President’s Message
Celebrating Our Strengths, Successes & Profession

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all who helped make IAHCSMM’s first Online Educational Conference such a success. We had more than 2,400 registered participants take advantage of the outstanding educational content (and continuing education credits offered), and the online eXpo eXpo vendor exhibition. We appreciate the continued support from our vendor partners and the IAHCSMM team who worked diligently to orchestrate this auspicious event.

I’d like to remind you that IAHCSMM is again accepting and processing exam applications. I’m quite sure many of you are ready to sit for your professional certification exam(s), so this reinstatement of the examination process will undoubtedly be music to your ears. IAHCSMM has been working to secure information about Prometric’s testing site requirements. These requirements can vary, so it is imperative that each applicant check with their local Prometric testing center in the state where they plan to sit for the exam to learn the requirements prior to the scheduled testing date.

Over these past months, we have all had to adjust to a new way of interacting with one another, including our family, friends and co-workers. I would like to sincerely thank all you Sterile Processing (SP) professionals for all you do to ensure the patients and customers you serve are as safe as possible when they enter your facilities. Your contributions are valuable! You are appreciated and are among the heroes of the hospital.

‘Our’ week is almost here
Don’t forget: Sterile Processing Week takes place October 11-17, 2020. This weeklong event gives us an opportunity to celebrate what we do as SP professionals and educate others in our facilities and communities on the essential role we play in patient care. Let’s ensure our dedicated week is memorable! Every SP leader should find ways to celebrate their staff and let them know they are appreciated and respected, not just this week but each day of the year. Their efforts are performed tirelessly day in and out for their internal customers and, most importantly, their patients, and they deserve heartfelt appreciation (for more on Sterile Processing Week, including ways to honor your team this year, turn to page 62).

In the spirit of the great poet Maya Angelou, I’ll leave you with this: I speak your name, not for the things that they may have found wrong but for the great processes that you have done right. I salute all SP professionals and I speak your name for being the patient advocates you are and ensuring that patient safety always comes first. I speak your name for embracing change to do what is needed to ensure outstanding patient experiences. I speak your name, my fellow SP colleagues…today, tomorrow and always.

Sincerely,
Brian Reynolds