September 15, 2026

Dear CAAO Executive Board,

Given the unexpected change in circumstances, after careful consideration I have decided to withdraw my candidacy from the current election for President-Elect. I don't feel it would be appropriate for me to step immediately into the role of President without the important preparation period I anticipated, and I believe doing so would be a disservice to the organization.

I entered this election with the intention of serving first as President-Elect, becoming more involved in the organization, and learning the role and expectations of the Presidency. I believe that experience is critical to serving successfully and to earning the confidence of the membership.

I remain committed to serving CAAO and intend to run for President-Elect in the upcoming special election. I am grateful to everyone who has supported me and voted for me, and I look forward to the opportunity to earn their support again.

I still believe CAAO is strongest when its members feel connected, supported, welcomed, and heard, and I look forward to helping foster that and inspiring others to serve as well.

Sincerely,

Tami Nomack