

Dear SDAAO Members,

It is with the warmest gratitude and deepest appreciation that I write to you as the newly elected President of the South Dakota Association of Assessing Officers. I am truly honored and humbled that you have entrusted me with this incredible opportunity. To be voted into this role by peers and friends who have walked alongside me throughout this journey is something I will never take for granted.

When I first stepped into this association, I'll admit—school, conferences, and the scope of our work felt daunting. But it didn't take long before those nerves faded, thanks to the people who welcomed me with open arms and made each event feel less like a professional obligation and more like coming home to family.

What makes this association so special is not just what we do, but how we do it—together. I genuinely believe that I wouldn't be where I am today without each and every one of you. The connections we've built, the knowledge we've shared, and the support we've offered one another have shaped this organization into something extraordinary.

As we step into this year together, I am excited to see what we can accomplish. I look forward to working alongside all of you to continue strengthening the SDAAO. I truly hope to see you in Sioux Falls next year, where I plan to showcase the very best our city has to offer as we come together once more—both as professionals and as friends.

With warm regards,

Joshua Marbach, SDAAO President