MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Riaz M. Chaudhry, M.D.

Welcome to the new members and thank you to the existing membership for their continued support and confidence. The present leadership has envisioned bringing a dynamic spirit to APPNA and this year we have embarked on a busy agenda. The salient point of this year is the involvement of the entire executive council and I appreciate the tremendous support that you have all given me. Here are some of the issues:

1. **The financial health of the association.** The association continues to enjoy a sound financial situation. We are still lagging behind in our fund raising efforts for this year. A number of people are working on it, including the host committee and I encourage each and every one of you to help us with this endeavor.

2. **Chicago annual meeting.** Please review the report from local host committee chair, Dr. Mushtaq Khan. Dr.Khan and his team have been very busy and have done an excellent job of putting the various pieces together. The theme of the meeting is “APPNA in the New Millennium”. Our program will be focused on the new efforts that APPNA plans to undertake for the next several years.

3. **APPNA Free Clinics.** The need of the hour is to take care of our less fortunate countrymen in this adopted homeland of ours. This country has given us so much, it is time to give back. Several members are working on a framework to provide free or subsidized medical services to the working poor. The concept was presented to the Executive Council at the Washington meeting and fruitful suggestions are being incorporated in the final version.

4. **Curriculum update.** Most of you are aware of the state of Medical education in Pakistan, both at the undergraduate and post graduate level. The APPNA leadership is working on several fronts to improve the standard of education and training. In the first leg we met with Health Minister of Punjab Government in Lahore last year and at the Washington meeting we had positive discussions with the Principal of King Edward and Allama Iqbal Medical Colleges. We have contacted various local Universities and already have preliminary commitments from Tulane University and Louisiana State University to help us with this endeavor. Chair for the curriculum development, Dr Samadani is working on some solid proposals.

5. **APPNA office and membership drive.** At the APPNA officers meeting in Chicago, we interviewed various candidates for the job of Executive Director. We are now in the process of signing up a three member group, which includes an Executive Director, a CPA and an Attorney for the overall management of the office. Dr. Zeelaf Munir, Chair of the Membership Committee, already has a lot of bright and excellent ideas. We have had a very good response from the membership drive letter that we sent out in early January.

6. **Disaster Relief.** This is the most important and often neglected part of our working. This year I have asked Dr Saud Anwar to spearhead the committee. The foremost issues are to layout a plan of action and delineate various levels of resources. We have been asked to help the earth quake victims and organize relief efforts for the Afghan refugees. We hope to work on a new and elaborate plan and be able to provide some assistance.

This agenda is elaborate and needs all the support from our executive council and above all the membership. We cannot do anything without the full support of you the members and I thank you again for your participation and continued support.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT
Mohammad Suleman, M.D.

Assalam-u- Alaikum. First of all I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as the president elect of APPNA this year. Through the years, I have watched APPNA grow from a small association of physicians, to what it is now; a very strong and dynamic organization. There were times when APPNA’s finances were always at a negative balance and the executive committee would have to borrow money to run the main office. There were times when areas of the U.S. with the largest number of Pakistani Physicians had the least percentage of those physicians as members of the organization. It is quite evident that APPNA has come a long way. This process of change and growth has been a long arduous process and is the result of teamwork and cooperation. Thanks to the efforts of APPNA’s diligent Presidents, Executive Committees, and dedicated members, the association has been turned into a productive and financially stable organization.

Growth, however, is an everlasting phenomenon, and as long as APPNA has a strong leadership and contingency, the organization will continue to mature and flourish. As we have entered into a new millennium, we must continue to change the organization to match the new age we are in. As a group, we need to bring APPNA to a new and even higher level by utilizing Internet technology and modernizing the way that the association is run. We must increase APPNA’s participation in welfare projects in the U.S. and Pakistan without compromising the structure of the organization. APPNA needs to increase its membership to keep up with the growing number of Pakistani doctors in the U.S. In order to do this, we must encourage young Pakistani physicians to participate in the activities of the association. Most importantly though, APPNA’s Constitution and Bylaws must be revised to accommodate the changes that are occurring within the organization.

The next few years will be very important for APPNA, as they will serve as a corridor to a newer more modern association. I thank you again for allowing me to serve you as President elect, and look forward to working with the Executive Council and membership in the coming year.

EDITORIAL LINES
Furrukh Sayyer Malik, M.B.B.S

The fundamental basis of any democratic organization is the collective respect of every opinion and diverse view. The power to believe and conviction to hold, without fear of personal humiliation at the hands of the chosen few, has been the driving force behind the successful movement we call democracy. The phenomena is nascent (less than 20 years) and relatively new to the working of APPNA. The recent uproar in the Spring Meeting (ironically in the Mecca of democracy, Washington, D.C.) on capital grounds was a spectacle of small proportion. It belied our knowledge of the principle we cherish the most. The farce of our presumed adherence to democratic norms became apparent on the opening salvo. The threats of boycott, accusations and physical harm to the opposing party were a few of the important exchanges. The disregard to the rules of proceedings by the very custodians of these bylaws left much to be desired. The prevailing disgust robbed the meeting of any positive progress.

