

Pakistan Physicians Society Illinois (PPS IL) Quarterly Report 2009

Membership:

Pakistan Physicians Society Illinois has 188 members currently. We plan to work on streamlining the membership by ensuring that the reminders for annual dues are sent both by e-mail and regular mail. Previously, the reminders were only sent by regular mail. Members will also be contacted via telephone as much as possible to renew their membership. A renewed effort is being exercised to aggressively address the expansion of the membership, particularly life time membership.

PPS officers and members-at-large have been personally in touch with non-member Physicians of Pakistani Descent to encourage them to join both APPNA and PPS. Another effort in this regard has been to recruit new Members-at-large from widespread geographical locations so physicians from different suburbs can be reached.

Website:

Since 2008, we have a dedicated website manager (non-physician) who updates our website and posts necessary announcements as requested by the officers. Online registration for events and membership is being done on the website, too.

2009 Spring Meeting:

PPS IL is holding its Spring Meeting in conjunction with Annual DOGANA Retreat on April 25 in Chicago. The DOGANA retreat is a three day event. PPS IL will be joining hands with DOGANA on the evening of Saturday, April 25 for the combined event.

Introduction of 2009 APPNA Election Candidates:

Candidates for the 2009 APPNA Election will be invited to the PPS IL Spring Meeting in Chicago. They will be given some time on the stage to introduce themselves to the PPS and DOGANA membership.

Review of the Election Process of PPS Executive Committee Officers:

Recently, concerns were raised by some PPS IL members about the procedure of election of Executive Committee officers. This issue was reviewed by the Constitution and Bylaws (CBL) Committee which is chaired by Dr. Nasir Rana. Dr. Rana is one of the original authors of PPS IL Constitution. The current PPS leadership is resolved to make the process absolutely fair and transparent leaving no room for any nepotism and provide equal opportunity to all members within the framework of the constitution. The recommendations of CBL committee will be presented to the general body for approval and then incorporated in the PPS IL Constitution.

APPNA/PPS Health Center:

APPNA/PPS Health center is a joint venture of APPNA and PPS. It is located next to APPNA Central Office in Westmont, Illinois. It is open on Saturdays from 9AM to 1PM, staffed by a volunteer physician who provides basic primary care. Specialty services are available on referral basis. Laboratory and ultrasound services are available through third party with nominal charges. Hospital services and prescription are available through County Health Department's program, called Access Du Page, for those who qualify. During the first quarter we have seen on the average 5-6 patient per session. The plan for future is to expand the current facility, hours and services. We are always looking for more Primary Care Physicians to volunteer at the center, to help those in need during these tough economic times.

A detailed report will be provided by Dr. Imtiaz Arain, Chair of Health Center Committee.

Finance summary:

PPS has \$ 8, 448 in the checking account and \$18,077 in IMMA. (total \$26,525).

Respectfully submitted by:

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