



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

As 2020 comes to a close, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support and for walking with us through thick and thin during these very challenging times. It has been my pleasure to be your president in 2020 and even though the challenges were many, we have remained strong and we will continue to be resilient into 2021!

The CPIO has become and will continue to be of great value to our members and the industry. We are committed to ensuring our members are up to date on the latest information that effects the industry. As we enter the predicted second wave of the pandemic, we encourage you to reach out to us should you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help you.

Our membership base has rallied and remained strong throughout 2020. We have moved from face to face networking and professional development activities to offering bi-weekly webinars hosted by industry stakeholders and recognized professionals. In particular, I want to thank board director, James Meadway, for his leadership and commitment to making these webinars exceptional. Also, a special thanks to all of our webinar presenters. It appears we will continue into the new year with this virtual offering and reality well into 2021.

CPIO continues to seek members who are interested in serving on the board and welcomes applications from qualified individuals. On that note; I want to announce that I and Lloyd Vaughan, our dedicated Executive Vice President, will be stepping down at the AGM on November 16 to provide opportunities for present directors to take the lead. I want to thank Lloyd for his great work in 2020 helping to bring CPIO to a new level of performance.

We are pleased to announce our virtual Professional Development Day on November 16, "Building Surveillance Success". Attendees can earn 4 valuable CPE's through four exciting sessions. As mentioned previously, CPIO will also hold its Annual General Meeting virtually after the last session. At the AGM we will be holding elections for our new board of directors. Please visit [www.cpiontario.ca](http://www.cpiontario.ca) for more information and to register.

At the AGM we will provide an update of our activities and successes in 2020 which include new social media and website enhancements, membership growth initiatives; improved operational and fiscal management; and marketing and strategic planning. A new CPIO membership card and journal will be distributed to all members renewing or new in 2021.

I thank you again for the opportunity to serve you in 2021. We eagerly look forward to working with you in the coming year, and for many more years after that.

Yours truly,

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