

Fast and Furious: 30 Membership Marketing Tips

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Introduction to Today's Presentation



- Today's presentation is a "fast and furious" review of 30 tips on membership marketing, recruitment and retention, presented by members of AAPA's membership and marketing teams
- Topics covered range from:
 - Communication strategies
 - Channel strategies
 - Research tips
 - Product development tips
 - Customer care tips
- Tips range from being quick to implement and more sophisticated or time-consuming to implement, so some may be more or less relevant depending on your team's capacity
- Our team is happy to chat further about anything shared in this presentation



#1

Lessons from a Pandemic



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PA members, we're extending your AAPA membership for free for 3 months. While there's no way we can thank you enough for your personal sacrifices, long shifts, hard decisions, and tireless dedication to caring for your patients, we can start here. It's just one way we can show you our appreciation and support during this crisis. This extension will be reflected in your account by the end of April.

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Not a member? We're working on bringing a free temporary membership to ALL PAs and some valuable free benefits to ALL PA students. Stay tuned for details in an email. https://bit.ly/2K9HAu6

"We keep going, and we keep cheering each other and our other professional colleagues on.

It's who we are."

David E. Mittman, PA, DFAAPA AAPA President and Chair of the Board

The value of PAs became even more evident during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PA empowerment and affirmation of the profession was a focus of our messaging. Positive PA legislation and support of PAs made our messaging strong and resulted in a 10% growth in Membership.



#2 Find Ways to Keep Members in the Fold

- Make sure you have a 'reduced dues' pathway for members reaching out that are unemployed or furloughed
 - The terms could be a discounted membership, OR a short-term extension of membership
 - By request only, prevent leakage as much as possible (a discounted member is still better than a dropped member)

Member asserts unemployment, disability, or volunteer work for the reason

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AAPA Reduced Dues Application		
AAPA members experiencing a financial hardship due unemployment, a temporary or permanent disab volunteer capacity can apply for a reduction in fellow dues.	bility or are serving in a	
 Applicant must be eligible for fellow membership and hold current NCCPA certification Applicants working part-time or serving in the military are <i>not eligible</i>. Reduced dues will be granted for a maximum of <i>three years</i> over a lifetime for each member Reduced dues are one year in duration and members must reapply each year 	Reduced dues available in per	
AAPA IDNCCPA Number		
Full Name Address Telephone		
City/State/Zip Email		
I testify that the information stated on this application is true and accurate. I understand that that this re- one year and that I may reapply and verify my status each year in order to continue paying the reduced of three (3) years during the lifetime of my AAPA membership. * AAPA reserves the right to verify this inform	dues amount for a total	
Disability (Circle one: Temporary / Permanent) Volunteer Work - Organization you are serving		
Payment Types: Credit Card or Check (Payable to AAPA) Reduced Fellow Dues Amount	t \$75.00	



#3 Change Your Tune

Revise your campaigns with the pandemic in mind.

It is not a big shift in products/services.

It **is** a shift in messaging.

Show your value to nonmembers and members.







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#4 Double Down on How You Support PAs Right Now



Emphasize Your Advocacy Efforts

- What have you been working on in your state or area to support PA practice?
- What is your vision for the work ahead coming out of the pandemic wrt legislative efforts?

Orient Your Value Around The Present Moment

- Organize your resources to support PAs going through employment searches, furlough, exploring telemedicine, catching up in CME (these core services of associations are very relevant value drivers right now to lean on)
- May mean developing new products or resources, may simply mean organizing and highlighting ones you already have Resources for Furloughed, Underemployed, PAs & Telemedicine

n, read about PAs in telemedicine, and more. AAPA

PA Burnout

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fight burnout with these resources.

As growth and demand for virtual healthcare options skyrocket, PAs need to be prepared to practice telemedicine. With these resources from AAPA, external websites, and partners, PAs can find CME and

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your PA well-being and fight PA burnout with these resources

and Unemployed PAs

AAPA research is staying on top of the latest trends and updates on PA employment to understand how PAs are affected by the pandemic. Newer PRs in June 2020 reported a reduction in work hours (44.0%) and base pay (22.3%) than our AAPA National Workforce Survey released in May 2020 (58.7% reduced hours and 0.6% reduced base pay



What is AAPA doing?

