July 12, 2022

As the calendar turned this month, the first half of 2022 ended, and all the opportunities for the second half of the year opened. Many of us have found it difficult to keep track of time during the pandemic. Some days or weeks pass quickly while others D-R-A-G on. Some days I am amazed it has been 2+ years, and others it feels like MANY more. We've all missed important events and opportunities to connect, but I am optimistic we are all moving in a positive direction, including SPCN. The past year has been filled with many challenges for SPCN board members. With our web site becoming outdated and a desire to increase our actuve membership, we decided to collaborate with our web manager to update the site. Several months into that process, we continued to have issues with membership renewals and overall delays. We researched other options, and made the decision in April to move forward with a new web management team, Summer Communications, Inc. Their initial recommendation was to update our logo and branding. This was not an easy task for the board members. After many discussions and review of proofs, we agreed on a logo refresh that keeps some of our original design, while lightening the colors and fonts. We are using the new logo on all digital and print moving forward, and we hope you will be pleased with the final result. Check out the recent Save the Date email for a sneak peek! (Please check your junk folder as we are aware some have been routed there).

Work continues on the web site build, with hopes of going live in August. More information will be posted once we are ready for the transition. Until then, watch email and the current web site for details on the annual meeting and how you can become more active in SPCN. We have several board positions open for nominations this year: President, Vice President, Secretary and Member at Large. Contact any board member with questions or nominations.

We plan to be LIVE in Chicago at Lurie Children's Hospital on Friday morning, November 4, with an exciting line-up of presenters on "CHD and Mental Health: Innovations for a lifetime of emotional well-being and resilience". Join other SPCN members for this annual event LIVE or via Zoom option. AHA is also offering a pre-sessions pediatric cardiology symposium on Friday afternoon. As a wrap-up, members can participate in a group dinner Friday evening. Whether you plan to join us LIVE or via Zoom, we welcome you with open arms. I look at this as a true opportunity for the latter half of 2022. Learning, sharing, hugging, smiling, laughing. I can't wait to see many of you again!

Until then, stay well, be kind, and take care of yourself.