There is no meaning to the principle of democracy unless we all adhere to and believe in it. One participant very aptly commented, “In our culture only the in-laws and out-laws have power”. We all hope that in the future the silent majority shall rise to the podium and demand an end to the personal enmities and restore our faith in the democratic behavior. Above all tolerance for the opposing view and respect for its inherent diversity.

Our words have no respect unless we give respect to the words of others.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT
Mufis Chauhan, M.D.
Chairperson

The publication committee for the year 2001 has undertaken the task of publishing two issues of the journal and two newsletter volumes.

Newsletter
Due to the delayed publication of the winter 2000 journal and cancellation of the APPNA retreat in February, the committee decided to bring the first issue of the newsletter after the spring meeting and include the election activities in the contents. Thanks to the courtesy of the election contestants we are budget neutral for the first volume.

Journal
The summer issue of the journal is scheduled for the first week of June and appears to be on track. The journal has stimulated our readership and the content of the coming summer issue appears to be thought provoking. We thank all the members who have helped in procuring advertisements for the journal. With the support of the APPNA leadership and its members, I believe we will continue to be financially healthy and our publications will continue to be a true representation of our diverse membership.

Thank you for all the support.
LOCAL HOST COMMITTEE REPORT  
Mushfaq A. Khan, M.D.

Assalam-o-Alaikum. Your Local Host Committee takes great pride in inviting all of you to the 24th Annual Summer Meeting of APPNA. This meeting will be held in the great city of Chicago from July 4th to July 8th, 2001 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 East Wacker Drive. This hotel is centrally located in Downtown Chicago. Regular room rates are $310.00, however, for those registering for this APPNA meeting special discounted room rates of $89.00 single/double occupancy have been arranged. At this low room rate, it is a deal, and therefore rooms are going very fast. The hotel number is (800) 233-1234 or (312) 565-1234.

Under the leadership of APPNA President, Dr. Riaz Chaudhry, the Local Host Committee is working very hard and has planned a very exciting program for you. This year’s program kicks off with a reception by the Local Host Committee on the night of Tuesday, July 3rd, and ends on Sunday, July 8th at the conclusion of the APPNA Executive Council meeting. The theme of this year’s APPNA Summer meeting is “APPNA in the New Millennium”. In order to accommodate new programs, the schedule of events has been rearranged. In addition, certain changes have been made in registration and seating arrangements.

This year we are planning an excellent CME Category I program with eminent speakers. The local CME Committee is working very hard along with the National CME Committee to make it one of the best programs. On Wednesday, July 4th, there will be a boat cruise on Lake Michigan with the beautiful Chicago skyline in the background. It will have one hour of CME program. Thursday night, July 5th, will highlight the ever-popular Alliance Family Night Dinner. SAYA and CAPPNA are also arranging exciting programs for their members. Your Host Committee is also working very hard to provide memorable entertainment and Mushaira. APPNA Bazaar and exhibits will be open from Friday through Sunday.

I am grateful to all the Chairpersons and members of each subcommittee for their diligent and dedicated work. If you have any questions, please call me, an individual chairperson of a subcommittee, or the APPNA central office.

Looking forward to seeing you in Chicago, Insha Allah.

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE  
Ammanullah Khan, M.D.

Election for 2002

The Nominations and Election Committee for the year 2001 evaluated the appropriate sections of the constitution; changes adopted by the APPNA Executive Council and presented the following procedure for the election 2002.

1. The elections will be held according to the APPNA constitution and bylaws. (Refer to the section of the constitution and the election policy adopted July 22, 1994.) This year an independent election service organization (Election.Com) will send and receive the ballots. Their representative will bring the votes to the APPNA annual meeting in Chicago.
2. The calls for nominations were mailed and nomination deadline is May 5th, 2001. The last date for new members to be considered for voting is May 15th. The ballots will be mailed on May 31st. Any ballots postmarked after June 22nd, 2001 will not be counted.
3. Each candidate will designate an agent with power of attorney as his or her representative for the counting of votes. Please send a notarized letter to this effect to the Election Committee Chairman by June 15th, 2001.
4. Please send your bio-data and two-pasport size photographs for inclusion with the ballots and the election application fee of $500 to the central office by May 15th, 2001.
5. Please do not contact the election service independently.

Feel free to reach the Election and Nomination Committee for any concern. The committee would like to keep all communications open and proceedings transparent.

SECRETARY’S REPORT  
Raana Akbar, M.D.

