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Presidents Message

I am so pleased and excited to let you know that the Division is well on our way to becoming a Division of Excellence. We have already attained 10 of the required 14 criteria. You can watch our progress in the MD Members Only area.

Many of our chapters are hard at work striving to become a Chapter of Excellence, and I am sure that YOU are also working toward becoming a Member of Excellence.

Check the MD Members Only area for information on Division prizes related to the Pathways program.

The Division Board has also been very busy with preparations for MDAM 2009, our 60th Annual Meeting! We can really use your help, so please check the website for ways you can participate.

I leave you this month with a quote from President Obama's Inaugural Address. He speaks of the the dedication and hard work of the citizens of our nation, but is also true of our fellow members in our association:

In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of short-cuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted - for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things - some celebrated but more often men and women obscure in their labor, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.

Yours in service,
Diana Kengel CPS/CAP
2008-09 Michigan Division President

Michigan Division News

The Avery Great Results Chapter Achievement Awards program forms are now available under Members' Place, Division/Chapter Resources at www.iaapnet.org. The application is *due to headquarters February 1*. (Pathways criteria #13 for Division and Chapters)

Nominations for Division Board are *due February 28* (see more information below)

The Second Quarter Financial Report for Michigan Division has been posted in the Local Members - MD Members Only area.

Michigan Division Annual Meeting 2009 - Announcement

The Michigan Division Board is pleased to announce that our IAAP International President, Barb Horton CAP will join us at MDAM 2009 at Shanty Creek in Bellaire, MI

- May 15-16, 2009
- Hotel reservations can be made on-line
- Registration materials will be out soon
- Opportunities are still open on the MDAM planning committee.
- Click here to see what YOU can do.

Michigan Division Annual Meeting 2010 - Announcements

Meeting Date Change - the 2010 Annual Meeting will take place on **May 21-22, 2010**

International Guest - President-elect, Susan Shamali CPS/CAP will join us at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City, MI.

In order to accommodate the wonderful opportunity to have our International President attend our Division meeting two years in a row, your Board voted to change the meeting date of the 2010 annual meeting (the previously announced date was May 14-15, 2010). This change is in keeping with our Bylaws and Standing Rules, which state that the preferred weekend for MDAM is the third weekend of May. Since the weekend of May 21-22 is the third full weekend in May 2010, the Board felt this change was appropriate.

Pathways to Excellence - [click here](#) to see how the Division is doing

Division of Excellence - Criteria #2

The Division Board is planning wonderful educational opportunities at MDAM, with a seminar and LAN on Friday and a presentation on Saturday. All three will offer recertification points to ensure we achieve this criteria.

Chapter of Excellence - Criteria # 7

Be sure you are giving a monthly financial report to your members.

Chapter of Excellence - Criteria # 10

Most of you already sent a delegate to International Convention last summer. Complete this criteria by sending a delegate to the annual meeting - hotel reservations can be made now.

Committee News

Nominations - Team Leader Shari deBeauclair and committee member Karen Shultz are accepting nominations for the 2009-10 Division Board. Candidates must be nominated by a vote of his/her Chapter members. A Division - Member-at-Large (DMAL) may also be nominated (see Division Bylaws and Standing Rules for proper procedure). Paperwork must be turned in by the **February 28 deadline**.

Certification - Congratulations to all who passed the CPS and CAP exams in November 2008! What a wonderful professional and personal achievement! You also achieved one of the criteria for a Member of Excellence and helped your chapter and division too. A study group for the CAP exam began on January 20 in the Metro Detroit area. Contact Michelle Trospen for details - membership@iaapmichigan.org Deadline to apply for the May CPS and CAP exams is **February 15**.

