

January 30, 2002

Hello colleagues,

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to our region meeting. Once again, we have a super meeting planned.

The region meeting is March 15-16, 2002, Friday and Saturday. Sunday is being used as a day of travel this year. Please see the attachment for all the details. Travel grant applications are at <http://www.formsite.com/aapa/AAPA-OSS-reg-travel-gran/index.html>

Also, if your constituent organization has not submitted the \$150.00 to the escrow account please do so ASAP. The checks should be made out to AAPA and note NCRM escrow fund in the memo section of the check. Please mail to Susan Carroll Palmer at AAPA, 950 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-1552.

MISCELLANEOUS AAPA NEWS:

AAPA now has a broadcast e-mail service which can be utilized by each constituent organization. This service could be helpful in communications concerning CME conferences or other information that your state may want to deliver in a broadcast e-mail system.

The PA Foundation will now match donations given by a constituent organization. If your state has a particular health care organization it would like to donate to, please contact Lynn O'Connell at AAPA for the complete details or visit the PA Foundation web site.

Also, the PA Foundation is gearing up for another fun filled Silent Auction. If you or your constituent organization would like to donate an auction item, please e-mail Beth Ann Bartley at babartley@aapa.org or call 703-836-2272, ext. 3313.

Membership, membership, membership..... don't forget, your constituent organization can consider a joint membership drive with AAPA. Several organizations have had great success. Contact Edd Farrell of Membership Services for more information on the benefits, including up to a \$500.00 reimbursement from AAPA.

Please consider having your constituent organization apply for the Constituent Organization Awards of Excellence. Susan Carroll Palmer is the contact person at 703-836-2272, ext. 3305, or e-mail at susan@aapa.org. Additionally, to make the process easier this year, the application is now on line at <http://www.formsite.com/aapa/COS-Awards-Questionnaire/index.html>

Also, I have a friendly reminder to send your constituent organization website updates to AAPA as this will help to keep the organization links up to date. Thank you.

BRIDGES program is at a new time this year and will not be held in the fall with CCOW. Bridges is July 25-27, 2002. The 27th will be leadership development held with the AAPA leadership. Bridges travel grant applications must be received by May 15, 2002 and can be found at <http://www.formsite.com/aapa/AAPA-OSS-Bridges-grants/index.html>

And last but certainly not least, I am proud to announce that Michigan's finest, Vaughn Begick is running for the Michigan House of Representatives. Wouldn't it be great to have a PA in office! We are so proud of Vaughn here in Michigan. For more information visit www.begick.com/~vaughn. So, with that said, I would like each of you to consider sending him a donation. I believe he stated that it costs between \$75,000.00 and \$100,000.00 to run for a House of Representatives seat. So, please send checks to:

The Committee to Elect Vaughn Begick, State Rep.
5353 Lorraine Ct.
Bay City, MI 48706

I wish all of you the best of health and happiness. I hope to see you soon. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns or comments.

I can be reached at home at 989-839-9339 or e-mail at lorio1@chartermi.net

Thank you.

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