



## **Speaker's Update**

**October 31, 2022**

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that this update finds you and your family doing well. Your house officers and HOD task forces continue to work to complete all actions from the last HOD and get prepared for Nashville 2023. I was excited to give an update on the AAPA Town Hall recently. I hope that many of you were able to participate and I look forward to quarterly engagement with our membership. As you know, we plan to continue engagement with our chief delegates, delegations, and the students to empower your work in the HOD and ensure transparency.

The holidays are upon us, and I hope that you all get to enjoy time with your families and find time to recharge and rejuvenate.

### **HOD 2023: Nashville**

**HOD and AAPA 2023 registration is now open!** Contact Tom Shoemaker ([tshoemaker@aapa.org](mailto:tshoemaker@aapa.org)) if you did not receive an email containing the information and applicable promo code(s) to register.

The 2023 HOD meeting will be held in the Omni Nashville Hotel in Nashville, TN from Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21. Please note a change in the HOD schedule for 2023. The allotted meeting time on Sunday will now be 9:00 am until 3:00 pm to allow more time that morning to review reference committee reports, collaborate with your colleagues to develop amendments, etc. Please plan to account for a later departure when making your travel reservations.

### **HOD Volunteer Opportunities and Recent Appointments**

The HOD [volunteer form](#) is open! Submit your interest in any or all of the following positions: Reference Committee Chair/Member/Secretary, HOD Mentor, Teller, or Elections Committee Member. Review position descriptions, expectations, and deadlines to apply [here](#).

On behalf of the House Officers, I would like to thank those who stepped up to serve in the following roles:

Chief Teller: Janna Harris, PA-C, FAPACVS, Pennsylvania

B-05 Task Force on Competencies/Skills for Administrative Roles:

- Co-chair: Sarah Vanderlinden, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA, Wisconsin
- Co-chair: Risa Zimmerman, MBA, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA, Nebraska
- Jennifer Barnett, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA, CAQ-Hospital Medicine, FHM, Nebraska
- Gayle Bodner, PA-C, DFAAPA, North Carolina
- Scott Cackler, PA-C, MBA, Ohio
- Erin Michelle Dean, PA-C, Texas
- Melissa Dunlop, PA-C, Pennsylvania
- Emily Epling, PA-C, North Carolina
- Steven Hunter, DMSc, MBA, PA-C, CPAAPA, Texas
- Jessica Logsdon, PA-C, MHA, Massachusetts
- Diana Mendoza, MPAS, PA-C, Texas
- Josanne Pagel, MPAS, PA-C, M.Div., DFAAPA, EBS, Ohio
- Scott Sadler, PA-C, Arizona
- Jamie Silkey, PA-C, DFAAPA, Wisconsin

### **CO Delegate & Officer Submissions**

With ALL current HOD delegate terms having ended on June 30th, each CO is required to submit their new delegates and officers for the 2022-23 leadership year, which began July 1. If your CO has not yet conducted your delegate elections, to ensure important communications continue to reach your organization, please do the following:

- resubmit your chief delegate from the 2022 HOD
- email Tom Shoemaker ([tshoemaker@aapa.org](mailto:tshoemaker@aapa.org)) informing him of the scheduled date for your elections.

The links to the appropriate submission forms are below. There is no need to submit both forms if the CO Annual Update Form is completed. Please ensure email addresses are current and correct to ensure we are able to communicate important HOD information with you in a timely manner.

- [CO Annual Update Form](#) (for submitting Officers & Delegates)
- [Delegate Notification Form](#) (if only submitting Delegates)

As a reminder, AAPA policy for CO compliance purposes states all officers of a chapter, recognized specialty organization, or caucus are required to be and remain Fellow members of AAPA for the duration of their term in office. The same Fellow membership requirement exists for CO delegates. You can check your CO's officer and delegate membership statuses [here](#).

## **Looking Ahead**

My fellow House Officers and I look forward to continuing our quarterly calls with Chief Delegates to develop important relationships and to facilitate open and transparent communication. Share any questions, concerns, etc. with your Chief Delegate to bring to these calls.

We will also be conducting calls with new or newer delegates to orient them to the HOD and their roles. These calls are designed to increase engagement at various times throughout the leadership year to share information about what should be happening at that time and answer any questions. This expands on the annual delegate orientation held just before the HOD meeting. **The first call has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th at 8 pm ET.** Please mark this date on your calendar if you are a new or newer delegate. A calendar invitation containing the Zoom information to join the call will be sent to all delegates on November 1.

