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MEMO TO: All Board Members, Committee Chairmen and Special Projects Chairmen of the American Academy of Physicians' Assistants

FROM: Paul F. Moson, President

DATE: December 4, 1973

You will soon be getting the minutes of the November 4, 1973 Board meeting from the Secretary, but I am taking this opportunity to outline a few of the tasks that must be underway and or/completed by January 19, 1974.

First of all, let me thank everyone on the Board for their cooperation in making the November 4, 1973 meeting a very productive day. I wish to give a special thanks to all those individuals who made the review session such a success. I have received mostly favorable reports on the two-day session and those that were critical were the same people who are always critical and offer very few constructive ideas.

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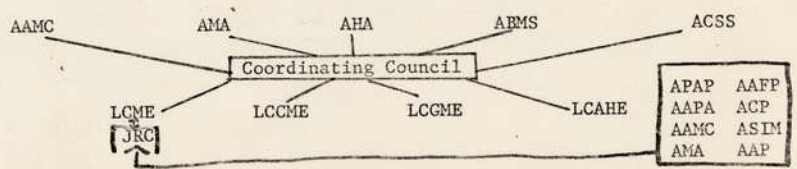
Because of the presentation by the Physician's Planning Service (National Association of the Professions), I have appointed the following people to serve as a special committee to report on benefits at the January 19th Board meeting. They are: Paul Toth, (Project Chairman), Clara Vanderbuilt, Jarrett Wise and John McElligott. Along with a presentation at the next board meeting, I would like to have a written report from Mr. Toth which should include the committee's findings and recommendations.

It was decided that the Academy would accept an invitation to be an organizational member of the Joint Review Committee (JRC) of the A.M.A. The Board had decided to endorse the "Essentials" in principal and to submit a letter of concern over the unilateral approval system since the Council of Medical Education of the A.M.A. has jurisdiction over the JRC. If and when the invitation to join the JRC arrives, Mr. William Stanhope will draft the letter for the Academy and will send it to me for signature. The letter will also include a recommendation that the JRC be responsible to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) which is part of the Coordinating Council.

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The P. A. Journal

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Since the Academy might have difficulty in future months relating to the National office with a 501(c)(6) tax status, I have asked Mr. Michael Pituris, Esq. to serve as legal council to the Academy and assist us in finding a solution to the problem. A special projects group will work with Mr. Pituris and they are: Mr. Jarrett Wise (Project Chairman), James Konopa, and Kevin Soren. Mr. Pituris feels that a 501(c)(3) tax status could be granted to the Academy if the bylaws were properly structured. For this reason, Mr. Pituris has asked me for the power of attorney in order that he alone may reconstruct our bylaws and re-submit our application for the new tax status. This has been done. A progress report will be expected at the January Board meeting from Mr. Jarrett Wise.

Funding has been received from the foundations and currently the Association of Programs is seeking a site within Washington, D.C. for the National Office. Since the Academy does not have the 501(c)(3) tax status at this time, its Board of Directors will not be able to be reimbursed for transportation to the Board meetings. Dr. Thomas Piemme will be at the January 19 meeting and will present to us at that time the latest information concerning the National Office.

At the July 27, 1973 Board meeting at St. Louis, Missouri; the Board of Directors of the Academy empowered a select committee to work with the Association in selecting an Executive Director for the National Office. This has been done! Dr. Don Fisher, Ph.D., who is currently the Co-director of the Mississippi Physician's Assistant Program and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy has accepted the position. Don will be at the January 19 Board meeting to meet with everyone.

As chairman of the Membership Committee, Mr. William Stanhope will work on structural guidelines for student chapters and submit them to the Board for approval at its January meeting.

Mr. Jarrett Wise will report to the Board how the student fund was created and what the amounts are.

