Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. The House Officers and Governance staff continue to prepare for the next HOD. The Voting/Technology Task Force is exploring options for efficient and safe voting, the SRC is looking to provide greater clarity around commissions and task forces and their role in policy submissions, and the HP/HX Task Force is reviewing all House policy to find ways to make our policy clearer and reduce redundancy. We continue to engage in regular conversations with delegates and are leveraging Zoom meetings to help keep us all connected. I hope that you enjoy the holiday season and find time to connect with your loved ones amid all of the hustle and bustle.

**HOD 2023: Nashville**

HOD and AAPA 2023 registration is open! Contact Tom Shoemaker (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 have stepped up to serve on the HOD Credentialing Committee:

- Lane Bower, MHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, Pennsylvania
- Michael Dombrowski, PA-C, Ohio
- Jacqi Kernaghan, PA-C, DFAAPA, Sergeant-at-Arms, Pennsylvania
With ALL 2022 HOD delegate terms having ended on June 30th, each CO is required to submit their new delegates 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) informing him of the scheduled date for your elections.

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.

Currently, only 66 of 97 COs have current officers/delegates submitted and 8 of those COs are not in compliance due to an officer membership lapse.

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)

AAPA’s Virtual 2022 Annual Membership Meeting

You’re invited to attend AAPA’s virtual 2022 Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 8 p.m. EST. Join AAPA leaders to learn more about priority initiatives, the financial health of the Academy, and the direction of the profession as we look to the future of healthcare and best serving patients. Members will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with AAPA’s leadership following the reports. Register today!

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 also began 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. Stay tuned for future dates and times.

As noted in my May 10th and March 28th 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!

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. Nothing is more powerful in demonstrating PA value in today’s modern healthcare ecosystem than your personal story of caring for your patients!

**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.](#)

**Executive Leadership Conference**

Refine your healthcare leadership competencies at the [2023 Executive Leadership Conference](#), March 6-8 in the Washington, D.C. area. Earn CME while getting to know your peers during interactive sessions, small groups, and dedicated networking events. $300 savings for AAPA members!

**Boot Camp on Demand 2022**

[Boot Camp on Demand 2022](#) includes newly recorded content from the in-person 2022 Adult Hospital Medicine Boot Camp conference. This video-based CME activity offers up to 28.5 credits of AAPA Category 1 CME on topics like respiratory and critical care cases, pain management, neurosurgical emergencies, COVID treatment strategies, LGBTQ+ health for hospitalized patients, and more, all on demand. This is an ideal course if you are new to hospital medicine or if you practice in another specialty but are responsible for the medical management of hospitalized adult patients.

**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.

**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

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

Best,

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Speaker of the House and Vice President of AAPA