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Dear AAD Colleagues,

I am honored to be a candidate for the American Academy of Dermatology Board of Directors. The AAD has been instrumental in promoting best clinical practices, raising public awareness, and leading critical legislative agenda for Dermatology. In my view, here are the current challenges we face:

As Director of a Mohs and Dermatologic surgery program at a cancer center for the past 2 decades, I am experienced in developing and leading a large skin cancer team in a multispecialty setting. I have a nuanced understanding of the complexities and challenges of clinical, research, and teaching endeavors while facing daily administrative hurdles. It is clear **as physicians we need to regain the “joy of practice”** by reducing bureaucratic burden to allow clinicians to focus on caring and advocating for our patients.

It is essential that we are the leaders in the ever-changing landscape of medicine. **We must foster innovation to remain at the cutting edge.** The AAD has an incredibly diverse membership with a wide range of expertise, however, member engagement is limited. We need to engage *every member* and leverage individual and collective strengths to realize our excellence.

We are living in a divisive and reactive world and unfortunately our field is not immune to this phenomenon. My experience with multidisciplinary groups (AJCC, NCCN) has taught me the value of collaboration, consensus building, and thoughtful strategies. **The future success of our field is very much dependent on unity while embracing diversity and innovation.**

Although I have not had the privilege to work with all of you, I can promise you my unbiased approach, unwavering commitment, and boundless excitement to advance our specialty.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Nehal'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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