



*Dear Members*

*As we approach the end of the year and my presidency reaches its finale, I'd like to take this opportunity to reach out to our members.*

*Normally by now, we would have had many events where we could get together, talk, and share experiences. But since that was not possible this year, I just wanted to connect to let you know what our plans are going forward.*

*As you know, 2020 was not the best year for our networking events. The unprecedented occurrences of this past year have pre-empted CIBS' ability to do what it is was designed for: bring people together. CIBS however did hold virtual board meetings to keep on planning for future events until we are once again able to meet in person. For those who are not familiar with its long networking history, CIBS was originally created to help men and women that served our country after WW II to integrate themselves back into the industry. Today, CIBS continues to provide that same environment for our members to interact with cosmetic industry leaders.*

*Our hearts go out to those who have fallen victim to this dreadful pandemic. Most importantly, we feel for those who have lost loved ones and/or have been victims of this devastating affliction themselves. As we move forward, we do so with the hope and belief that we are moving towards a more inspiring horizon and that 2021 will bring us the healing and renewal we so desperately need. We will face these challenges together and will continue to operate as per the time-honored vision of the organization's founders.*

*Traditionally, at the end of each year, we hold our Members Only Luncheon and have a ceremony to introduce the new slate of officers to the Executive Board and at the same time pass the gavel to the incoming President.*

*For those of you who have asked, I will not be assuming the President's reins again for 2021. Mario Magali, who many of you know, has graciously volunteered to lead CIBS in 2021. Therefore, the gavel will be passed to him as 2021 President. Mario is a past-president and very familiar with the structure, history, and management of the organization.*

*As we approach 2021, we are optimistic that this situation will be under control in the very near future and we'll be able to once again start holding our legendary events. I'm confident that under Mario's leadership they will be as enjoyable and successful as they've been throughout our organization's history.*

*Due to the extenuating circumstances, this year we will break with tradition and the Executive Committee will remain in their existing positions for 2021. This was an important decision as it was the desire of the current leadership & the Past Presidents that the current Executive Board members enjoy a full normal year by the time they reached the position of CIBS leadership. Therefore, the positions will be as follows: Vice President: Balla Murillo, Treasurer: Allyson Tobin, Recording Secy: Veronica Cruz, Corresponding Secy: Kal Kalyanasundaram. Directors: Judy Vincenty, Jo-Ann Greco, Charles Marchese, Jenifer Brady.*

*In closing, as I move on, I'd like to take the opportunity to convey the honor it's been to be part of this magnificent organization. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served as part of the CIBS Board and ultimately the Presidency. Over the last 20 years, I have been incredibly fortunate to have met so many amazing people and am thankful for the friendships that developed. As I step into a new phase, I look forward to seeing you at future events and supporting the membership in any way I can.*

*Once again, I'd like to thank our membership family and all those that have been unwavering supporters of the CIBS organization throughout the years.*

*I wish you all a very Happy Holiday and the best of health, happiness, and recovery in the new year.*

*Be well! Stay safe!*

*Judy Vincenty  
2020 CIBS President*