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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Thank you for inviting me to serve as President of the ACTEC Foundation. The 2012-2013 Board of Directors and I look forward to engaging you in the Foundation's mission as we continue to explore opportunities to expand the Foundation's outreach and good work.

Fellows and guests attending the ACTEC Summer meeting in Colorado Springs are encouraged to join us for the *Napa Valley Wine Tasting Fundraising event that will be held Thursday, June 14, 4:00pm - 5:30pm, at the Carter Payne Historic Event Center*. Part-time Napa resident and Fellow Bob W. Goldman has selected a variety of hard-to-find, low-production wines that will be enjoyed in a dramatic Gothic venue with stunning views of Pikes Peak. This special early evening will be a unique way to relax and catch up with friends and colleagues, and

ticket proceeds will benefit the Foundation's programs and services. Please join me in extending our thanks to Bob W. for developing this event.

At The Broadmoor, please visit the ACTEC Foundation display table to pick up a donation request form for the 2013 Silent Auction (located near the ACTEC registration desk.) The silent auction will be held during the Annual Meeting in Maui, Hawaii, March 5th through March 10th, 2013. Planning is well under way and we need your support with donated items that can be auctioned such as vacation homes or weekend getaways, tickets to sporting event or the performing arts, or maybe a hosted dinner at one of your favorite dining destinations. If you are unable to offer an item for donation, please come to Hawaii and help us keep the bidding lively during our premier fundraising event.

In current funding news, the Foundation underwrites important Fellow-targeted resources so we are proud to announce renewed support for the Wills, Trusts and Estates abstracting journal within the Social Science Research (SSRN), edited by Professor Robert Sitkoff. The Foundation has supported the eJournal since its inception in 2005 and we are delighted that subscriptions remain available without charge to both the academic community and practitioners.

The next generation of trust and estate and practitioners are supported by programs such as the Mary Moers Wenig Student Writing Competition. Submissions recently closed for the 2012 contest so stay tuned for the announcement of the finalists in the fall. In addition to cash awards for the first, second and third place winners, the first place article will be published in the ACTEC Law Journal.

Finally, we are pleased to announce continued support for the "wills clinics" at the University of Tennessee and the University of Wyoming. Watch for ongoing updates in the foundation's fall and annual meeting newsletters.

Your support of these and other programs is more important than ever. The Board of Regents recently ended the Committee Reimbursement program and Fellows can no longer offer their Foundation support through those donations. But the Foundation still needs your help to maintain existing programs and services. In Colorado Springs, you are welcome to leave a check at the ACTEC Registration desk. Or when you return home, consider mailing a check to the ACTEC office or go online to make a fast and secure contribution at www.actecfoundation.org.

We hope you will join us by participating in the Foundation's upcoming events and we appreciate your support.

Sincerely,



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