



# Association of Administrators in Academic Pediatrics

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Dear AAAP Colleagues and Sponsors:

I hope you are having a wonderful start to the New Year, and are looking forward to an exciting 2018! There has been a significant amount of activity since our last update; enclosed please find several announcements and some pertinent information regarding recent improvements to the AAAP.

### Organizational Enhancements

• There are now **Quarterly Webinars** on topics relevant to all administrators. The first two webinars were extremely well-received by the majority of the AAAP members participating. The first webinar was a member-led presentation on one of our favorite topics over the years:

the calculation of FTE! The second webinar was hosted by AAAP sponsor Culbert Healthcare Solutions and delved into clinical documentation and the use of scribes. We are planning on hosting **two more webinars over the next six months**, and ask that you please submit any topics that interest you to myself or Jill Ackerman. Additional information on presented topics is located on the AAAP website. I would also like to extend a big thank you to Jill for taking the lead on this exciting new initiative; her efforts ensure we have excellent topics to discuss and that the logistics work for our participants. Thank you Jill!

- **The Joint Annual Meeting with AMSPDC will take place in March of 2019 in historic Savannah, Georgia.** After many years of trying, we are excited to announce this meeting is finally happening! Further details will be revealed at our annual meeting in Seattle, however, a joint planning group will be working on an agenda that meets the needs of both organizations. I want to give a big shout out to Shelisa Dalton for taking the lead on making sure this event will be a resounding success. Please hold March 2<sup>nd</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup> of 2019 on your calendars. This is about two months earlier than the normal time for our annual meeting—and I can assure you, this is a meeting you don't want to miss!
- **Membership dues are being restructured.** The Board listened to the recommendations of the Membership Committee, and has revised the structure of annual payments for membership dues. Michele De Guire recently sent out a communication that details the revised fee structure. Please make your payments before January 31<sup>st</sup> to take advantage of the reduced fees. This is also an excellent time to recruit new members from your home organization!

### Regional Meeting

- The group from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, led by Eileen Drames, hosted a wonderful **Regional Conference in Philadelphia** this past fall. Attendance was great, with over 45 AAAP members joining the conference to learn about a wide variety of topics. Of course, no trip to Philadelphia would be complete without a visit to South Philly for a delightful Italian meal and a visit by Philadelphia's mummies! (See our website for pictures.) The Board also hosted their fall meeting in Philadelphia, and, in keeping with the theme of collaboration between chairs and administrators, two members of the AMSPDC also joined our conference. All presentations from the conference have also been posted to the AAAP website.

### Salary Survey

- Once again Jack Curran did a fantastic job gathering data for the annual AAAP survey, which will be distributed before the end of January, a few weeks earlier than last year. This year 100 schools participated in the survey, resulting in information gathered from over 13,875 providers. This represents a nearly 5% increase from last year! This year for the first time information regarding administrator compensation will be included with the survey.

### 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting

- Please join us for the **35<sup>h</sup> Anniversary of the AAAP at the National Meeting in Seattle, Washington from April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Seattle is an exciting urban city with world-class attractions, excellent cuisine, and a thriving arts and culture scene. Whether it is experiencing the soaring views provided by the famous Space Needle, reliving a moment of yesteryear's delight in the Museum of Pop Culture, or grabbing a cappuccino in the original Starbucks café in the Pike Place Market, Seattle promises to be a fun and entertaining place to connect with your fellow AAAP colleagues, and with the help of Erin Allen and Maria Ivanova, I am sure this event will be memorable for all. Registration and the agenda will be open for this event soon. Get ready for some surprises as we celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We are hoping for some great poster presentations from our members at the meeting too!

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our longtime member John Vetta for recently being named the President of the Association of Canadian Clinical Academic Department Administrators (ACCADA). John will hold a three year term.

Please be sure to visit the AAAP website at <https://aaapeds.org> to see general announcements and update your personal membership profile.

The AAAP Board is committed to serving our AAAP colleagues to the best of our ability. As always, our individual contact information can be found on the AAAP website under 'About Us' and then the 'Board of Directors.' I encourage you to reach out to any of us with comments, ideas, and suggestions—we have an exciting year ahead of us, and your feedback, contributions, and participation are an essential part of what makes our organization great. We would love to hear from you!

We are also always looking for members to serve on different committees. This is a great way to learn more about the organization and network with fellow Pediatric Administrators. Reach out to any board member if interested.

I look forward to seeing you all in Seattle. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time to discuss any issues, talk about Philadelphia sports teams or just to say hello.

Thanks again,



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