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President's Message

In the last few months, I had the opportunity to represent you in the the Fall and Spring Executive Council Meetings of APPNA. Besides some rather mundane and routine matters which came for discussion, I heard discussions about some important issues relating to us as Pakistanis and as physicians. I feel that there are some hard working and dedicated physicians working for all of us.

The representation of Dow in the organizational working of APPNA is very slim. Obviously, there are more than one reasons for this. We need to work with the leadership of APPNA to find ways to improve on this. One step that you can take is to become a member, if not already so, of APPNA. In case you already are a member, become an active participant in its activities and offer your services for any committees where you can be of help. This holds true for all Dow graduates, but definitely more so for the younger physicians.

I have been disappointed in not being able to meet my goals regarding an active relationship with our alma mater. During my visit to Dow in December, there was a good opening dialogue with Dr. Illahi Bakhsh Soomro, Principal of the College. In that meeting, and in my subsequent telephone calls and in the letters that I had written, I had asked for them to let us know about any specific areas or ways in which DOGANA can help. Unfortunately, there has not been any response as yet. We will keep trying, aware of the inertia which impedes things in Pakistan.

The Executive Council has approved the idea of an amendment to the Constitution whereby the term of officers will be on a Calendar year basis, similar to that of APPNA, and not from July-July of the following year, as is currently done. This matter will be discussed further in the General Body Meeting.

I hope that you are planning to attend our Annual Meeting on July 2, 1999 at Hilton Hotel Riverside in New Orleans, Louisiana. See you there.

Respectfully submitted
Arif Azam, M.D.
President

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING ADAMS MARK HOTEL, St. LOUIS, MO. • SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1999

BY ZEELAF MUNIR, SECRETARY

PRESENT: Arif Azam, President, M. Kaleem Arshad, Zeelaf Munir, Abdul Rehman, Iltafat Alavi, Hafiz ur Rehman, Manzoor Hussain, Shahid Yusuf Javed Qasim, Zia Moiz

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran followed by Surah-e-Fateha for the departed soul of Dr. Inayat Hussain.

Minutes of Executive Council meeting held on October 3, 1998 were approved as written.

Old Business:

1. Following further discussion of some of the pending issues, the following resolution was made by Dr. Kaleem Arshad, was duly seconded and was approved:

Whereas the term of office of APPNA officers is from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year, and the term of office of DOGANA officers is from the time of Annual Meeting in July till the following Annual Meeting, and in order to bring conformity of DOGANA term with that of APPNA, be it is resolved that DOGANA officers term of office should be from January 1 to December 31 of each year. This change will apply to the term of current office holders who will keep their positions till December 31, 1999.

The resolutions should be mailed to all dues paying and Life members prior to Annual Meeting for a vote and a change in the Constitution.

2. Dr. Abdul Rehman, Chairman of Publications Committee presented a status report of the planned special edition of DowLink. This publication will cost around \$4,000, most of which should be borne by advertisements and donations. After discussion of the time constraints, it was decided to bring out this issue for the year 2000.

Now Business:

1. Dr. Azam reported that he was approached by the President of APPNA regarding the possibility of us hosting the Winter Meeting in Karachi this year. After discussion with some of the members and the office bearers, he had declined this offer, with the understanding that we will be glad to be the host in some future year

2. APPNA was approached, and has agreed to release funds held in the account of DOGANA A

check for \$2,700 will be issued.

3. To honor the outstanding work of Dr. Adeeb Rizvi of the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation, he would be invited to our Annual Meeting to receive Lifetime Achievement Award this year. Dr. Azam will contact him about his availability.

4. The issue of the number of regional councillors was discussed. Their number and geographical distribution is outlined in the Constitution.

5. Arrangements for the summer meeting and holding a conference call of the members of Nominating Committee were discussed.

6. It was mentioned that the local organization committee of APPNA for the New Orleans meeting is exploring the possibility of a central registration area for the APPNA and the Alumni associations. It was felt that this would not be a very desirable set up for DOGANA.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DOGANA Annual Meeting – July 2, 1999

Riverside Hilton Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

DOGANA Executive Committee Meeting – July 2, 1999

Riverside Hilton Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

APPNA Annual Summer Meeting – July 1-4, 1999

Westin Century Plaza Hotel, Century City, California

APPNA Winter Meeting – December 14-16, 1999

Rawalpindi, Pakistan

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following candidates for the year 1998-1999.

President Elect Zeelaf B. Munir, MD
Lewes, Delaware

Secretary/Treasurer Sohail Khan, MD
Sterling, Delaware

According to constitution other nominations for the office of President elect, Secretary/Treasurer shall be accepted from general body members provided:

1. Nomination is received, duly proposed and seconded from eligible members at least one week prior to annual meeting.
2. The proposed officer accepts the nomination.
3. The nominee and member proposing, seconding the nominee shall be present at the annual meeting.

DOGANA Annual Meeting

Riverside Hilton Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana
(504) 584-3999
1-800-HILTONS

Friday, July 2, 1999

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Home Address _____

_____ Home Phone _____

Office Address _____

E-mail address _____

Fax No. _____ Office Phone _____

Year of Graduation _____ Specialty _____

Name of Spouse _____

Names of Children _____

D.O.B. of Children _____

Number of persons attending _____
(last date for registration - June 25, 1999)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

	Banquet		
	\$65.00 x No. of Persons	\$	_____
	Entertainment		
	\$5.00 x No. of Persons	\$	_____
Registration for banquet after June 25, 1999 will be \$75.00 per person.	Annual Membership Dues \$50.00	\$	_____
	Life Time Membership Dues \$500.00	\$	_____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$	_____

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What Programs should DOGANA start?

2. Suggestions to increase membership?

3. What should DOGANA do for Alma Mater?

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