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QUARTERLY REPORT
OF THE
AD HOC POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
PROGRAMS-BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JULY 24, 1987

- (1) Two new members added to Committee;

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- (2) Proposal submitted (attached) for formal
Liason with Association of Postgraduate
Programs

Respectfully Submitted

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AD HOC COMMITTEE
ON
POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION PROPOSAL

Postgraduate P.A. Programs have been in existence for over 10 years. Each specialty has evolved into a valid educational training program. Each has developed a successful didactic and clinical experience for P.A.'s in Postgraduate Education as witnessed by; 1) graduate satisfaction of programs completed, 2) job availability for these graduates, 3) employer desirability for graduate trained P.A.'s, 4) numbers of P.A.'s applying to these programs and 5) number of Postgraduate Programs currently being developed or considered.

Last year an APAP survey on the future of P.A. education was given to it's members. The general consensus was that Postgraduate P.A. programs would be increasing in number as would the specialties they offered. As a result a subcommittee on Postgraduate Education was developed to hypothesize further.

In light of the probable increase in Postgraduate opportunities and the current existence of P.A. Postgraduate Programs, this committee proposes that a formal liason be established between the 2 organizations. A formal liason similar to that of the student member on the Board. This precendence has proved to be beneficial and effective in establishing better communication and relations between the student organization and APAP. Our recommendation is as follows:

That a representative from the Association of Postgraduate P.A. Programs be appointed to APAP's Board of Directors and that this appointee be a non-voting and non-funded member.

We believe that a formal liason established in this fashion will assure communication, cooperation, mutual understanding and an open exchange of ideas between the 2 groups. It will positively impact both organizations and prepare us for the future of educating Physician Assistants.