

November 12, 2020

Greetings Winglets -

First and foremost, I want to welcome the Wing Board for 2020 - 2021 - RENO. Thank you for the work you've already done for Reno. As we move ahead, your continued support and input are greatly appreciated.

Wing Board

RENO: 2020-2021

Name	Position
Carrie Davis	President
Sandy Vanderploeg	1st VP
Liz Fox	2nd VP
Lisa Veronneau	Secretary
Brenda Clinton	Treasurer
Debbie Tripp	Board Member @ Lg
Melinda Kaye Brandt	Board Member @ Lg
Els Salisbury	Board Member @ Lg
Peggy Trumbo	Board Member @ Lg
Debra "Deb" Anzalone	Board Member @ Lg
Judy Waring	Parliamentarian
Deb Altchuler	Asst Parliamentarian

Yalonda Silberman	Membership
Liz Fox	Advance Registration / Registration
Jackie Bohnker	Registration
Judy Waring	Resolutions
Michelle Tvaryanas	Hospitality / Reception
Amy Chapman	Hospitality / Reception
Debbie Tripp	Wednesday Business Meeting
Sue Hudson	Favours
Sandy Vanderploeg	Arrangements/Tours
Fran Laue	Electronic Comm (Website, Facebook, Zoom)
Dale Orford	Facebook
Carrie Davis, Yalonda Silberman	Newsletter
Abby Elliott	Past President
Yalonda Silberman	2nd Past President
Peggy Trumbo	AsMA Liaison
Abby Elliott	Nominating Chair

Watch your email for a "Wing Survey" and details about our next Wing Zoom Social(s)!

You are probably as happy as I am that we are finally in the 4th Quarter of this crazy crazy 2020. With Thanksgiving, only days away and holidays close behind, the New Year cannot come fast enough.

Although this Fall Newsletter doesn't look like what we've done in the past, you will agree this year absolutely has not been anything like years past. So, I thought we could seize the opportunity to stretch our wings and soar to new heights in cyberspace! We will continue to embrace our rich traditions as we navigate new frontiers.

WARNING!! This is a very long email as it contains all the details about what has happened since the fall of last year! Since we are not limited to paper, we thought we'd give you as much information as you want to read! Save this email for posterity!!

We're very proud of you, Wonderful Winglets, for embracing the expansion of The Wing's digital communications into your lives.

Fall Newsletter (November 2020)

Edition 71

News on The Wing

From the President's Desk

By Carrie Davis (and Ghostwriter, Yalonda Silberman)

RECAP SINCE LAST "NEWS ON THE WING - EDITION 70"

In the classic movie, "Wizard of Oz" (1939), Dorothy finds herself in Munchkin Land. On her quest to get home, she's advised by the Munchkins to "Follow the Yellow Brick Road." For surely the Yellow Brick Road will lead her to the Wizard who will have all the answers and can show her the way home.

Clearly, The Wing can say "we're not in Kansas anymore" as we start our journey to get back home. "Home" meaning being together again at AsMA and our Wing activities.

Let's look back at this time last year, Fall 2019. Abby Elliott, our illustrious Wing President of 2019 - 2020, kicked off our Wing Year with the fabulous newsletter (Edition 70).

Go back and refresh your memory of The Wing timeline. It's easiest if you click this link. It will take you to last year's Fall Newsletter found on The Wing website. Read last year's Fall Newsletter and remember what was planned for a super fun time in Atlanta. (May 17 - 21, 2020)

https://www.thewingofasma.com/Fall_2019_Newsletter.pdf

Wing President Abby, First Vice-President Carrie Davis, and Second Vice-President Sandy Vanderploeg with the help of Atlanta resident, Michelle Garber, planned a marvelous meeting. Everything was in place! The great Schedule of Events was ready, the Registration Form form was set-up and we were ready to head to Atlanta.

