



KEMCAANA 2017 Summer Meeting Report

The 2017 KEMCAANA executive council has been hard at work. We have updated our website and are in close communication with our membership. KEMCAANA Retreat on April 29th in the Boston area was a solid success. Many of you joined us for an outstanding CME session in the morning, highly productive and businesslike discussions on KEMCAANA issues during the 6-hour strategic meeting, and a fun-filled evening dinner and entertainment held jointly with APPNA's NEW England Chapter (APPNE). APPNA Executive Committee members (President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer) and candidates for APPNA office also participated in our activities. Improving KEMCAANA governance was a key theme for discussions at this Retreat and we accomplished our Retreat objectives. Some of our new

initiatives include:

1. Appointment of new volunteer Executive Director:

KEMCAANA's extensive set of initiatives requires more effective day-to-day management attention than possible by the elected Executive Committee. With the induction of an Executive Director to assist the EC with day-to-day operational management, including supervision of our central office, finances/accounting, MBBS and Post-graduate scholarships and loan programs, KEMCAANA House, Mayo Hospital indigent patient support, KE computer and anatomy labs, KE WiFi network, Summer/Winter/Retreat meetings, we hope to improve and streamline our operations. I am pleased to announce that the Retreat discussions resulted in broad agreement on creation of the new Executive Director role and appointment of Dr. Arif Toor as a volunteer Executive Director for KEMCAANA. Dr. Toor will take on this role pro bono to help KE alumni accomplish even more through their organization.

2. Update of KEMCAANA Bylaws to improve KEMCAANA governance

KEMCAANA Constitution and By-Laws have not kept up with the growth of our activities. Many of our major active committees are not listed in our by-laws, some listed committees have overlapping responsibilities. The by-laws have also not kept up with the evolution of APPNA by-laws. I had asked KEMCAANA CABL (Constitution And By-Laws Committee) to develop a proposed update of our by-laws, which was presented, discussed and approved by the Council during the Retreat and then in a teleconference of the council on June 4' 2017. CABL has circulated the approved draft to the KEMCAANA membership for final approval at the General Body meeting in Orlando. This draft of updated by-laws will bring KEMCAANA in line with the latest APPNA by-laws, give formal standing to important KEMCAANA committees like scholarships etc. and streamline some committees with overlapping roles. My thanks to CABL Committee members for their hard work.

3. Funding of KEMCAANA Central Office

KEMCAANA committees have done a great job of raising funds from our membership for our various philanthropic initiatives, but funds for day-to-day running expenses of KEMCAANA including salary for a part-time central office staffer have been hard to come by. We don't get adequate funds from annual members. We used to rely on our Summer Friday dinner and entertainment event to raise sufficient operating funds but that event has been taken over by APPNA. This operating funds shortfall was another key topic of discussion at the Retreat and at the Spring Meeting Strategic Session. We are trying to work with APPNA EC for a fairer share of Alumni night profits and soliciting other ideas from our membership for operating funds.

KEMCAANA's on-going projects include:

- **100+ undergraduate and post graduate scholarships**
- **Residential facility in Philadelphia** for medical graduates and students preparing for a Residency in the US
- **Young investigators** awards
- **Long-distance research training & mentorship programs** for KEMU faculty
- **Radiology technician training program** at KEMU
- **Visiting faculty program**
- **Hepatitis C awareness** and education program
- **Computer lab at KEMU** with free internet access across KEMU/Mayo Hospital
- **Free medicine program** for indigent patients at Mayo Hospital.

All these KEMCAANA projects are true to our mission of education, research and service. They need to be continued through perpetuity as a Sadqa-e-Jaria.

Yours truly,

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