

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
GYRO INTERNATIONAL
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When in Medical School, I was told by a wise professor that the hours and days would drag by, but the years would fly. As I realize it has already been a year since my election to the president position, those words ring true. The year has been active. Your elected representatives, the Executive Council (five officers) and the Board of Governors (nine district governors and the five officers), have been meeting regularly from July 2021 to June 2022. Attendance and participation have been outstanding, with the BOG having 8/9 districts represented on average for the nine meetings held. With the inclusion of the seven It. governors, the average overall attendance was over 85%. I want to thank all the officers, governors and It. governors for their diligence and support of our organization.

On a sad note, we experienced the passing of two past international presidents. Ian Grieg, PIP 1997-98 and frequent attendee at the BOG, died on March 10, 2022, from a stroke suffered two days earlier. Mike McNally, PIP 2013-14 and S/T at the time, died on May 25, 2022, after a 3 year battle with cancer. He maintained his involvement with us, even being at the meeting two weeks before his passing. We also acknowledge that passing of all Gyros from this past year with thoughts of the times we had together.

At the initial BOG meeting, the priorities agreed upon were membership, technology improvement, organizational structure, and communication. The first two had standing committees that were under the leadership of Alan Pentney and Peter Carter respectively. The third had task forces, one currently dealing with long-term issues, and is chaired by Dan Durbin. And members have been on board with suggestions of how to improve communication.

The reports from each committee will have more detail for anyone who wants. The membership committee continued and expanded work from the previous year, with developing recommendations from the survey information from members, tools for clubs to use (videos, recruitment steps, and instruction materials), a diversity guide for clubs. And it always pushed a sense of urgency and pushed out 'pep talks' via email, web-site and Gyroscope. The technology committee continued the development and refinement of the web-site, with the addition of the Member's Portal. This is where member information only is protected, but offers a wealth of information about members, clubs and districts in format that is easily navigated. The task force on organizational structure is a very important activity. It is looking at how we should be organized going forward. Questions like: should we flatten the governance structure with different district structure, should the current executive council and board of governors be changed, how to keep clubs more involved in the overall organization. The coming year promises to be an interesting time.

I want to express appreciation to all members for the opportunity to serve as Gyro International President this year. I had a great team to work with, in Peter Carter, Dan Durbin, Alan Pentney, Matt Johnson, and Mike McNally. I has wonderful support from my own club, Oryg of St. Paul. And wonderful support from my wife, Bonnie.

Best wishes to all of you.

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