FAST FORWARD TO TODAY ... More than anything, we would have loved for THIS newsletter to recap everything about the wonderful Atlanta meeting. Atlanta was full of the promise to catch up with old friends, make new friends, embrace new members, lots of laughter, fun tours, and unique memories.

Aaaaaaw! Unique memories are what we got, didn't we?

First of all, it's very tough to find the words to thank our awesome Abby Elliott!! She is a true Wing Warrior and Leader. She navigated through months of unprecedented Wing unknowns. With so many "starts and stops" as to what was going to happen it was difficult to do email blasts ... because things changed daily. Thank you, Abby, for doing so much hard work, heavy lifting, and all the tough stuff ... and then not be able to have any of the FUN of our in-person meetings.

Using Facebook, Abby consistently communicated via our Wing Facebook page. She gave us updates and the status of the Atlanta AsMA meeting. Many of us are members of The Wing Facebook Group and so the following will be repetitive ... However, many of our members are not on The Wing Facebook page. So, I'm hoping this will show how important it is to stay connected with the Winglets on Facebook. (To find us on Facebook and join, go to Facebook and search "Wing of the Aerospace Medical Association" and request to join. Dale Orford, Fran Laue,

and Peggy Trumbo are our Facebook administrators and will admit you to our private group.

On March 19, 2020, Abby posted on The Wing Facebook page:

MESSAGE FROM THE WING PRESIDENT

It's official: The AsMA Atlanta May 17-21, 2020 meeting is postponed and rescheduled for October 10-15, 2020. The well-being of everyone is the foremost concern of the organization. We wish and trust that you and your loved ones remain healthy during this time of new lifestyle changes.

It is anticipated that Wing events including tours will continue as planned. Your patience and understanding are appreciated while we confirm our schedule. If any changes occur, we will do our best to notify you as soon as possible.

The Wing of AsMA leadership has been addressing contingency plans and is following the lead of the AsMA Executive Team. *If you have already registered for Wing events and plan to attend the October meeting, you do not need to do anything. Your payment will automatically be applied to the Wing events for the October meeting. *If you are unable to attend the October meeting, please contact Brenda Clinton, Treasurer, (contact information on Wing registration form) to request a full refund.

*The Wing would like to encourage members to pay their annual membership dues to show ongoing support for our organization and assist with annual expenses. *As a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, The Wing of AsMA can also accept donations from those who cannot attend the October meeting.* Should you decide to donate all or part of your registration fees, please contact our Treasurer.

Please refer to the AsMA website at <http://www.AsMA.org> for additional details including hotel reservations.

On a personal note, I find the news and social media stories of people coming together and supporting each other in a multitude of methods quite heartwarming. I would like to encourage each and every one of us to help our family, friends, neighbors and even strangers through these unprecedented times.

I look forward to seeing you in October. We'll be ready to have a well-deserved fun meeting!

Sending wishes of health and happiness to all!

Abby Elliott, President

Wing of AsMA

THANK YOU DALE ORFORD, OUR LEAD FACEBOOK PAGE ADMIN!!

On May 8, 2020, Dale *brilliantly* posted on our Wing FB page some pics of our Dallas 2018 Wing activities. Dale encouraged us to post pics of past AsMAs so we would feel connected to our Wing family. The month of May just doesn't seem like the month of May if there is no AsMA.

Dale, Thank you for the idea to connect this way! I bet you didn't know your suggestion would be the catalyst on our Yellow Brick Road to cheer us onward as we faced the "Lions and Tigers and Bears" of 2020 to get home.

Be sure and go to our Facebook page and look at our virtual trip down memory lane. From May 8 thru May 16, 2020, many great pics were posted from meetings of years gone by.

On July 20, 2020, Abby posted on The Wing Facebook page:

Abby Elliott shared a link.

Message from the Wing President

Hello Winglets!!! Greetings to members and friends of the Wing of AsMA. I trust everyone has been making the best of these unusual times and, most importantly, you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe in the midst of this pandemic.

