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## **AUTM Calls for Embracing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**

AUTM rejects racism and inequity of all kinds, and we are appalled at the events that have continued to impact our world. More than ever before, it's time to listen to one another and collaborate to implement a culture of warmth, where everyone is welcome and has a sense of empathy, humanity and unity.

Last year, AUTM formed an Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Committee to guide our profession and help us all to embrace diversity, create a culture of inclusion, and act in an honest, equitable manner. We want you to know that the Association is here to support you and encourage you to reach out to <a href="AUTM'S CEO">AUTM'S CEO</a>, <a href="Board Chair">Board Chair</a>, <a href="EDI Committee Chair">EDI Committee Chair</a>, or join the <a href="Diversity & Inclusion Special Interest Group">Diversity & Inclusion Special Interest Group</a> to accelerate change in our profession and ensure the voices of the underrepresented populations in our community are heard.

This is just the beginning of the work AUTM has committed to pursue on behalf of our Membership. We'll be sharing an EDI survey in the next month to help us better understand your needs, and we will continue to roll out new initiatives based on the Membership response. We also encourage you to think about how you can help your employees and colleagues, provide support for your communities, and continue to move forward toward equality in our world.

<u>Click here</u> for a reading list, curated by AUTM's EDI Committee, to help you navigate this complex time.