Bylaws - Have you read or reviewed your Division and International Bylaws and Standing Rules lately? Proposed amendments to the Division Bylaws and Standing Rules are **due February 15**. International proposed amendments

are also **due to HQ by February 15.**

Website Team

Attention all Michigan Division authorized CBW Personnel

Chapter CBW Menu Items

The Website Team is seeking input from all those authorized to make changes to their Chapter CBW Web Sites. As previously stated, we are working toward branding and consistency in keeping with International Headquarters focus. In this quest, please keep in mind that our intention is not to squelch chapters' individual character or creativity. We are merely focusing on some of the essentials that will assist with the ultimate branding/consistency format.

We value your input and feel we can reach agreement among the chapters better with that input so we have created two Survey Monkeys to assist with that effort. Please be sure to complete both Surveys by **January 30, 2009**. Remember, this is a "Team" effort and that includes YOU!

Jan Gaulin CPS/CAP, Michelle Trospen CPS/CAP & Mary Hart CPS/CAP
Michigan Division Web Site Team

Part One of Survey - http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=U9BftBEMED1kpPYWLqUfQw_3d_3d

Part Two of Survey - http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=IQOLAMZ9RWZcJIGXNxCI0Q_3d_3d

Historian - This year we celebrate our 60th annual meeting. State organization was approved on November 1, 1942, so the Division is actually 66 years young, but the first annual meeting was not held until April 1950 at the Kalamazoo Hotel in Kalamazoo. There were 44 attendees. Michigan started out with three officers from three different chapters - can you name the offices held and the chapters represented? Take the [Michigan Division History Quiz 1](#) to be entered into a drawing at MDAM at Shanty Creek.

Chapter News from Around the Division

Ann Arbor Area Chapter

NURTURE YOUR SOUL Workshop / Sat, Feb 28 from 9:30a.m. – 12:30p.m. / \$30 for IAAP members

Are you leading your life or is life leading you? The Ann Arbor Area Chapter of the IAAP would like to invite you to join us for an interactive workshop designed to help explore ways to live a more fulfilling, organized and intentional life—from the “inside out and the outside in!” Elizabeth Willoughby, professional life coach, and Ellen Letourneau, professional organizer, present valuable techniques on how to align, simplify, and restructure your life based on your values.

A deluxe continental breakfast will be served. Event location is: Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest, 1275 S Huron St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Recertification points: yet TBA. To register: Send check made payable to Ann Arbor Area Chapter of IAAP to 420 Ideal St, Milan, MI 48160. Click on this [link](#) for more information.

Oakland County Chapter

Oakland County Chapter will celebrate its **50th Anniversary** on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the Auburn Hills Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac, MI 48341. A luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. where attendees will revisit the past 50 years of changes from NSA to PSI to IAAP and everything in between. All

officers and members of the IAAP Michigan Division across the state are invited to attend.

More details will follow at a later date and will be posted on the Michigan Division website in the "forums" area and in the Michigan Connections. Room reservations can be made directly with the hotel at 248.253.9800 or toll free at 1.800.228.9290.

Come one, come all - let's make this one celebration to remember!!

News from International

Name change - the International Convention and Education Forum is now the Education Forum and Annual Meeting "Early" early registration - register to attend by January 31 to be entered into a drawing for fabulous prizes.

New look - the HQ website has a brand new feel and more changes are coming. Take a look at the sleek new design at www.iaap-hq.org. Also, the on-line chapter join project is complete. Joining a chapter from the beginning has never been this easy and potential members don't have to wonder if they are a member-at-large or a chapter member. Read more in the *Connections* published by HQ.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Professional Education Conference (PEC) - March 9-11 - Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN

Michigan Division Annual Meeting and Education Forum - May 15-16 - Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, MI

Education Forum and Annual Meeting - July 26-29 - Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, MN

Certification Seminar - October 18-21 - Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront in Portland, OR

Would you like to see your chapter or member news/information listed here? Article submission deadline for High Speed Connections is the 7th of each month. Contact Newsletter Editor, Michigan Division Communication Secretary, Ann Henkel at commsecretary@iaapmichigan.org