

## Immediate Past President's Report

Dear Council Members,

Another three months have passed since the summer meeting on July 5-8 and here we are at the last quarter of APPNA year 2018: 41st year since APPNA's inception. Last 3 months have been a period of trials and tribulations for APPNA. During this time various issues were realized and members voiced their concerns and disagreement openly. It was difficult to see APPNA go through the turbulent times but it recapped my belief that these are growing pains for our organization and general members will make the right choice. After all they are the supreme body of our organization and their interest in APPNA affairs will define its future as well.

The issue of vote on amendments to the bylaws has gone through many phases and I have made my position very clear to the Council and the members. Even though there have been strong voices of dissent from both sides, I believe that APPNA members will make the best choice. Otherwise the inner conflicts will leave a bad taste for the members of the organization.

On a very positive note, I am excited to update you on the project of free mobile health clinics once again. As of now 4 mobile health units are actively working in 4 areas of US. As mentioned earlier, they are equipped with all the bells and whistles to operate as an outpatient care clinic. The units are stationed in Texas, Florida, Northeast and Midwest. How are these units are going to serve our local communities was seen in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. Recently, As Florence was approaching the east coast, APPNA/ICNA Relief teams started preparation for relief work in anticipation. Immediately after the hurricane, mobile clinics from FL was moved to the devastated area and started their operation. Salute to APPNA physicians, Drs. Rashid Shaikh, Fauzia Salahudin, Sohail Sarwar, Naveed Aziz, who volunteered at the clinic and ICNA Relief director clinics Dr. Muhammad Uzair and other volunteers for logistic arrangement and ancillary support. In my humble opinion, nothing can explain the charter of APPNA better than projects like these.

This project will be a flagship of APPNA in coming years, it will expand our medical mission throughout USA and will be a great way to put APPNA's good name out in the community.

APPNA is at forefront of community service in USA, and our work has included community projects all over the country, through APPNA free clinics, global medical missions and ongoing food pantry program. I hope that all of these and other projects will continue for years to come. I am thankful to Dr. Hamid for his ongoing support and to Dr. Naseem Shekhani, our president Elect for his commitment to support this project next year as well.

Sincerely,

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