



Welcome to the Chicago Surgical Society! Many thanks to Dr. Millikan for getting us back together for in-person meetings after a long year of remote meetings. It was so great to see each other in person. I am looking forward to seeing even more members and guests in person at our meetings this year. Our first meeting is on October 6, 2022 and is the Bevan Lecture and we are very fortunate to have Dr. Leigh Neumayer from the University of Florida, Jacksonville who is a dynamic speaker and one who I know you will all enjoy. It is also our New Members Initiation where we welcome the newest members of our Society. The Great Debates in Surgery will be on November 3, 2022. This year we are having a second Bevan lecture on February 2, 2023 to make up for the one during the COVID pandemic and in April of 2023 we will have a joint meeting with the Illinois State Joint Surgical Conference. Our final meeting of the year will be on May 4, 2023 where we will have the annual business meeting and the Presidential Address. I hope this year you will all make an effort to attend the meetings. I know how busy all of our schedules get but it is so important to keep our Society vibrant and we cannot make that happen without your participation. Chicago has such an amazing group of surgeons and by joining forces we can continue to foster innovation and collaboration.

I remember coming to the Chicago Surgical Society for the first time as a resident with Dr. George Block. As a resident I remember the feeling I had when I sat listening to the lectures and banter among the prominent surgeons at that time and I am still amazed that I am now part of that group! It is a true honor to serve as the President of the Chicago Surgical Society and I hope that we can continue to gather, exchange ideas and continue to learn from each other. I encourage all of you to bring your residents to expose them to this great Society and get them even more excited about what lies ahead. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meetings.