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Global Perspectives

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I have always enjoyed the saying that you must look within for values, but must look beyond for perspective. Being from a small Midwest town of roughly 15,000 my childhood perspective reached the depths of the bull pens surrounding my neighborhood. Perhaps as a result of these limiting borders, I have a deep-rooted love of adventure, foreign environments and an appreciation for new cultures.

Over the past two years working with the AAFPRS leadership team and the over 300 OFPSA members nationwide, my perspective of this great specialty has been drastically broadened. A surprising side effect of my many interactions within the “culture” of this society is an appreciation for the differences and similarities that truly make facial plastic surgery unique.

When taking over as president in 2010 I relied on my experiences abroad and remembered the way to adapt to a new environment is to listen. By listening to members from practices of all shapes and sizes, my mind was opened to a rather sophomoric revelation. It was the simple notion that every practice is not like ours! This lesson has served as my compass over the past two years.

Working with practices from coast-to-coast, I quickly learned that both the AAFPRS and the OFPSA are in fact their own communities. Much like any culture, we speak our own language and often have shared characteristics and pasts. The two groups offer an environment that transforms strangers into allies through commonalities and an appreciation of our differences. It is for these reasons that we have chosen to devote

the last OFPSA digital magazine of 2012 to one that truly embodies a “global perspective” of aesthetics. With facial plastic surgeons from all over the world contributing to this publication, the magazine offers diversified perspectives of beauty and global progress. Through the following articles, you will have the ability to travel around the world in under 40 pages.

It has been an incredible experience working with the OFPSA for the past two years. My perspective of this great industry has truly been enriched and broadened by working with each of your practices and staff. A very special thank you to Steve Duffy, Rita Chua Magness and Ann Jenne for your dedication to the OFPSA and to our continued growth. Finally, a tremendous thank you to my physician sponsor Dr. Steven Dayan. I am grateful that you have allowed me to devote so much time to an organization that has truly impacted me and for your continued leadership and guidance.

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