The past several months, the Wing of AsMA planning team has been monitoring the changing status of the activities planned for the Atlanta meeting in October. The Wing of AsMA Board held a special teleconference meeting on 7/18/2020 to discuss the most current information.

In deference to the safety of our members and changes in business practices due to COVID-19, the Wing of AsMA Board has voted to **cancel** the Georgia Aquarium tour, the Atlanta Botanical Garden tour, and the business lunch meeting at Pittypat's Porch. Special tour arrangements are not available as of this writing and it is unknown when special tours will resume. Social distancing on buses has a cost-prohibited impact on ticket prices.

Unfortunately, Pittypat's Porch restaurant remains closed.

At this time, the Welcome Reception is **suspended**. A decision will be made on October 5 depending upon the number of attendees.

Refunds will be available for members who have already registered but have a change of plans. Fran or Yalonda will be contacting you to discuss the refund process.

The Wing will maintain its Hospitality Room at the Hyatt Regency. The Hospitality Room will be available for members to meet, socialize or use as a rendezvous point. This year the Hospitality Room will **not host** a beverage/snack table for coffee or hot tea. Conveniently, there is a Starbucks located in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency. October is a delightful time of year in the beautiful city of Atlanta. For the people who are attending, the Hospitality Room will have information on local attractions.

The Atlanta 2020 **Annual Wing Business Meeting will be held via Zoom**

teleconference. This will allow a greater number of members to participate in the meeting, regardless if they are physically present in Atlanta. (Remember, only dues paying members can vote.) Exact time and date of the Zoom Annual Wing Business Meeting will be determined, but it will be somewhere around the time of the Atlanta AsMA meeting, October 10-14.

On that note, I strongly encourage everyone to please visit the Wing of AsMA website at <https://www.thewingofasma.com/> and pay your Wing dues! Being a dues paying member of the Wing supports our mission, allows you to be listed in the membership directory, and allows you to vote in our annual meeting. Dues are only \$35 through September 25th, after which the dues increase to \$40. This year, Conference Registration is being reduced to a bargain rate of \$10, which provides benefits of Wing Hospitality Room and access to AsMA exhibits, etc. To help us assess the viability of holding the Welcome Reception, please register by October 5th.

I must concede, this year did not come anywhere close to what I envisioned for my term as Wing president! Pandemic????...Nope, that word was not on my radar!!! What did happen? I have had the privilege of getting to know and work with some amazing women. I would like to give a special shout out to several Wing members who have literally spent hours and hours in preparation for the Atlanta meeting: Carrie Davis, Sandy Vanderploeg, Diane Allnutt, Brenda Clinton, Fran Laue and Yalonda Silberman. Thank you!

This is a long letter, but its mission is to let everyone know the status of the Wing at the Atlanta meeting.

Stay safe!

Abby Elliott, President

Wing of AsMA

It's a Wing Thing

AND THEN THE WING WENT "ZOOM" . . .

Thank you, Abby and your Board Members for the idea of ZOOMING!!

We had three (3) Wing Social Zoom get-togethers AND had great attendance at our Annual Wing Business Meeting.

We were so excited to see so many members!

Wing Social Zoom meetings were held:

- Tue, Aug 18 at 7:00 PM CENTRAL - (Social 1 of 3)
- Thu, Aug 20 at 8:00 AM CENTRAL - (Social 2 of 3)
- Fri, Aug 21 at 11:00 AM CENTRAL - (Social 3 of 3)

The Wing Annual Business Meeting was held on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at 11 AM

Here are some pics from our Zoom Get-Togethers!

Watch for a follow-up email with a "Wing Survey" and details on the next Wing Social(s)!

The Wing Survey will ask you about your best time & dates for Wing Zoom Socials along with "other stuff" we want to know!

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Fly high, Winglets!

**Carrie Davis, President
The Wing of AsMA**