Greetings,

I am happy to report that District V and VII hosted an excellent Annual District Meeting in Kansas City, MO from September 21-23. Kansas City’s Plaza Art Walk served as the perfect backdrop to the meeting with programming focused on the Heart and Art of Medicine. There were slightly more than 200 registered attendees and 30 guests. We had concise yet pertinent presentations on a variety of obstetric, gynecologic and subspecialty topics in addition to an inspirational leadership journey.

Outside of our educational programming, we also had a number of other interesting events. This included a well-attended Mentorship Mingle and Young Physician Luncheon sponsored by District VII. District V continued its In Speculum Art Night which gives donors the opportunity to support a good cause while utilizing their creativity to decorate a plastic speculum for display. The funds raised from this year’s event went to support the Kansas City Care Clinic.

District V continually strives to encourage participation from its members and also create a family friendly environment at our meetings. In keeping with this, we sponsored Camp ACOG at the meeting for the first time. Camp ACOG provided free child care for children 3-12 years of age. Given its success we plan to continue this offering at future meetings.

Moving forward, District V is very interested in using its resources to help improve the health of our patients and the delivery of health care. Towards this end, we are developing a mini-grant program to encourage scholarship and service in these realms. We also hope to create more events that encourage increased involvement of our membership, especially Young Physicians. Look out for more information in the coming months as we prepare for our next meeting in Hawaii in 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

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