

From: Matt Carpenter
To: [Beattie, Kelly](mailto:Beattie.Kelly)
Subject: FW: My stop.
Date: Friday, July 13, 2018 9:22:45 AM

Kelly,

Below please find the emailed resignation letter that Jack Bernard sent to Matt Carpenter, CEO, and our Board.

Thank you,
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From: Jack Bernard [<mailto:bernar@umich.edu>]
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Greetings all:

There are times riding the bus when you look up and realize that you've arrived at your stop before you anticipated it; this is one of those times. I'm sorry to say that the December Board meeting will be my last.

I apologize for the short notice, but I had wanted to give Matt and Eric a chance to prepare for the vacancy before making a more public announcement. Abrupt announcements like this can leave the impression that something dramatic has happened; this is not the case. I'm fine, my family is fine, and I'm not leaving town. This fall I began to sense that I was juggling too many flaming torches and not paying enough attention to any of them. So, I decided that it was time to reduce the number of cascading obligations I was managing, precisely to avoid something dramatic. In the end, because theRide is in such good hands with our Board's stewardship, Matt's leadership, and the staff's professionalism, I concluded that my departure from the AAATA would make a negligible difference to the organization.

It has been a pleasure to collaborate with all of you on our shared Board work. I am proud to have associated with and learned so much from such esteemed members of our community.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Best,
Jack