Mr. Alan Sams will be a special project officer to begin work on the elections for the annual meeting. I will ask the Board to approve his appointment as Chairman of that committee at the January meeting. It is hopeful that the majority of the Academy membership will be present at the annual meeting but it is a known fact that some voting members will not be able to come. We should allow nominations to begin now and they should go to Mr. Sams. The entire voting membership should be notified that they can submit their name to run for office and it must be in by February 14, 1974, since elections will take place on March 30, 1974. It should be explicitly stated that the ballot

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is an absentee ballot and is for the use of those voting individuals who definitely will not attend the annual meeting. Our current By-Laws state that nominations can be introduced from the floor at the meeting so all those who plan to attend the annual meeting should wait to vote so they may see the entire slate of candidates. All the fellow members who are eligible to run for office should declare that fact so they may receive a list of names and addresses of the voting membership. This will allow the candidates to campaign by mail, if they wish. Mr. Sams should consult the current By-Laws and Mr. Konopa to be sure the nominations and election procedures will not be in violation of the current By-Laws. This procedure will be submitted to the Board for approval at the January 19th meeting.

On November 28, 1973; I represented the Academy in Chicago at a meeting concerning the proposal of a commission. At the last Academy Board meeting we voted to approve the principle of the commission, but asked that the commission serve as a "blue ribbon commission on physician's assistants" to develop position papers, white papers and serve to advise agencies, organizations and groups involved in the Physician's Assistant concept. Further recommendations were: more PA's should be on the commission, more consumers should be on the commission, physicians who have hired PA's and are currently working with them should be on the commission, the National Board of Medical Examiners should continue the process of applications, eligibility, testing and possible deciding on pass - fail levels in consort with the State Board of Medical Examiners, and the registry should be run by the profession since it already exists within the profession. On November 28 it was clear at the onset of the meeting that the Commission was going to be a reality and with the support of the Federation of State Boards of Medical Examiners the only hope left was to get good representation. The final outcome was: the American Academy of Physician's Assistants will appoint five members to the Commission. The functions of this Commission are still being worked out and everyone will get a copy of the latest draft before the January 19, 1974 Board meeting.

The following organizations have one representative each:

AMA - American Medical Association,
 AAMC - Association of American Medical Colleges
 ACS - American College of Surgeons
 ACP - American College of Physicians
 ASIM - American Society of Internal Medicine
 AAFD - American Academy of Family Practice
 AAPed - American Academy of Pediatrics
 AHA - American Hospital Association
 AAAP - Association of Physician Associate Programs
 DOD - Department of Defense
 ANA - American Nursing Association
 NBME - National Board of Medical Examiners
 FSBME - Federation of State Boards of Medical Examiners

3 members at large (one of whom is a physician involved
 in health manpower, i.e. Dr. Eugene Stead or Dr. Edmund
 Pelligrino.

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+ 5 AAPA - American Academy of Physician's Assistants

21 Total Members

The Committee on Continuing Medical Education, chaired by Paul Toth, will notify all graduates of the Academy's requirements. This committee will also review all CME programs that PA's might attend and assign them credits. Along with this charge, the committee will begin to explore methods of providing CME and informing the membership of programs of CME. A budget of \$500.00 was allotted to this committee for printing and other materials. This committee may wish to develop a proposal which can be submitted for funding of CME. Caution should be taken until it is decided whether the foundation or the Academy should or can be the recipient of such funds.

I am going to appoint Mr. Robert Branc as Liaison Officer to the Academy. Because of his location and his contacts, he can serve this position well. He will work closely with the officers of the Academy and turn in a written progress report prior to each Board meeting.

Miss Sally Laughlin has received all the files concerning the Academy's filing in other states to do business. She will get them in order and report what has been done up to this date. Even if the trademark is approved, we may have to file for business in other states. I am hopeful that Miss Laughlin will

Mr. William Stanhope should get a newsletter out to the membership soon and stress the importance of notifying Slack, Inc. and the Academy of address changes along with updating the membership on current and future decisions and events. Hopefully, this can be received by the membership before Christmas and carry a holiday greeting from the Board of Directors.

For those who are interested, the 70th General Congress on Medical Education will be held at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois from February 1-3, 1974. This meeting is presented by the Council on Medical Education of the A.M.A. in collaboration with the: Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Interns and Residents' Business Session and the Student American Medical Association. This would be a good meeting for members of the C.M.E. Committee to attend, but by no means should be restricted to just that group. For registration material write to:

Division of Medical Education
American Medical Association
535 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Registration is \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for all others.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

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