SPEAKER: Thank you Cliff. The Colin McLaurin Distinguished Speaker. It was a great kickoff to get it started again.

I have the opportunity to make the closing remarks for the conference.

Indeed, I'm going to do it fairly quickly. We are going to go through 200 years of assistive technology but we are going to be out of here by noon. Here we go.

This is my not‑so‑mundane view of the assistive technology and rehabilitation engineering. This is to highlight we are concluding a conference but leading into another. And that's in Washington D.C. We are going to hear this many times ass we go forward.

We are in between slides. Here we go.

Quick conference review. We have a facility. Pictures from the outside. And a boat trip we were able to participant in. Balloons and umbrellas. And balloons. Exhibits and being able to see what people are doing in a variety of different ways. We are together as big group, small groups, interacting in different ways with equipment and technology. Some in the front, in small interactions with technology. Able to eat in groups, able to enjoy in small and large areas. And able to have fun along the line.

2000 came along

We are at 2017. We need to think about the future of 2050 and 2100.

Just past 100 years of assistive technology

In 30 seconds. Can we do it? Let's try.

Let's try again.

So I stole that from the occupational therapists. I think that's where we are in rehabilitation engineering. A couple of comments towards the future. Just to recall and prominent, the Board of Directors has updated their plan. Pay attention to that. I'm going to speak a little bit to the RERCs. And a birth through death assistive technology. The appearance of aging and the theme of the conference over the time span and time frames. And I want to highlight I think we are going to see something happen but the RESNA assistive technology outcomes initiative 2020. We are going to have a 2015 to 2018 plan. We finished an update over the year and you will see what that is coming along.

I get to do this because I have the pulpit. I think we have a really important opportunity to connect with the rehabilitation engineering research centers. I like to tell the community that if the rehabilitation engineering center is not here at RESNA, maybe they are not a rehabilitation engineering center. Because the is no other venue that is the same we are in the community with the multidisciplinary perspective. We can pitch that as a group and we are going to pull those RERCs back to RESNA and we are going to see them coming in waves. We are going to help them generate more rehabilitation engineering activity. It's not easy just to switch on and all of a sudden they all show up at RESNA.

For the attendees, be ready. Because when the rehabilitation engineering centers show up again, we are going to be able to enjoy them. Get ready for that.

The birth through death AT. It starts way before school. Talking preschool. We have to remember that K‑12 community and engage them and get them to RESNA. We have to remember the working and adult ages those seniors. We don't always sound welcoming to that range. We have to work on that. This is a blank slide because it's coming up. The initiative, 2020.

The RESNA partners and leaders. Don't forget the partners and leaders. Make sure they are here and we are listening to them, they are all listening to us. We are going to continue to ramp that up. The rehabilitation membership organizations. And the is a lot of work going on and we have to have to be each to those interactions.

This is the future in 100 seconds.

What we do is get people to do things and that's an occupation: let's see what this says.

So where are we headed?? And is there is role for rehabilitation engineering and assistive technology in that? Maybe. We are in the center of it. We are going to make it happen. But there is something we have to remember. RESNA is a really small organization. We are really not that large. But we seem large to everybody else. You can ask the people on the outside. They think RESNA is a monolith. That's good because we do something unique and we have to continue thinking big. Because we are, maybe not as an organization.

But this is just a reminder of something we announced. We have been asked to participant in suggestions. In the Toyota that focuses on devices. Sounds like rehabilitation engineering. Like RESNA. Route to market. Comp ticks is scheduled to launch in last Nevada and it's partnered with the 2020 Olympic games and the how to get to the right answers and outcomes. That's why they are seeking feedback from us at the time.

I mentioned this before at the business meeting. You are going to receive a kit and it will have a logo and letter head and feel free to use that in your letterhead and e‑mail and use the branding how you see is fit.

This is the challenge the PSGs. Some are really activity and some not, but we all have relationships with other professions and disciplines. And we have to link them closer to what we are doing at RESNA. We have to continue doing that and increase how to bring in those other disciplines to RESNA. Reminder RESNA, 2018 is in Washington D.C. We are leaning into that best conference ever in a year. Be there or be square. Here, we have New Orleans, on the back of the proposal, you may not know this, a pitch to Washington D.C. We have the White House to look at, and Capitol, and venue. Not all is assistive technology. But some of it is. The Lincoln Memorial being swabbed out. Raj has the very last comment.

SPEAKER: Thank you.

Dr. Brubaker, I feel I wasted 25 years of my life. I know you are retiring after 52 years of service which is more than my entire life. For those of us inspired by you, we look forward to seeing you at the let's of the conferences. And having you talk. And Roger, we appreciate you talking and giving John and I the opportunity to be co‑chairs. Last year they approached us and said it's under one condition. It needs to be the best conference ever. We tried to do that but there is always room for improvement. We look forward to making 2018 the best conference ever.

This year, we had the AGE‑WELL track. That's what I was looking for. And we had the international platform today. If most of you were there at the show case, I think that was the best event every for that platform. And I'm sure there were a lot of, 20 people that presented their projects and they are going back with their ideas. That's the purpose off the conferences.

The other thing, this year we did a concerted effort to raise money for the Founders Fund. One was the cruise and the other was the iPad. I'm not going to call it a raffle. I'll call it a fundraiser. We raised almost $4,000. I think I want to do it again next year. It goes to a very good cause. It helps students. We have a very generous sponsor, an IT provider for the RESNA office. And we need to make sure we mention their website in our newsletters. We need to thank them for making that donation. Last thing is a couple of housekeeping.

A couple of you are looking for the CEU code. Before that, if you go to RESNA.org/CEUs. You can get the code for attending the conference.

And the other thing you can do is go to the website and do a SUFRP for workshop and it will give you a link to the PowerPoint presentations to the sessions. We already have a few but I'm sure some of the presenters have updated their sessions and there may be a few that haven't done it yet. Give it a couple of weeks, go to the RESNA website and you will find the links for the different sessions you attended.

Lastly, the CEU code for this final session is 761.

Thank you very much, safe travels, and see you next year.

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