourage secrecy and encourage open communication with membership

- Complete transparency
- Every member is entitled to know about any issue
- I will be available to the membership and will be happy to discuss any questions or concerns with any member of the Society
- Town hall meeting?

## Improve the process of appointing chairs and members to key committees

The Central Office will create a membership profile including:

- Number of years as a member
- Number of annual meetings attended
- Committees served
- Participation in educational mission (papers, seminars, workshops, etc.)

Redesign committee resource database

Expand the opportunities to engage former leaders in current affairs



- Include at least one past president, former Board member or CAC chair in every committee, or as Senior Advisor
- President's Advisory Panel
- Expand the agenda for the annual past presidents' and CAC Chairs' luncheon

Too Ambitious?

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Not when you have the support of a highly dedicated Executive Board, superb committee chairs and members and a terrific Central Office staff!

"Yes, we can!"

