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From the Desk of the President

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Dear Members,

Effective in 2023, we will no longer send a Quarterly Newsletter to our email members. The Quarterly Newsletter was a summary of all the bulletins and other documents that AASBCR® had already sent by email throughout the quarter. We will continue to send a Quarterly Newsletter by US mail to the few non-email members who have no other way to get the information.

AASBCR® has been offering grants to local charities and non-profits for the last five years. In December, 2022 we featured the grants and donations that we made in 2022 and the years before. Grant requests are initiated by our members. We depend on you to tell us about the non-profits you work with that serve the community and situations where they may be able to do even more with the help of a grant. Requirements for a Grant and the Grant Request form are on the website under the tab About AASBCR®. Consider working with your favorite non-profit to sponsor a grant.

At this time we must say good bye to Dale Jensen, as our VP – Communication. Dale has served AASBCR® well in this capacity for the last 2 years and he has been a great asset to our Board. Besides his way with words, we will miss his wisdom and his wit. For now Dale will continue in his role as AASBCR® Facebook Administrator.

Losing Dale means we need volunteers willing to take on the responsibilities for Communications, which include researching, writing, editing and publishing our AASBCR® bulletins and other documents. A few years ago we had four people dedicated to working on communications. Now we have none.

During 2022 we handled over 60 requests from members for assistance with benefit issues and questions. In many cases AASBCR® was able to do some research, answer the questions and resolve the situation. In other cases we had to refer the situation to AT&T HR which often required additional phone calls and follow-up emails. We once had three people dedicated to working on benefits but now we have only one.

AASBCR® is an all-volunteer organization. We can only support our members with information and advocacy if we have members who support us by volunteering. I urge you to think about your time and your interests, to see if you can devote three to five hours per month to help support AASBCR.

Please contact us at www.pres@aabcr.org or call our virtual office number, 312-962-2770 and leave a message, if you are willing to assist in any areas of our organization.

Sincerely,

Mary Foley