We are speaking up for the needs of the thousands of furloughed, underemployed, and unemployed PAs as a part of our current legislative and regulatory effort This includes advocating for provisions that:

 Help unemployed and underemployed healthcare workers Provide hazard day for healthcare workers and for providers facing financial loss Units powernors to waive supervisory aim

You can find information about AAPA's other legislative and regulatory efforts related to COVED-19 in the Policy Resources section of the AAPA COVED-19 Resources

Wate to become a PA advocate and speak up for your profession? Start with this article. How to Advocate in a Time of Social Distancing



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and more.

openings includes a filter for COVID-

19 specific job opportunities. Upload

your resume, set customized alores,

PA JobSource

AARWs Career Central includes a variety of job search resources for FAs in all career stages. A lew of our most popular are listed below

with 60,0004 PAs online in Huddle

the Member Directory.

Search by location or speciality using

PA JobSource	Networking	
This tree job board of PA job	Free to AAPA members!	

PA Career Coach Salary Report

for Hohman has helped hundreds of FAs get their drea jobs. AAPA members save up to 25% personalized career transition and contract review services.

a to AAPA members! (\$20) with the most com on PA compensation, including base salary, hourly wages, productivity pay, and bonus











Additional Resources PAs are a vital part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You are likely working long hours and putting your own 10) Students

? FAQs

POLICY

We will be adding new tools and resources to this page to help you continue to practice medicine safely and effectively while keeping your own health in mind



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health at risk for your patients. AAPA thanks you for all you are doing to address this global health crisis.

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AAPA COVID-19 RESOURCE CENTER

AAPA Members: Discounted Hotel Offers

PA Program

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Determine Your Target Audience





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#6 Tidy the Most Important Data Fields



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Choose a small number of important data elements (ones that relate to your marketing efforts, for instance) to keep tidy. Here's ours:

- Duplicate Accounts:
 - Close or merge duplicate accounts
- Bad/Missing Mailing Addresses:
 - Automate an email to go out to these individuals
 - See example to the right

Bad/Missing Phone Numbers:

Run through a 'telematch' system, you pay only for matched phone numbers (based on other data such as name, address)

• Missing Membership Dates:

 Dig into past payments or other data to identify correct dates and update manually

Laura, has your address changed?

membership@aapa.org

To Laura Burch





(i) If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.

Get more add-ins

Dear Laura,

Action Items

We wanted to let you know that your mailing address on record (see below) may not be correct, according to the U.S. Postal Service. This may prevent you from receiving AAPA publications, new resources, and other offers.

Your address on file is: 2318 Mill Rd Ste 1300 Alexandria VA 22314-6868

It takes just a few minutes to update your address or profile online.

If you need assistance, please contact us at customercare@aapa.org or 703-836-2272.

Sincerely, AAPA Customer Care Team

American Academy of PAs -

703.836.227







#8 Show Your (Dollar) Value



- Do so frequently and use dollar signs
 - See example from AAPA's fellow membership page

An Easy Investment

We did the math! See for yourself how the value adds up from just a few of our FREE featured benefits.











- Make use of multiple channels:
 - Email
 - o Test the number and the timing and see how your renewals in that period perform
 - o Increase urgency, use specific dates and stronger language toward the end
 - Telemarketing
 - Can be done cheaper via robocalling; limiting attempts (1 call + voicemail); optimizing timing (last touchpoint, to minimize the size of the list you're calling)
 - Can be done in-house if membership small and staffing permits!
 - Direct Mail
 - $\circ~$ Can be done cheaper if you use a single flat envelope containing an invoice or a postcard
 - SMS/Text
 - We just started this year; text requires a positive opt-in by members, so start collecting permission as part of your account creation form or membership form