The APPNA democratic tradition is well, thriving and multiplying this year. The spring meeting in Washington D.C. was remarkable for being tempestuous, cantankerous and contentious. The dinner on Friday was delayed by six finely crafted masterpieces of oratory. And to really confirm the process there are, at this time, two and sometimes even three candidates for every office post on the executive council. The only crack in this seamless paradise of democracy is the lack of nominations for six of the eight Councilors seat. Hopefully this deficiency will be made up next year. As of April 23rd 2001 we have a total of eleven hundred and thirty six members. There are 130 confirmed physicians in training, 423 lifetime members and 583 active members. Most Component Societies have submitted their renewal forms for certification. There are five Societies, which are delinquent. At least half of the Component Societies have not submitted a record of the financial transactions, which include bank statements and cancelled checks. We would appreciate if all of this record would be submitted to the central office before the summer meeting. Failure to send records by June 15th will start the process of de-certification, which will then be presented for approval to the General Body Meeting. Preparations for the summer meeting are proceeding at their usual hectic pace. Dr. Moshtaq Khan and his team are preparing a meticulously planned wonderful long weekend in July. The hotel occupancy rate is at a record time high. Please register early as seating at the Saturday banquet will be done on a first come first registered basis.

Hoping to see all of you there.
We, the undersigned, recognizing the tremendous services provided by Dr. Raana Akbar for the last seventeen years to APPNA, hereby endorse her as a candidate for President-Elect 2002.

Ikramullah Khan, M.D.
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Past President DOGAANA
Past President PAK PAC

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Past President DGAANA
Past Member, Board Of Trustees

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President KEMCAANA

Zeelaf Munir, M.D.
President DOGAANA

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Past President DOGAANA

Hina Chaudhry, M.D.
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Tehseen Muzaffar, M.D.
Fatima Jinnah Medical College

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I want to change APPNA from a social club to a financially viable organization that will voice the concerns and carry out the will of Pakistani Physicians in North America.

Graduated from King Edward Medical College, Lahore Pakistan — 1970
Practice limited to Gastroenterology.

Staff Activities since 1980
* Chairman Department of Medicine
* Chairman Department of Endoscopy.

Membership in other organizations:
* Member Texas Medical Association.
* Delegate Republican Party at State level.
* Delegate from Harris County Medical Society at TMA level.

Business Experience:
* Co-Founder and President of South Texas Chapter of APPNA.
* Founder and Chairman of CPN Inc. - Large Texas based PPO - A network of more than 5000 physicians, 60 hospitals and many surgery centers, pharmacies and other healthcare providers since 1994. Network includes major university and medical institutions and many other urban and suburban hospitals in South Texas area.
* Founder and Chairman of Khan Funds. – SEC registered No Load Mutual Fund since 1997. A five star rated fund that has beaten the S&P 500 two out of three years of its life.
* Owner Northwest Surgery Center Houston Texas since 1999.
* Ownership in Houston Northwest Medical Center a tertiary care hospital - 1998.

GOALS AS APPNA PRESIDENT

* A System of Checks and Balances at all levels.
* Increase APPNA membership by lowering fees.
* Increase APPNA’s revenue by contacting pharmaceutical companies and various other businesses for donations and booths at APPNA’s meetings.
* Encourage residents and fellows to get involved in APPNA by appointing them at various posts. No membership fee will be charged to residents or fellows.
* Increase APPNA’s assets by better management of its funds.
* APPNA’s free clinics – in large metropolitan areas throughout USA.
* Help Pakistani medical graduates to get residency programs and obtain J1 Visa waiver positions.
* Sponsor scholarships to students in Pakistan.
* Change APPNA constitution for better representation of smaller alumni.

I ask for your vote and support to accomplish my mission.
CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY
Mohammad Afzal Arain, M.D.
Assalaam-o-Alaikum, I am currently serving as the APPNA treasurer and have served this illustrious organization in various capacities for the last twenty years. I am a candidate for the post of APPNA Secretary year 2002.

I have
* Been a Life Member APPNA for twenty years and have been actively involved in all activities.
* Worked diligently as chairman and member on different APPNA committees
* Hosted winter, summer and fall APPNA meetings
* Worked for disaster relief for Muslims of Bosnia, Chechnya, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Somalia.
* Been Chairman-Department of Surgery, President of Staff and board member of my hospital and IPA.
* Reorganized and revitalized Liaquat Medical College Alumni

I am
* Treasurer APPNA.
* Executive director of Liaquat Medical College Alumni
* Founding member of DFGR (Doctors For Global Relief)
* Continuing to collect and ship medical and surgical supplies to different parts of the world.
* Working with a NGO in Tharparkar to dig fifty water wells and provide drinking water (As an APPNA disaster relief project).

