

## **APPNA Oklahoma Chapter Report**

### **Executive Committee:**

Tauqeer Ali, MD, President

Yasmin Sarfraz, MD, Treasurer

Faisal Latif, MD, Secretary

Iftikhar Hussain, MD, Immediate Past President

### **Chapter's Activities and Goals for 2018**

- Chapter's financial records were reconciled earlier this year and a financial report was submitted to Central APPNA for the purpose of re-certification of this Chapter. It is one of the goals of this Executive Committee to keep financial records of this chapter completely transparent to its members.
- Another goal is to increase paid membership of the Oklahoma Chapter as well as of the National APPNA. In order to make the process of paying Chapter's membership dues convenient for the members, the Chapter's website has been reconstructed with an added feature of a secure payment portal (PayPal). Members have been utilizing this payment portal to pay their annual or lifetime membership dues. Members are also being encouraged to join National APPNA. The announcements of National APPNA about membership drive are being forwarded to the members of this chapter.
- Efforts are being made to enhance communication with members to inform and encourage them to participate in Chapter's and National APPNA's activities and initiatives. To achieve this goal, chapter's Email Blast system has been upgraded and Chapter's website has been rebuilt. Information outlet platforms also include chapter's Facebook page and chapter's WhatsApp chat group. New members are added to these social media platforms on regular basis.
- As stated above, chapter's website has been rebuilt. This new website includes a payment portal (PayPal) that allows members to safely and securely pay their membership dues for the chapter. This new website also includes pages for chapter bylaws, monthly Executive Committee meeting minutes, chapter committees, upcoming events, and pictures from chapter's events.
- Community Engagement Activities: Chapter organized two free health fairs in August in the Oklahoma City community in collaboration with ICNA Relief. These health fairs were very successful and were well received by the community members. Additionally, Chapter will offer two health fairs in October to commemorate National APPNA's National Healthcare Day on October 13; one health fair will be offered in Oklahoma City and one in Tulsa.
- Chapter's Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held in Oklahoma City on November 11. Executive, CME, and Social committees are working very hard to make the 2018 APPNA Oklahoma Chapter Annual Meeting and Banquet a rewarding and memorable experience for all with Continuing Medical Education session followed by banquet and entertainment.
- Another important goal is to involve young physicians in the Chapter's activities and nurture them to take Chapter's leadership roles.

- Executive Committee recently re-organized various subcommittees of this Chapter. These subcommittees include Election and Nomination Committee, Bylaws Committee, Website and Media Committee, Membership Committee, CME Committee, Health Fairs Committee, Young Physicians Committee, Ethics and Grievances Committee, Social Forums Committee, and Resource and Development Committee. Executive Committee will continue to encourage and work with these subcommittees to initiate and follow-through to successful completion of meaningful projects that would potentially have positive impact locally, nationally, and internationally.