^{#12} Email Tips – Get Clicks and Conversions



Scannable – you can get the gist of it quickly while scanning the marketing piece	aapa 2020 NASHVILLE MAY 16–20 Amy, you're almost done with your registration for AAPA 2020 in	Strong language – make an impact with strong and concise headlines and button copy	
Button Format – colored buttons typically perform	Nashville. Don't sit this one out – and don't miss our lowest Super Early Bird rates, which fly away in just one week! Complete your registration by 11:59 p.m. PST en December 2 to get these savings.	Prominent – use bolder and larger fonts for things you want people to do in your marketing copy	
better	THE LOWEST RATES		
Hyperlinks – include for every key CTA (call to action), but make the primary CTA most prominent	We also don't want you to miss \$200 off your registration. Book your hotel room in the official AAPA hotel block when you register to score this discount.	Mobile Friendly– ensure design is easy to use and act on from mobile	
	AAPA 2318 Mill Road, Suite 1300, Alexandria, VA 22314 703.836.2272		

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#13 Don't Forget Direct Mail





What information to share?

- Membership rates
- Renewal Dates
- Promotional Offers
- Hotel information
- Events to attend

What elements to include?

- A call-to-action
- A deadline for response
- A vanity url
- White or "Negative" Space
- Testimonials



^{#14} Explain the Benefit of Advocacy

- Do it on the heels of a "win" vs anticipated action
 - When attempting to drive membership, still communicate about your anticipated efforts when trying to garner support or action on advocacy issues!
- If ongoing, relate it to daily practice challenges
 - See example of a new graduate email with subject line <u>"A PA Can't Do That"</u>

Tim is running out to use your \$150 discount. | Hi Laura, your AAPA ID is 110612226.



Have you heard that yet?

When you join AAPA, you're making sure fewer PAs ever hear those words.

Now that you're practicing, you may have run into PA practice barriers – something that keeps you from doing all you can as a PA to make your patients healthier. But when you become an AAPA fellow member, you become part of the powerful movement to advance the PA profession.

AAPA and its members are constantly working to ensure that PAs everywhere can practice at the top of their education and experience. Plus, as a member, you get access to AAPA's **Advocacy Central**, where you can find the tools you need to ensure your profession's future, from resources on state laws and regulations to issue briefs and reimbursement basics.

Join AAPA and be part of the movement.

JOIN NOW

Your participation matters. That's why we're giving you \$150 off an AAPA fellow membership. Use the code **NEWGRAD** to claim this limited-time discount.



^{#15} Be Social







^{#16} Use a Product Development Checklist



- Avoid wasted effort by holding yourself to a set of standards before developing a new product
 - 1. Why are you creating or launching this product/service?
 - 2. What are your goals?
 - 3. Does the product support your organizational objectives?
 - 4. Do you know if your target audience is interested in this product/service (not just anecdotal evidence)?
 - 5. What problem does this product solve for your members?
 - 6. Will your organization be viewed as a trusted source?
 - 7. Can you offer advantages over your competitors?
 - 8. Do the monetary and/or intangible benefits of offering this product/service outweigh your costs?
 - 9. Can it be implemented correctly and efficiently (within budget)?
 - 10. Do you have the resources to promote & manage the product?

✤<u>Tips</u>:

- Source ideas from your smartest members who are ahead of the curve, they'll be the ones setting the pace for what the rest of the group will be doing years from now
- Know when to retire a product when it stops being profitable, valued in the market, or isn't meeting your goals.

^{#17} Grab Attention with Strong Visuals



28.7% - Surgical Subspecialties



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^{#18} Learn Satisfaction AND Importance of Products



 Satisfaction alone is not enough; members can be very satisfied with a product or service, but it may not be <u>important</u> to them



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^{#19} Your Website is an Important Marketing Tool



MAY 22-26, 2021 PHILADELPHIA, PA REGISTRATION AND HOUSING You've Got Options Learning, networking, training, and socializing - together with your PA peers, wherever you are. Go virtual or come together safely in person. However you want your AAPA 2021 to look, we'll meet you there. CHECK THEM OUT 37 15 32 EARLY BIRD RATES END

Tips for Success

- Reflection of your brand
- User Experience Design
- User Interface Design
- Information Warehouse





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^{#20} Don't Always Take Members on Their Word

