Editor’s Note

ASJ Welcomes Our Newest Affiliate Society, CSAPS

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As of our July/August issue, the Canadian Society for Aesthetic (Cosmetic) Plastic Surgery (CSAPS) has joined Aesthetic Surgery Journal as an affiliate society. We welcome our Canadian colleagues into this partnership, which reflects not only the close relationship with our neighbors, but also the cooperation and common ground between our two societies, CSAPS and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS).

CSAPS has a long and distinguished history. A small group of 15 physicians composed the first membership class in 1972. Since then, CSAPS leadership has worked to, as their mission statement says, “improve cosmetic surgery outcomes through education, research, and the maintenance of high surgical standards of clinical practice.” Its commitment to patient safety and rigorous physician training reflect the same spirit in which ASAPS was founded, which makes the partnership between the two societies (and Aesthetic Surgery Journal) a natural extension. In fact, many of the 160 CSAPS members are also ASAPS members, and several of those serve on various ASAPS committees, participate in our teaching courses, and speak from the podium at our annual meetings.

I am certain that CSAPS, under the direction of current president Dr. Wayne Carman (also the CSAPS representative on our Editorial Board), will continue to thrive in its efforts to educate both physician and patient communities. I am excited about the unique perspective that our neighbors to the North will bring to the journal, and I look forward to showcasing their best research in future issues. As someone who has had the privilege of attending and operating at CSAPS meetings, I have witnessed firsthand its dedication to excellence in teaching, its commitment to patient safety, and what I can only refer to as its world-class quality results and outcomes. I am therefore confident of the value that our Canadian colleagues will bring to the journal and eagerly welcome it.