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It was a great honor for me to participate in the Chinese American Society of Anesthesiology gala in San Francisco this past October. Dr. Grant and I both appreciated the invitation and the opportunity to address your membership and highlight ASA's work on important issues such as the opioid epidemic. It was also a pleasure to get to know our colleagues from China including my counterpart Dr Yuguang (Gary) Huang the President of the Chinese Society of Anesthesiology. I look forward to meeting him and his other colleagues at the Society's national meeting in China this September.

It is meetings like CASA that make ANESTHESIOLOGY a truly global experience. Thank you for your hospitality and congratulations on an excellent and engaging event.

During my year as the American Society of Anesthesiologists president, I am looking forward to continued outreach and collaboration with partners such as CASA on common challenges including patient safety, scope of practice, physician wellness and leadership. I hope our participation in each other's meetings will enhance the cultural understanding between our societies and

working together we will further our ability to share knowledge and innovative solutions.

I look forward to participating in your gala this October in Orlando and our continued work together.

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