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Fall 2018 Presidential Message

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Dear AIEA Members,

It's hard to believe we are much closer to our upcoming conference than we are to our last conference. It has been a busy and productive time for AIEA since our conference in February. As international higher education leaders we know our work is more crucial than ever as globally we are experiencing counter trends to an open and interdependent world. In the spring I challenged us all to take this moment in time to "reflect, reframe and recommit" to the critical work we do together as professionals around the world. Although we continue (and will continue) to see changes in the international higher education landscape, I hope that we are ready to tackle the very real challenges of our day. As we engage in our mandates to internationalize our institutions, let's be mindful of the potential to transform not only our campuses, but also our communities.

I am honored to serve as president at this time and to be surrounded by colleagues and friends who share their expertise so openly in service to the international field and more broadly to higher education in general. With AIEA's move to independence complete and the strategic planning retreat behind us, we are looking forward to the exciting possibilities the future holds for us as an association. It is thrilling to see the progress we are making as an organization that prides itself on its peer learning, and I can't wait to see how the strategic planning shapes up. Perhaps it is an opportune time to consider how you can get more involved in AIEA.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Conference in San Francisco and I thank Cheryl Matherly for her leadership in planning the conference. I know she appreciates all the contributions to the conference planning thus far. Thanks to all the committee and taskforce members and chairs who do much of the heavy lifting for us all throughout the year to provide leadership for the high-quality service and training opportunities we have all come to expect. On behalf of the presidential stream, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank, in particular, the Secretariat, led so ably by Darla Deardorff, for their indispensable support of all our initiatives.

Here's to a successful year and see you in San Francisco!

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