I will
* With the help of my predecessors take APPNA farther on its platform for serving humanity.
* Reach out to inactive members and involve them in charting out the future course of our commitment.
* Sustain current APPNA projects.
* Ascertain needs of Pakistani American physicians and devise programs to fulfill them
* Devote my efforts, experience and resources to assist the membership in taking APPNA to new heights.

Please give me your support to fulfill this vision.
Insha Allah.

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY
Omar Taimoor Atiq, M.D., FACP

Vision:
For APPNA to be a progressive, dynamic, and effective organization.

Mission:
For APPNA to be an all-inclusive, representative organization where decisions are made after due deliberation.

Goals:
APPNA should be a premiere organization providing a solid platform:
* For all members to have a venue to embark on community service and charitable activities
* For all members to network through social gatherings and entertainment activities
* For younger members to obtain residency and fellowship positions and permanent jobs after training
* For senior members to have a productive retirement

Objectives:
* To enhance communication between APPNA and its Members and potential members.
* To streamline Central Office activities by upgrading computers and hiring a full-time Executive Director.
* To formulate a code of conduct and ethics policy for all APPNA members, including the Executive Council.
* To address all substantive issues in an organized manner, allowing for timely conclusions and plans of action
* To develop permanent sections at the Central Office for Physicians in training and for retiring Physicians.
* To make APPNA meetings more entertaining, affordable and invigorating for all.
* To offer seminars for career, financial and retirement planning at all APPNA meetings.
* To enhance and expand current successful projects, and to embark on new ventures.
* To help members fight discrimination in obtaining licensure and hospital privileges.

I am sure you are as interested in the future of APPNA as I am, and you see the promise on the horizon as I do. Let us work together to achieve our goals, fulfill our mission and make our vision reality. I sincerely look forward to serving you and thank you for your continued support.
CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER
Hussain Malik, M.D., FACS, FICS
Qualifications
* 1969 Graduate of KEMC, Lahore
* Board certified in Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery
* Chairman, Dept. of Surgery at Pocono Medical Center (1992-96)
* Co-Founder and Past President of PA/NJ Chapter of APPNA
* Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and President of the King Edward Medical College Association of North America (KEMCANNA) (1997-2000)
* Sustaining Member of the Human Development Foundation of North America
* Director of Pakistani American Public Affairs Committee
* Appointed by Governor Tom Ridge of PA to the Council of Trustees for East Stroudsburg University. (1997)

COMMITMENTS FOR APPNA TREASURER
* Increase membership from 1,300 to 2000
* Encourage and support Local Chapters to sponsor free clinics that will provide health care to the working poor.
* Sponsor scholarships for college education in the US to enhance young Pakistani American talent.
* Help Pakistani Medical graduates find residency programs in the US and waiver for J-1 Visa.
* Work with Alumni Presidents to improve systems of medical education in Pakistan.

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER
Mohammad Arshad, M.D.
Nishtar Class of 1973
Dear APPNA members,
It is with honor and humility that I seek your support as a candidate for treasurer of APPNA in the upcoming elections. I am the only candidate for this position who has the experience of organizing a national (annual) summer meeting of APPNA. This experience will allow me to apply a balanced approach and enthusiasm to work with a diverse group of people. As chairperson of the Resource Committee for the year 2000, I was instrumental in raising funds, and I saved the organization a substantial sum of money.

Let your voice be heard, and help me take APPNA to the next level.

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER
Abdul Rehman, M.D., FACS

If you believe, that:
* We should put aside our personal interests and put APPNA first
* What we need now, is the diversity in APPNA leadership, reflective of true make-up of its membership and the component societies
* Credentials (and not the connections) should be the criteria for elections
* Independence of thought and the ability to lead are essential for a leader,

Then your choice is quite clear
Dr. Abdul Rehman
(Past president of Dow Graduates Association of North America. Past President and current Trustee of Medical Society, County of Kings (New York). Trustee New Your Chapter of APPNA. Organizer last three “Alternative Entertainment Programs (Mushaira’s at APPNA Summer meetings). Past Chair, Ethics and Grievance Committee APPNA)

TREASURER’S REPORT
Mohammad Afzal Arain, M.D.
Dear members of APPNA family,
Assalam-o-Alaikum,
The financial report for the year 2000 was presented to the Executive Council in Washington. This year we will be saving about five thousand dollars from our yearly audit fee and are hoping for another successful summer meeting in Chicago. To protect the APPNA tax exempt status, we are trying to organize all the funds raised under the APPNA tax ID number by various APPNA constituent societies. All such funds have to be accounted for and the figures provided to the APPNA head office in a timely manner. Due to financial turmoil in the American economy and several other factors, APPNA funds have performed less than expected. Our Finance Committee is diligently looking into different venues to improve APPNA financial returns.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous rest of the year.
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