



From: John Panikar, AIGA Board President

To: AIGA Members, Technical Committee/Work Group Members and National Associations

Dear Colleagues,

I'd first like to wish everyone a very 2022, and hope that you feel as refreshed as I do for the year ahead.

It goes without saying that the year that just passed was a remarkably challenging one. I will forever remain proud of how our industry demonstrated not just the resilience to overcome adversity, but also the compassion for the communities and partners we serve.

AIGA member companies and National Associations worked round-the-clock to meet the spike in demand for medical oxygen from hospitals and healthcare facilities. AIGA Technical Committee (TC) and Work Groups (WG) remained actively engaged throughout the year to meet their annual objectives. Despite a difficult year, AIGA also held 6 Webinars, published 35 publications on topics of interest and also guided the industry with COVID-19 related recommendations.

The role that AIGA played in supporting the industrial gases industry through this crisis cannot be overstated. I would like to sincerely thank all members of the AIGA Technical Committee and Work Groups for the commitment and dedication you demonstrated throughout the crisis.

Finally, I'd like to bring our attention back to safety. The first quarter of the year tends to trend more poorly on our safety performance, and while the reasons for this are varied, I urge us to make understanding and mitigating these risks a priority. Open lines of dialogue to hear feedback, ensure team leaders reinforce a culture of safety by consistently demonstrating it themselves, or review the data for more insights. Let's make 2022 the best year for safety we've ever had.

Thank you, and I look forward to working with everyone as we embark on this new year.

John Panikar, Board President-AIGA

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