February 1, 2016

**Speaker’s Update**

Dear Delegates,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone hit by winter storm Jonas is safe, warm and successfully dug out! It was quite a storm even in North Carolina!

I am looking forward to a successful 2016 and our meeting in San Antonio May 14-16. We are in the planning stages for our meeting and awaiting the arrival of resolutions. There are many interesting and important issues for our profession and Academy to consider this year, so I expect good debate!

**HOD Elections**

I will not be running for reelection as Speaker of the House. I appreciate your support over the years and cannot truly express the honor it has been to serve as your Speaker.

As you know, each year in the House of Delegates we elect three House Officers from among the HOD members. View the policies (beginning at the bottom of page 50 in the policy manual) on House Officer elections. The House responsibilities of these three positions are:

- Speaker, who shall also serve as Vice President of the Academy, shall preside at all meetings of the House of Delegates
- First Vice Speaker, who shall assume the duties of the Speaker in the event of the absence of the Speaker, or in the event of a vacancy in the Speaker’s position
- Second Vice Speaker, who shall assume the duties of the First Vice Speaker in the absence of the First Vice Speaker, or in the event of a vacancy in the position of First Vice Speaker. This position is also responsible for verification of the credentials of the delegates, for compiling the records of all general meetings of the House of Delegates, and for submitting such records to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Academy for filing with the Academy’s books and records.

These three representatives are members of AAPA’s Board of Directors.

There are also two Nominating Work Group positions open this year. As outlined in Article XI of our Bylaws, the duties and responsibilities of the Nominating Work Group are:

- Receiving applications from potential candidates seeking nomination for the positions of president-elect, secretary-treasurer, and directors-at-large;
• Evaluating all candidates seeking nomination according to the qualification criteria set forth in these Bylaws and according to such other selection guidelines as may be established in accordance with this section;
• Selecting a single or multiple slate of candidates for each nominated position.

Step up to be even more of a leader for the HOD and the PA profession. If interested, complete an application for a House Officer position (1-year term) or Nominating Work Group position (2-year term). The deadline to pre-declare for these positions is April 1. Send any questions you have to tshoemaker@aapa.org.

**HOD Compliance**
Check your organization’s compliance status to confirm your delegation’s ability to participate in the HOD and represent your constituents. The compliance webpage allows you to confirm your core officers are current AAPA fellows. Per AAPA policy, core officers are president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or secretary/treasurer. If no officers are listed, an officer update form has not been submitted for this leadership year. Please forward the form link to the appropriate contact in your CO for completion. You will need your AAPA website login information to view the compliance webpage.

**Resolution Deadlines**
It’s time to submit your resolutions for review by the House Officers. The earlier you submit the more time available to work out any potential issues to ensure your resolution is on order and placed on the HOD meeting agenda. Resolutions can amend current AAPA policy; fill a gap in policy on a particular topic; or, introduce a new policy on an issue which is relevant and important to the profession. The resolution deadlines are:

- Bylaws resolutions – **February 14**
- Non-bylaws resolutions – **March 15**

When drafting your resolutions, refer to the resolution guidelines and/or position paper guidelines.

**HOD/Conference Registration & Housing**
AAPA continues to offer discounted conference registration to each organization’s apportioned number of delegates as well as the HOD Only option which only allows attendance at HOD functions. Here is the information you need to begin your planning for San Antonio! Please note the HOD meeting will be held May 14-16 in the **Grand Hyatt San Antonio**. Unfortunately this hotel and a few others have already sold out so please make your reservations at a neighboring hotel at your earliest convenience.

**Registration and Housing** are now open. In case you missed it in previous Speaker’s Updates, I encourage you to read the article entitled “**No More “Alternates” - What Does This Mean?”** As it relates to registration, the order in which you are listed on the delegate notification form determines the registration rates available to you. For example, if your CO is apportioned three (3) seats in the HOD and five (5) delegates were elected and submitted to AAPA. The chief delegate and first two (2) delegates on the form (see online delegate list) are eligible for the delegate discounted conference rate or HOD only. The remaining two (2) delegates can either pay full conference registration or select HOD only.
**Registration Tips**
- Select fellow full conference registration
- Regardless of your occupation, select “PA - Clinically Practicing” on the “Account Update” page to be eligible for discounted or free registration
- The “Profile” page is where you enter the appropriate promo code (below)
- Both HOD only and delegate discount registrations will look like you are registering for the entire conference at full price until the end when the discount is applied.

See the charts below for promotional codes/rates that apply to HOD representatives. If you are a speaker at the conference and/or receive complimentary conference registration, you will receive more information on your respective registration code. Contact **Tom Shoemaker** with any questions or if you have difficulty completing your registration.

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Student delegates are eligible for HOD only or can select from the student registration options to also attend other events such as Challenge Bowl.

**Seeking AAPA Board of Directors Candidates**
AAPA is seeking experienced leaders to run for 2016-2017 Board of Directors. Open positions this year include: President-elect (3-year commitment), Secretary/Treasurer (2-year term), and two Directors-at-
large (2-year term). View the election webpage (https://www.aapa.org/election) for more information on the timeline, eligibility requirements, a link to the application, and position descriptions. The deadline for candidate applications is **February 15.** Send any questions you have to boardelections@aapa.org.

**AAPA Policy Manual**
In order to have all of our policies in one location, the position/policy papers have been added to the main policy manual document. This single document now contains bylaws, standing rules, policies and position/policy papers. For ease of navigation, a table of contents has been added including page numbers for each section and paper. The hyperlinks will be working soon.

**Call for HOD Volunteers**
Time is running out to submit your interest in an HOD volunteer position. If you would like to get more involved in the HOD, please complete the volunteer form for any or all of the following positions:

- Reference Committee Chair and/or Member
- Credentialing Committee Member
- HOD Elections Committee Member
- Teller
- Mentor

If you have any questions regarding these positions, contact **Tom Shoemaker.**

**2015 AAPA Salary Report**
The new report is now available and **FREE to AAPA fellow, student and retired members!** Maximize your next employment contract with this detailed snapshot of PA compensation and benefits.

**Know Your State PA Laws**
Find the latest updates for all 50 states and the District of Columbia with your copy of AAPA’s **PA State Laws and Regulations book**, AAPA members can view **individual state law summaries** for FREE at any time.

**Quick Links**
- [HOD Home Page](#)
- [Delegate List](#)
- [Delegate Change Form](#)
- [2015-16 Apportionment](#)
- [Previous Speaker’s Updates](#)
- [PA Pro](#) (January edition)

Thank you for all you do for the Academy. It is my pleasure to serve as your Speaker!
Best,

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