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Hello Alliance Members,

We are off to a great start. Here are some updates on our progress:

1. July 18 Summary

We had a productive first meeting on July 18, held at the FDA. Over 60 people were in attendance, and presentations were given by the Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC), the Digital Pathology Association (DPA), and the FDA. Discussion followed presentations, in which representatives from industry, academia, government, and other stakeholders discussed the needs of the field of Digital Pathology for rapid expansion and development. The Alliance agreed on the need for cooperation and universal input, in the form of innovative projects to inform scientific and regulatory questions critical to the field's growth, which MDIC could be coordinating under condition the projects bring potential value to the field. The Alliance agreed on a survey to get the process started, and gauge particular areas of interest, alongside project proposal submissions. Project proposals in this phase should be considered components of the brainstorming process, and will be streamlined during the following meeting of the Alliance on Oct. 5.

The Alliance will reconvene on Oct. 5, one day before the Pathology Visions conference, and again later at MDIC. A Steering Committee was formed to carry out project management tasks.

2. Book your Travel: October 5, 2019 – Next Alliance Meeting

The Alliance will meet on October 5 in Orlando from 12-4pm, with refreshments and networking to follow. During this meeting, the Alliance will hear presentations from more stakeholders on project proposals and areas of high need. Attendees will then form breakout groups, each discussing one project proposal chosen by the steering committee as a promising venture. Breakout groups will then reconvene to discuss ways in which they added depth and complexity to each project. Projects in this phase will then be voted on for final presentations to the MDIC.

Pathology Visions conference will commence the following day, Oct. 6. To register for the Pathology Visions conference, please visit: <https://digitalpathologyassociation.org/pathology-visions-conference>

3. MDIC Executives and Fellows Meeting

Following the Oct. 5 meeting, the Alliance will again reconvene to bring forward its best proposals from the prior meeting to executives and senior scientists of MDIC member organizations. Together, attendees will collaboratively evaluate projects for viability, feasibility, and ROI. Attendees will also discuss resources needed and timelines for completion.

Sincerely,

The Alliance Steering Committee

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