



SUMMER CONVENTION REPORT

Adhoc Committee for Liaison w/ Other Professional Organization-Chair

With the first half of the year underway it has been a true pleasure and honor serving on the 2017 APPNA committees. As the Adhoc Committee for Liaison w/ Other Professional Organization, Chair there have been a multitude of outreach efforts on our behalf.

In mirroring our mission of helping those in need, a partnership has been initiated with the president of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council, Professor Dr. Shabbir Ahmed Lehri. This movement's sole purpose is to increase availability and affordability for their patients.

We have also formulated a plan to help 58 blind female students that attend Kinnaird College Women's University in Lahore through the resources made available to us by the American Foundation for the Blind. The focus of the AFB is to increase awareness and accessibility, and partnering with APPNA has done just that.

A robust relationship has been rooted in the Patient Benefit Foundation where they provide surgeries for patients in dire need, but being uninsured and/or underinsured has left them unable to afford the surgical care they deserve. This often leaves them in a life-threatening emergency before surgery will be approved. PBF ensures that doesn't have to be the patients' reality any longer.

Due to the outreach we have formulated with the United Nations Children's Fund, they are ready to partner and collaborate by registering with the United Nations as soon as APPNA leadership gives permission to do so.

Discussions are underway with Southwest Airlines and United Airlines to collaborate with APPNA for discounted rates for physician travelers due to the great work we are doing worldwide.

Thank you,

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