

## PRESIDENT'S report 4 13 2019.

First of all I would like to welcome you to spring meeting and I like to thank Chair of St. Louis Chapter Dr. Atthar Naeem and Advisor Dr. Nadeem Ahmed. It's the hard work the team has put in and tried their best to be the best meeting possible.

In this Spring meeting the agenda is full of items which we need to decide and will also give us the directions where we are going as an organization. This meeting will have some actions item and some only information for you to take it to your Chapters and Alumni. All legislative issues are brought up in front of Council to decide and it is the duty of each to attend this meeting as President of Chapters and Alumni.

Before taking over membership was skin got end litigations if possible. There were two main pending cases one with Dr. Shahid Rashid and another one with Dr. Naveed Bari. Another issue was joining of Old BOT. On BOT issues there was meeting and decided and settled amicably and whole BOT as one unit participated. Dr. Shahid Rashid case was cleared on first week of January and APPNA was out of that mess. On indemnification we just recently got settlement money ad it is up to all defendants to decide how to do reimbursement and every one has to agree on that. On Bari's case that is still in progress and Bari's attorney has requested few things and questions are answered on specific queries.

On Financial transparency, my self, Dr. Aftab Khan and Finance Committee is working on it. Audit process ahs been started for year 2018 and I vouch that we will get all financial issues settle for membership as soon as we can.

As the approval was done to transfer 50% of assets to another company, Finance Committee of last year has chosen Fidelity Investment and we are process of doing so.

This year the main project for APPNA under my presidency will be to invest in Pakistani-American and Pakistan's intellect. Our ultimate goal is to have incubator for innovation and research. We are looking into making an organization which will work on this and I hope we are successful. In this respect we met with Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs (OPEN) in Silicon valley to see if any collaboration can be done and it was quite a successful meeting with OPEN.

Advocacy committee is working hard on resident visa issues and already met with State Department and discussed the issues. One of the thing which we are interested in to promote Medicare for All and working with Rashida Tliab's office. One of my promise was to also get involve into our medical issues facing US population.

Day on the Hill will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and I urge all of you to attend and it will be an impactful program.

MERIT program, I an excited that we are getting help from Pakistan Pharma industry to promote our CME program in Pakistan and improve the tele-medicine program.

Our flagship Committee is Social welfare program including Cornea program, Cleft lip and Water program are continued and at present no new project are being done. APPNA has been instrumental in doing work all over the globe.

APPNA's CBL has put down some amendments in bylaws, I hope you have read and discussion will be done and I hope to get that passed and let the membership decide in finality.

We also had a survey mailed and top three priorities were to get rid of law Enforcement clause in the amendment, end all litigations as soon as possible and financial transparency. These are three priorities APPNA membership have and I will work on these lines and also to work on improving APPNA membership.

I feel that communication is key to resolving all issues and we should put our negative issues aside and work in a positive fashion. We should all work on what membership wants as a whole.

STAY POSITIVE.

Sincerely,

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President APPNA-2019.