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DIVISION OF  
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PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE  
PROGRAM

Dear Member Program:

Don Fisher has indicated that the first Association newsletter will be sent out about August 1st and he plans others at two month intervals thereafter. I am writing now to bring to your attention several matters, some of which are urgent and need prompt dissemination and/or consideration.

I. At the June 16th meeting of the Executive Committee, it was voted that the Association should proceed with incorporation. We are currently in contact with the lawyer who filed our papers for tax exempt status and who strongly endorses our intention to incorporate. The act of incorporation, in general, relieves the offices of the Association and others serving in various committee positions etc. from personal liability in their duties as members working for the benefit of the Association. While it would seem quite unlikely that an individual would be involved in a legal matter, in today's climate, individuals should be so protected in their work with the Association. Don will soon be sending a mail ballot for your hopefully affirmative vote on the Executive Committee recommendation for incorporation. Subsequent to the vote, it will probably be necessary to modify the By-laws in some respects. We will need to act on those By-law revisions at the Fall meeting in Chicago.

II. At the June 29th meeting of the Board of Directors for AAPA, a possible problem of "legal harassment" of a graduate P.A. in California was noted. As the APAP representative, it was suggested that the Association might wish to involve itself in this matter along with the AAPA. Carl Fasser has visited the interested parties and apparently has had very significant positive impact on the California Board and its future policies. He will be sending a letter to selected parties in California and has asked for support of the Association which I plan to give by cosignature. There may well be other action of merit in disseminating information to students about legal status and requirements for state approval that the Association can undertake. Your comments would be welcome.

Don tells me the National office has been deluged with requests for information about programs. They are currently planning a general information book which would include information about individual programs as well as sections on legal aspects, student aid, etc. This would be available to prospective students at modest cost much as the AAMC Admission Requirements for U.S. Medical Schools.

III. At the AAPA Board of Directors meeting the question of eligibility of P.A. students for Health Professions Scholarships and Loan monies came up. I have checked this with our university financial aid officer, the HEW regional office individual and others. Apparently Senator Rogers' Committee deals with this aspect and as things currently stand the scholarship funds will no longer exist, loan funds are in serious jeopardy, and last, that P.A. students were not in the ball game anyway. The aspect of financial resources for running programs

and student aid after BMRD funds are exhausted is one of concern to us all. Those of you interested in working on a committee to identify funding sources and addressing this overall problem are invited to let the Executive Committee know.

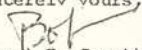
IV. The semi-annual meeting of APAP will be held in conjunction with the AAMC in Chicago, November 12-16. Our session is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 1:30-5:00 p.m. In order to increase individual program participation we will have an extended business meeting where committees will report on their objectives, progress and recommendations so that they may have the benefit of individual program reaction and response. I hope that each program will have its official representative and as many others as possible in attendance.

I will be asking each committee chairman to prepare a report for the October newsletter so that you will have information to study in advance of the meeting. Should you wish to contact any of them prior to that time the committees and chairmen are listed below:

Evaluation/Selection	-	Sue Greenberg James Pharris
Public and Professional Relations and Education	-	Kay Andreoli
Curriculum and Testing	-	John Ott
Membership	-	Robert Levine
Program - St. Louis	-	John Delahunty
By-Laws	-	Jerry Hymel
Other Appointments:		
National Commission Representative	-	Tom Piemme
Liason from AAPA to APAP	-	Carl Fasser Jeff Heinrick
Position paper on Need-Demand-Utilization	-	Dave Lawrence Bill Stanhove
Reimbursement	-	Bob Jewett Tom Piemme Bill Stanhove Dave Lawrence

Hope all goes well!

Sincerely yours,

  
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President, APAP

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