- Collect utilization data on how your members engage with you, and what products and resources they utilize
- Surveys ≠ behavioral data
 - Surveys are great, but so is actual behavioral data; the two may not always align
- Use this data to drive messaging and product decisions
 - Emphasize the most widely used benefits, or steer product lifecycle decisions

^{#21} Find Out Why They Didn't Renew



- Ask only a few questions
- Offer an incentive
- Ask why they didn't renew
- Ask what would bring them back again
- Consider simple mechanisms to collect data
 - Ex: autoreply from organization's inbox

Table 6. Service Changes That Could Lead to Renewal

Value	Yes Percent (%)	No Percent (%)	l do not know Percent (%)	N (2018)
Volunteer opportunities	23.0	44.3	32.8	61
Leadership opportunities	29.9	43.3	26.9	67
Career management resources (e.g., salary data, job search tools, etc.)	40.0	30.0	30.0	40
CME activities	62.8	4.7	32.6	43
Advocacy for the profession	58.7	10.9	30.4	46
Being part of a professional community	18.5	35.2	46.3	54
Networking (e.g., online community and in-person events)	24.6	37.7	37.7	61



#22 What's In It For Me?

Speak to your audience in the first person



He's Back, Back Again

Missed ZDoggMD the first time around – or just need another dose? You're in luck. He's AAPA 2021 keynote speaker and is bringing his insights and humor to you.

Create "FOMO"

DOCTOR'S ORDERS

Provide clear paths to action



^{#23} Old Fashioned FAQs, Kept Up to Date



 Consider a lo-fi option for this, a simple Word doc or Google doc (accessible to all who need it) will do



- Most common customer questions:
- 1. I can't log into my account.
- 2. <u>I'm not receiving JAAPA/How do I access JAAPA online/How do I access the JAAPA post-tests?</u>
- 3. I need to change my last name.
- 4. Lam having difficulty accessing a CME product.
- 5. I need a receipt.
- 6. I tried to make a payment but received an error message.
- 7. I'm a pre-PA student. What membership type should I buy?
- 8. <u>I am currently an Affiliate member and just got accepted to PA school. How do I switch to a</u> Student membership?
- 9. I haven't received my ID card/welcome pin/Maxwell guide.
- 10. I need to update my mailing address/email address/phone number/workplace info/ etc.
- 11. <u>I/my company would like to apply for CME accreditation for a CME activity that we are providing.</u>
- 12. I need a credentialing profile with the AMA.
- 13. <u>I just graduated from PA school and want to purchase membership. Am I eligible for any discounts?</u>
- 14. What other discounts are available for purchasing membership?



#24 Remind & Offer Value



ААРА ААРА Webinars especially designed for PAs – Stay up to date with free or discounted CME Get answers in Huddle. and members save the most! just for members! Connect with your fellow PAs on the issues keeping you up at night. Amy, you have access to 500+ credits of AAPA Category 1 CME in Professional growth happens when PAs gather to learn and share - that's Learning Central, plus personalized recommendations on free or discounted why we're offering short, interactive webinars on topics you've been asking Thinking about switching specialties? Need advice on managing stress and CME sessions every time you log in. Check out how much you save just by for. Some are even CME-eligible! And because we know attending a live maintaining work/life balance? Maybe you're looking for tips on dealing with being a member! webinar isn't always possible, each one is available to you afterward on our a difficult work colleague. Your AAPA fellow membership includes free Webinars page. access to Huddle, your members-only online community, where you can ask FREE JAAPA Post-Tests: As an AAPA fellow member, you AAPA fellow members like you always receive the best rates on our 60,000 members anything. Your answer is only a few clicks away. webinars - and many of them are FREE! can earn free monthly CME in the online and print versions of JAAPA (a \$467 value*). Plus, earn up to 13 additional CME credits with access to previously published JAAPA Earn CME and explore topics related to diversity. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, "To prepare for my upcoming review, I came to Huddle to ask other PAs for post-tests, all in Learning Central! AND INCLUSION equity, and inclusion (DEI) in healthcare. help with contract negotiation and terms. I received a lot of valuable information that saved me time and energy!" SAVE on Popular CME: Check out hot topics like our °\$。 Telemedicine CME Series (Free to members - you save Angela Wynia, PA-C Available as a bundle, this series of five CME 2021 EXECUTIVE \$100!), the Risk Management CME Bundle (Free to LEADERSHIP TUESDAYS webinars is aimed at clinical or administrative members - you save \$219!), or the Empathetics Bundle leaders or those considering transitioning into (Members save \$120!) healthcare leadership. In Huddle, you can also pick the brain of an expert in Ask Me sessions and find or be a PA mentor with Mentor Match. SAVE on Digital CME: AAPA members like you save \supset Especially for early career PAs and PA students, this PA Like a Pro hundreds on CME on Demand digital libraries from our top Webinar Series series hits on important topics like financial planning live or virtual events like Boot Camp, Musculoskeletal and budgeting, student loan repayment, and beating START CHATTING Galaxy, or AAPA Conference. Earn 250+ CME credits at burnout. your own pace! Don't miss out on these unique learning opportunities built for busy PAs! P.S. Want to get to know some of your peers in Huddle? Check out the EARN YOUR CME CREDITS LEARN MORE Member Spotlight

