

FJMCAA REPORT- APPNA Fall Meeting, 2018

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I am pleased to report that the FJMC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION has been following the aims, mission and objectives as set forth by the Association.

As in previous years, an effort has been made this year to strengthen FJMC Alumni by recruiting new members and increasing our endowment funds, which in turn, enable us to fulfill our commitment to provide scholarship funds for needy students at Fatima Jinnah Medical University, support AFJOG (Hepatitis C clinics and other community projects), as well as various other endeavors.

Our activities this year:

- Throughout the year, EC communicated through conference calls, text messages, WhatsApp group and email with the objective of achieving goals, objectives and planning for the future.
- Messages were sent out by e-mails through FJMCAA Yahoo group, WhatsApp and Facebook page for donations and requesting enrolment for membership.
- All the members who donated received their receipts and thankyou cards. Most of the Pledge amount for donation was collected.
- We had a very successful Alumni dinner during 41th Summer meeting in Dallas, TX. The number of attendee and donations were more than what was expected from previous years. The seats were sold out. The Alumni dinner program was excellent and well-liked by audience. I presented the president's report with special emphasis on recognition and acknowledgement of services from several past Alumni presidents. I endorsed continued improvement of our website fjmcna.com which undergoes periodic updates; I asked for suggestions from the attendee to improve website, increase membership and requested Alumni members to open their heart for donations. I highlighted the current charitable causes, need for finding more projects for donations and future direction of Alumni.
- Continue to maintain (501) c3 status for FJMC Alumni association.
- We continue to support, an e-Library which was established at FJMC in 2009 by FJMC Alumni with the help of SWRDC to fulfill our goal of extending education and knowledge to 600 graduate students, 25 post graduates and 50 faculty members.
- Our other major objectives are to continue increasing the endowment funds and contributing to APPNA scholarship funds which we started in 2014 with \$ 20,000 donation. We have added \$4000 this year to endowment fund. We have been also directly contributing and supporting our Fatima Jinnah Medical University's needy students every year. We have contributed 10,000 \$ for year 2017-18. We have supported the WAPNA, SWDR and Rise for Equality by donations as much as our funds allowed us.
- I take pride to share that we had two excellent guest speakers this year. Dr. Shamsa Hamayun who was the 1st guest speaker of the event, presented an excellent walk through of historical landmarks of FJMU with memorable pictures. She also played a documentary from AFJOG. Her presentation was extremely liked by all the audience. Dr. Hana Ali, the 2nd guest speaker presented her beautiful poetry out of her book which has been published. Dr. Hana's poetry was mesmerizing and was listened with lot of interest and warmth.

- We were honored this year with the presence of two of our teacher/faculty from FJMU; Drs. Mahlaka Rana and Zahida Ijaz Khawaja who came from Pakistan to attend the meeting. Both are actively involved in AFJOG.
- We had door prizes and small table gifts for all the participants and this was well taken by the attendee.

As the president of FJMCAA for 2017 and 2018, I along with the executive team will work sincerely and diligently to create and contribute to projects that support our alumni organization's core values. However, neither our prior accomplishment nor our future projects are possible without our member's involvement. Our hope is to leverage our individual successes and use FJMCAA as a platform to launch larger philanthropic endeavors.