

March 1, 2017

SUBJECT: APPNA SPRING COUNCIL MEETING REPORT FROM NISHTAR ALUMNI

ATTENTION: Jennifer Wozniak

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Secretary

We had three executive Council meetings so far this year. The first order for this year was to combine our retreat with our parent society (APPNA Spring Meeting). We are hoping it will increase the number of attendees and may be cheaper on our alumni members to be able to attend the retreat at the same time. After discussion with the Executive Committee members and non-members it was decided to have the meeting of Saturday instead of Friday so that the Physicians that have children in school will be able to attend. We are going to have retreat on March 25, 2017 from 4-6 pm at the same place as the APPNA meeting. For the members that need more time to discuss we will reserve 8-10 am on March 26, 2017 for this purpose.

We are thinking about several projects this year for the medical school ranging from an IT room to purchasing an Angiography machine. Hopefully we will come up with final decisions during the retreat meeting.

I visited my beloved institution last year the occupancy in our hospital is twice as large as our bed availability. I saw four children in one bed in the Pediatric ICU and forty patients where they could only accommodate ten pediatric patients. This situation is so dire that you want to hug those patients and console them. Our hope is to bring the healthcare system to be at least half as good as some of our more modern countries. I would recommend to the Alumni to spend most of our resources to improve the situation in our medical school and our hospital in Multan.

We are in collaboration with Nishtar renovation project (NRP) initiated in the UK under Dr. Aslam Nasir. A major renovation will be started for my hospital and medical college soon with nishtar alumni all over the world and local dignitaries. I'm honored to work with them for our local cause in Multan.

Respectfully,
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President Nishtar 2017