As noted in my [May 10<sup>th</sup>](#) and [March 28<sup>th</sup>](#) News Central articles, the House of Delegates is an integral component of AAPA's governing structure, not just a once-a-year meeting. I encourage each of you to actively engage to ensure that our policy strengthens PAs to best serve our patients. Just because your CO does not receive a policy review assignment from the House Officers, does not preclude you from actively participating in a careful examination of our existing policy. The policy review assignments for the 2022-23 leadership year are available [here](#). Each of you is invited and encouraged to proactively contact the primary reviewing body to collaborate and offer perspectives to inform the action that will be brought forward at the 2023 HOD Meeting.

The healthcare ecosystem evolves around us, so too must our policy evolve. Now, more than ever, it is critical that we ensure our policy is relevant and timely. To be useful, it must reflect our current healthcare environment – what you and your fellow PAs experience every day as you serve your patients. YOU – HOD delegates – are best situated to bring forward issues in the healthcare system that need to be addressed via policy to ensure PAs are positioned to meet the needs of patients. I invite you to evaluate not just policy that is up for five-year review, but also empower you to review all policy and identify gaps you see based on what you are experiencing in your day-to-day practice.

Please feel free to reach out to any of the House Officers if you have suggestions, concerns, or questions as we move towards the 2023 HOD meeting.

## **PAs Go Beyond – Brand Launch**

I want to ensure that each of you know how to access [monthly updates from President Orozco, quarterly updates from CEO Gables, highlights of other volunteer leaders and PAs who Go Beyond!](#) Never has there been a greater need for PAs in caring for patients. More than 94 million Americans lack adequate access to primary care, and 151 million Americans lack adequate access to mental health care . . . while the healthcare workforce is disrupted and shrinking due to a variety of factors such as the impact of the pandemic and burnout.

The new PA brand – and the resources you will find [here](#) – will provide you with the tools you need to live the PA brand every day – with your patients, with your friends and family, and as a leader in your community. Here are some simple actions you can take to live the new PA brand:

- Download and share the graphics and posts on your own social media networks.
- Use the fact sheet – also available in Spanish -- as guidance when you are representing the PA profession.
- Print the *How PAs Go Beyond* flyer to use at every opportunity to proudly demonstrate to your network of colleagues and community leaders the value of PAs!
- Share your powerful stories which demonstrate how PAs Go Beyond every day. If you or a colleague have a story to share, please contact our Communications Department at [communications@aapa.org](mailto:communications@aapa.org). Nothing is more powerful in demonstrating PA value in today's modern healthcare ecosystem than your personal story of caring for your patients!

## **AAPA's Virtual Annual Membership Meeting**

AAPA's Annual Membership Meeting will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information on how to register for this important event.

## **Constituent Organization Outreach and Advocacy Award**

What program, project, or initiative is your CO undertaking this year? Could it be an award contender? Applications for the 2022 awards will be accepted through January 29, 2023. [Apply now](#).

## **Don't Underestimate the Power of Your PA Network**

Access to [Huddle](#) is included in your AAPA membership, and it connects you to a network of 70,000 PAs and students across the country. Your peers are logging onto this members-only community to ask questions, share advice, and connect with PAs in their region or specialty using the Member Directory. Take advantage of this powerful resource to stay connected to your PA community.

## **AAPA Conference on Demand**


[AAPA Conference on Demand 2022](#) offers 140+ credits of AAPA Category 1 CME. This comprehensive digital library of video-based clinical and professional CME includes topics such as behavioral and mental health, diabetes, nutrition, and obesity care, rules of reimbursement, research in action, and much more.

### **Quick Links**

- [Previous Speaker's Updates](#)
- [2022-23 Elected Delegate List](#)
- [2022-23 AAPA Policy Manual](#)
- [2022-23 Resolution Guidelines](#)
- [2022-23 Policy Paper Guidelines](#)
- [2022-23 HOD Apportionment](#) (Nashville HOD)
- [2022 Summary of Actions](#)
- [2022 HOD Category II CME Certificate](#)
- [HOD Home Page](#) or [www.aapa.org/hod](http://www.aapa.org/hod)

Thank you for all you do for the profession and for the Academy.

Best,



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