^{#25} Appeal to the Next Generation of PA Students



- Create content to help Pre-PAs learn – about the PA profession in your state, specialty, or interest area
- Be a connector create opportunities to connect Pre-PAs with PA and PA student members for resource sharing, shadowing, and leads for patient care and health care experience
- Offer low-cost membership or even consider a "freemium model"



AAPA has seen huge growth with minimal marketing in this membership category (+30% year-over-year)



^{#26} How to Appeal to the Student Market





- Start talking to PA students while they are most excited – right at the beginning
- Keep the student channel focused and free of PA messaging that isn't applicable
- Develop benefits and services just for students to engage them right from the start
- If you don't engage students, converting them to PA memberships will be more challenging

Of AAPA's 'new grad' conversions (within 1 year of graduating), 80% come from holding a student membership previously – this is an important funnel for our PA or fellow membership!



^{#27} How to Appeal to New Graduates



Appeal to their wallet

Offer a discount for newer graduates

• Target them 0-4 months out of graduation

 We target new grads from 3 months prior to graduation to 12 months after, but conversions peak 0-4 months out (see graph)

Speak to their challenges

- Talk to the struggle of settling into a first PA job, and tie it into membership
 - o "Avoid common new PA mistakes"
 - "New job got you overwhelmed?"

We're taking \$150 off your fellow membership cost when you use the code **NEWGRAD**. Don't wait any longer!





#28 Track Your Marketing Efforts



Tips for Success

- Set up a simple matrix to follow
- Build tracking
 urls
- Use Google
 Analytics

Туре	Source	Medium	Campaign	Destination URL
Paid Digital Media				
Facebook	facebook_rt	marketplace_ad	q4	
Paid Direct Mail				
Direct Mail Postcard	dmail	print	q4	https://www.aapa.org/member-central/join/
AAPA.org Social Media				
AAPA Facebook	facebook	aapa_post	q4	https://www.aapa.org/member-central/join/
AAPA LinkedIn	linkedin	aapa_post	q4	https://www.aapa.org/member-central/join/
AAPA Twitter	twitter	aapa_post	q4	https://www.aapa.org/member-central/join/
AAPA Instagram	instagram	aapa_post	q4	https://www.aapa.org/member-central/join/
AAPA Emails				https://www.aapa.org/member-central/join/
PA-Central Nonmember	pacentral_nonmember	email	q4	https://www.aapa.org/member-central/join/

https://ga-dev-tools.appspot.com/campaign-url-builder/



^{#29} Plan for Late Responders



Sat 1/19/2019 10:46 AM

AAPA Membership <membership@aapa.org>

Laura, your membership has lapsed

• Why?

- 10% of AAPA members renew their membership in the (unadvertised) one-month "grace period" (we've reduced this significantly since implementing autorenewal, down from 20% a couple of years ago)
- Up to 20% of promo redemptions occur in the two-week "extension" of the promo in recruitment campaigns

• What can you do?

- Create a marketing campaign to communicate with PAs after their membership has lapsed
- Extend offers and promotions beyond the "expiration" date to capture hard-core procrastinators









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