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Dear USSAAC colleagues:

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David Beukelman Iris Fishman Kristen Gray Chris Klein Tracy Kovach Lateef McLeod Judy Montgomery India Ochs Patricia Ourand Sheela Stuart Michael B. Williams David Yoder Welcome to USSAAC in 2020! First of all, I would like to introduce myself as the President of USSAAC. My name is Yoosun Chung. I am an Associate Professor at George Mason University, in Virginia. As an AAC user, I have been involved in USSAAC activities for the past several years, but I am very excited to take on this leadership role for USSAAC in 2020.

As you know, USSAAC is an ATIA affiliate partner and as such, USSAAC members will receive a discount on ATIA registration up to and including the day of the conference. ATIA is fast approaching and the USSAAC membership meeting will be held at 5:30pm – 6:15pm, on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, in BOCA V. Those of you who have renewed or newly joined USSAAC before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 will be eligible for a drawing to take place at our membership meeting. The winner will get a free registration to ATIA 2021. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

If you have not yet (re)joined USSAAC, you can do so at <u>www.ussaac.org/membership</u>. You don't want to miss any of our 2020 membership benefits!

Are you attending an upcoming AAC conference? Contact <u>membership@ussaac.org</u> if you want a USSAAC badge ribbon to wear, and if you are willing to distribute information about USSAAC and/or the upcoming ISAAC 2020 conference in Mexico!

Speaking of ISAAC 2020, save the date for the biannual conference in Cancun, Mexico, from August 3-6. More information can be found at <u>www.isaac-online.org/english/conference-2020</u>. We are delighted to let you know that you can also learn more about ISAAC 2020 directly from Franklin Smith, ISAAC Executive Director, who will be joining us at our ATIA meet-up.

And one more reminder: Purchase with purpose. If you ever shop though <u>amazon.com</u>, please consider using Amazon Smile instead! It's simple and a painless way for you to contribute to USSAAC! Select USSAAC as your charity at <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0406685</u> and Amazon donates to USSAAC while you shop.

Follow USSAAC on Facebook, and check in with our website at <u>www.ussaac.org</u> to learn about our upcoming 2020 webinar events, and to keep up with our SpeakUp! blog. Enjoy the lengthening days ahead.

Best,

Yoosun Chung USSAAC, President