

Closing Address for the 116th Annual Convention

Michael Bley—

I want to give special thanks to our sponsors, who were able to let the 2020 sponsorship ride, and sponsored again for 2022. I want to thank Carol for acquiring two PPP loans, which were converted to grants. Thanks also to Steve who was able to significantly reduce our editing costs of the Journal. Thanks also to our advertiser and renewing members for their continued support. All of these contributions have helped us keep our doors open the last two years.

Now, we have to look to the future. Many people may not realize it, but there is a lot of volunteer work going on behind the scenes to make this Association and Convention a success. The Association, your Association, needs your support in these functions. From the beginning, before any of us volunteered, we did not know how to fulfill all of the tasks involved. But I have found, that previous members who have done the same role and Carol are always will to guide you. Again, the Association, your Association needs your support in order to stay strong and viable. So I ask you if you are asked to volunteer, give it a second thought. If you are ambitious, and want to volunteer before being asked, just let one of the Officers or Carol know. With new volunteers comes new ideas and new ideas are what we need to move forward.

And now it is time for me to end my six year VP/P term and pass the gavel to the new President of the ALCA, Joseph Hoefler! I have great confidence; he will serve the Association very well as will John Rodden.

Thank you!

Joseph Hoefler—

Good evening to my esteemed ALCA colleagues. I want to first thank you all for attending and especially recognize the presenters and organizers for making this event such a wonderful experience. After so much time has passed without getting together due to Covid, missing two consecutive conventions, these past few days were like a reunion of sorts, akin to meeting distant family members, because ALCA is just that a family. Additionally at this time I would like to further acknowledge Carol as the matriarch of this family because without her I doubt that the Association or Convention could come close to what it has been.

I appreciate the responsibility and confidence placed in me and will strive to live up to expectations and hopefully follow in the footsteps of successful past presidents, like Mike, who set a great example to emulate. The ALCA Council have our work cut out for us and will need to begin to do so in the immediate future as we have Carol's replacement to consider, the next convention to plan, and of course another technical paper session to begin to solicit support for, no doubt the new Vice President John Rodden will do a fine job with his responsibility.

In closing let's enjoy the remaining time we have left together as we will go our separate ways soon after but shortly after lets also begin to think about the future and how we can make the most of things to come!

Take care, safe travels, and good night.



Michael Bley passing the gavel on to Joseph Hoefler