

Haroon Durrani MD

Bringing People Together

Candidate for Secretary, APPNA 2020



Dear APPNA Members,

APPNA is a premier organization with a lot of untapped potential to do good not only here in USA and Pakistan but worldwide. However, these are trying times in APPNA due to lack of unity and breach of trust in our ranks. Internal infighting and a weak internal conflict resolution mechanism has resulted in several lawsuits which in turn have further widened the divide and tarnished the good name of our beloved organization as well as resulted in bleeding of financial resources. This has been very disturbing to me and my family. APPNA has been a home away from home in Pakistan. Our children have grown with APPNA over the years and love APPNA dearly. If we don't act collectively and decisively now, we may end up with irreparable damage to our beloved organization.

Granted that Secretary's post does not describe a role of a mediator under our constitution and bylaws but it is more important now than ever for aspiring leaders to step up and bring trust and unity back in APPNA. My passion to work cohesively, ability to cross isle and bring people together and develop a consensus is my strength and the need of the day in APPNA.

I am a proven team player and believe in working in a cohesive, transparent and organization centric manner. I want to serve APPNA with sincerity and unity of purpose. As Secretary I will set up benchmarks for myself so that you can hold me accountable too. I aspire to be a member's secretary; your representative in EC. I want you to let me be your voice.

As Secretary APPNA, my vision is to:

To keep the lines of communication open between members of Executive Committee, Council and Board of Trustees. Always available to membership.

Bring civility, harmony, and unity in APPNA so it can work as a professional organization with emphasis on education and research.

Discharge my fiduciary duties responsibly and be a true representative of APPNA members.

Expand on charitable projects with special emphasis on better delivery with better results.

Adding fresh blood from Pakistan and second-generation US Physicians which is the future of APPNA. Helping in visa issues and help in getting residencies. Provide financial help / short term loans on need basis.

Women empowerment; encourage more APPNA female members to actively participate and take part in working of APPNA at every level.

Develop robust conflict resolution mechanism with third party arbitration. Several current / recent lawsuits are the direct result of inadequate conflict resolution mechanism. I will work with EC and other components of APPNA to bring quick end to any and all pending lawsuits.

Make sure that APPNA will defend its members vigorously via liability insurance from any external lawsuits but should not cover any internal litigation among various components. Internal conflicts should be resolved internally with a clear cut stepwise approach.

Work for a Comprehensive overhaul of constitution and bylaws to make them organization centric and remove all ambiguities with the help of third-party constitutional expert.

Services to APPNA:

Chair APPNA Winter Meeting held at Nishtar Medical College Multan, 2014.

Chair APPNA Spring Meeting Philadelphia, 2017 one of the most successful with profit > 25K.

Chair International Meeting Organizing Committee 2017. Trips organized were to Bosnia/Croatia/Montenegro, Cruise to Alaska and First time ever APPNA trip to Cuba. *Generated combined profit of over 125K for APPNA's charitable projects.*

Chair Membership Committee 2011.

I have served as a member of many Committees including: Member SWDR Committee 2011, Ethics and Grievance Committee 2015, Finance Committee 2009, RESA Committee 2013, International Meeting Organizing Committee 2014, Host Committee for Summer Conventions 2014, 2015 & 2017. In Summer meeting 2014 I developed a format to improve the organization of programs. Subsequent Summer meetings have been using and benefited from the same timeline format.

Co-Chair Election and Nomination Committee 2014, Advisor International Meeting Organizing Committee 2019. Host /Master of Ceremony Summer Meeting Saturday banquet 2017.

Services to Nishtar Alumni Association of North America (NANA)

Treasurer 2007, Secretary 2008, President Elect 2009. President 2010, Member Board of Trustees NANA 2012 to 2016.

Member Project Evaluation Committee 2011 to 2019. I am proud to have worked on these projects along with many dedicated Nishtarians. Our Alumni Assoc. has started funding one Major Project each year for the last many years in Nishtar Medical College including: Conference room with State-of-the-Art Audiovisual equipment with Simulation Lab for Medical Students and started ALS/BLS courses for Students, Nurses, House Officers etc. Over 4000 registrants trained /certified up to date. Four Story extension of Pediatrics ward extension and adding 60 more bed and one classroom for house officers and students. State of the Art Endoscopy Unit with C arm. Interventional suite in Cardiology equipped with State of the Art Cath/Angio machine. New 27 bed ICU building. IT lab with 50 computer stations etc. In addition, NANA provides 50 scholarship per year on need basis to Medical Students in Nishtar.

Services to APPNA PUN A Delaware Valley chapter of APPNA: Founding member and President Elect 2014 and 2015, President 2016 and 2017. Currently, Member Board of Trustees APPNA PUN and, Chair Award Recognition Committee.

Community Services:

Martin Luther King Junior Freedom Medal awarded by Camden County Freeholders in 2012 for outstanding Community services. Community services recognition by Cherry Hill Mayor Chuck Kahn.

Founding Member and Vice President Tamarind Society. Member - Board of Trustees Muslim Federation of South Jersey MFSJ 2016-2018.

Dear APPNA Friends, I take pride in my dedication and services to APPNA in past 15 years. I am a foot soldier and a team leader and have shown effective leadership in the past as Chairs of various committees over the years in APPNA. My strength is to be organized, bring people together and promote conflict resolution. We have a great opportunity to shape the future of Pakistanis both here and back home, but we need to work together cohesively. Together, we can be catalysts for change. Your support in achieving tangible results and my vision to improving APPNA's potential is the key to our success. I seek your support and vote for my candidacy for Secretary 2020. I believe the best for APPNA is yet to come.

Sincerely,

Haroon Durrani, MD

Let me be your voice!