

From: Fred Arasteh, 2018 APPIH president

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Ladies and Gentlemen;

To those of you who attended our annual reception in Dallas; thank you. We look forward to seeing you again in the 2019 annual reception in Calgary, Sunday September 29, 2019.

APPIH Board is soliciting your help with the following matters;

1. Ladies participation. As I mentioned in Dallas, we are very keen to increase participation of ladies in leadership of APPIH. This can be as Board members, Activity Directors supporting a Board member, or as active members spreading the reach of APPIH. I am therefore asking interested ladies to please reach me or any Board member and let us know of your willingness to help. This is an important matter and can not happen without help from ladies.
2. Young member participation. This is same as above. We need to increase participation of recent graduates and students in APPIH activities. Aside from helping us, volunteering gives you valuable experience in team work and leadership that will help with your career development. In fact, volunteering involvement is one of the important measures for scholarship awards. Please contact any Board member and let us know of your interest.
3. Fund raising. APPIH depends on financial contributions of its members to pay for administrative expenses as well as scholarships for students. None of APPIH Board members or volunteers is paid directly or indirectly for their work. Please note that since APPIH is a non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible.
4. Some companies have a donation matching program to encourage philanthropic contributions by their employees and promote their participation in social activities outside the company. This is a very effective way of doubling contributions while at the same time letting the employer know that you are socially responsible.
5. Please visit APPIH website and update your contact information. We need this information to be able to keep you informed.
6. You do not need to be members of APPIH to participate in our meetings or activities. Our limitation is that APPIH funds need to be spent within the United States. Our friends in Canada are always welcome to join our meetings. We will keep them informed of our activities and meetings if we have their contact information.