

My name is Habib Chotani, a graduate of Aga Khan University Medical College in 1995. I have been associated with APPNA since 2013, as a lifetime member, involved in various activities of APPNA through the years, been part of 2 summer convention host committees (2014 and 2016), and Co-chair of the APPNA Summer convention CME program 2016.

In the summer of 2015, I was elected as the president of Aga Khan University Alumni Association of North America (AKUAANA). I took over the post in January 2016 and remained at this position till December 2017. During this time, I have been a regular attendee of APPNA Council Meetings.

Rehan Khan and I under the guidance of Sajid Chaudhary (President APPNA 2017) started the APPNA National Food Pantry Project in 2017. I continue to be the chair of the APPNA National Food Pantry Project in 2018 under the leadership of Iqbal Zafar Hameed and support of President Elect Naseem Shekhani.

AKUAANA, has been an official part of APPNA since 2000. There are over 2000 AKU medical college alumni in North America, our membership in APPNA is growing slowly. Over the last many years, AKU alumni involvement in APPNA has increased at various level. AKUAANA feels that it is time that we have a voice in APPNA board of trustees, hence many AKU alumni have nominated me for this position.

The reason why I would like to become a board of trustee is not only because AKUAANA would like an AKU alumni to be a BOT member, that I have been part of APPNA for many years and worked with the organization at various levels, that I have worked with alumni from various component societies/association not just AKU alumni but because I believe that having board of trustee from different medical college alumni will bring APPNA together and will make APPNA stronger. As a board of trustee, one of my goals will be to improve the image of APPNA by showcasing the strong work that APPNA already does towards philanthropy in North America and Pakistan. As a BOT member, I would thrive to transform our organization to address the various needs of its membership. APPNA has been in existence for over 40 years now, one of the major issues is decrease in membership especially from younger alumni, it is essential to recognize the needs/expectation of various generations in APPNA, and come up with solutions. This is how we will be able to attract the younger alumni in our midst. I would request your support in making APPNA strong and prosper in the coming future.