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Dear Dr. Howard:

Duke University is sponsoring its Fourth Annual Conference on Physician's Assistants on April 20 and 21, 1972. As in the past, the American Academy of Physicians' Associates will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the Duke Conference, on April 19, 1972. I thought, perhaps, this would be an opportune time to meet with the Board of Medical Advisors and discuss future goals and objectives of the Academy. Moreover, some of the members of the Advisory Board are participating in the Duke Annual Conference and I thought the timing would be appropriate to hold such a meeting. Also, it would afford each member of the Advisory Board the opportunity to update himself with the current status and progress of the physician's assistant concept.

As you may not know, two other paramedical professional organizations, The American Association of Physician's Assistants and The National Association of Physician's Assistants, have emerged on the scene. I have had telephone conversations with both of these organizations' representatives but have really not established working relationships with them. I would be less than truthful if I were not to admit that I am somewhat concerned with the presence of these two other organizations and their impact on organized medicine and, more specifically, their goals and functions. In view of these facts, one of my primary concerns for holding a board meeting would be to ask directional advice as to how I might deal with these two new organizations.

Other items which concern me at this time is the lack of financial stability of the AAPA. I would like to solicit suggestions from our Board of Advisors as to how I might approach various funding sources for support. I would also be interested in learning of your suggestions as to how the AAPA might affiliate with established medical organizations, such as the AMA, AAMC. And, of course, a third purpose for the meeting would be to give the Board of Advisors an opportunity to meet with the newly elected officers for the next year and discuss with them various aspects of the next year's AAPA activities.

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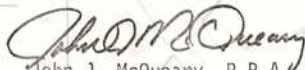
I am tentatively planning to hold the Board of Advisors meeting the evening of Wednesday, April 19, after the Academy's cocktail reception. This would put the time of the meeting at about 8:00 p.m. I would estimate that the meeting would last about two hours. Of course, as plans unfold for the Advisory Board meeting, I will forward them on to you.

Please find the enclosed information brochure which outlines this year's P.A. Conference. Also please note the pre-registration form on the back page of the brochure. This should be filled out and returned to my office at your earliest convenience so that I may make appropriate arrangements for your accommodations while you are here in Durham. Of course, the American Academy of Physicians' Associates will bear the expense of your trip to the Conference and any additional expenses incurred while staying here in Durham. Should you decide to attend the meeting, you will be required to submit an account of the expenditures which were incurred during your trip to Durham in relationship to the AAPA meeting.

In the event that you can not attend the meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you on behalf of the American Academy of Physicians' Associates our most sincere appreciation for your willingness to serve on our Board of Medical Advisors over the last year and hope that you will continue to serve us in this capacity. If I can be of any further assistance to you regarding the meeting or the Academy, please do not hesitate to call on me.

As always, with best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



John J. McQueary, R.P.A.
President

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Enclosure