

DR. SHAHZAD IQBAL, MD

APPNA PRESIDENT-ELECT

2027

FAITH » SINCERITY ° SERVICE

Path Forward

Towards a Progressive APPNA



THIRD DECADES OF
APPNA INVOLVEMENT



RISING THROUGH
THE RANKS



FOOT SOLDIER
OF APPNA



PROVEN LEADERSHIP. DEDICATED SERVICE.



EDUCATION

- ✓ Clinical Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine, NYIT
- ✓ Author of numerous publications & invited faculty at national and international G.I. conferences.
- ✓ Chair APPNA Young Physician Committee 2015 and 2017



LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Served as APPNA BOD 2023
- ✓ Served APPNA Treasurer 2024
- ✓ As a treasurer, reinstated APPNA's non-profit status with the IRS
- ✓ Revised APPNA financial policy and developed "Treasurer Section" on the website
- ✓ AIMCAANA treasurer/secretary/president
- ✓ Served in multiple APPNA & alumni committees
- ✓ APPNA Involvement since residency days



ADVOCACY

- ✓ Served on APPNA's Advocacy Committee for most of the last 10 years
- ✓ Served as liaison to the US State Department for visa issues
- ✓ Developed an online portal for submission of visa related issues
- ✓ Advocated for physician's rights through lobbying and policy engagement on Capitol Hill



HEALTHCARE

- ✓ Led multiple healthcare & educational projects in Pakistan
- ✓ Renovation of multiple elementary schools in rural Southern Punjab

“Healthcare and education are fundamental rights of every human being”

MY AGENDA:



STREAMLINING THE ORGANIZATION

Office and committees; Revise SOPs and improve accountability
Digitalization of APPNA records
Enhance social media appearance



BUILD NEXT GENERATION OF APPNA

Launch Emerging Stars Program to mentor and prepare US born children



EXPAND APPNA ADVOCACY ROLE AS A GLOBAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Collaborating with other organizations
Advocacy on healthcare legislation



FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE BEYOND MEETINGS

Sustainable revenue streams
Long-term Partnerships with the healthcare industry
Grant-writing



INCLUSIVITY & WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Every Committee to have a female physician as either Chair or Co-chair

FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:

YEAR 1:



Streamlining the organization and implementation of agenda items

YEAR 2:



Strengthening structure & growing membership

YEAR 3:



Global health, leadership and strategic partnerships with other organizations and the healthcare industry

YEAR 4:



Strengthen the Emerging Stars Program & develop tomorrow's leaders of APPNA

YEAR 5:



Self-sustaining finances independent of meeting revenues

I humbly ask for your trust, support and vote for
APPNA PRESIDENT-ELECT 2027

Dr. Shahzad Iqbal

for

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Services to APPNA and Affiliated Organizations

Memberships

- Lifetime Member, APPNA
- Lifetime Member, APGNA (Association of Pakistani-Descent Gastroenterologists of North America)
- Lifetime Member, AIMCAANA (Allama Iqbal Medical College Alumni Association of North America)

Central APPNA

- **2024** — Treasurer: Filed the last four years of tax documents Form 990s and reinstated APPNA's 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. Revised APPNA's financial policy, developed a "Treasurer" section on the APPNA website, and published quarterly financial reports to increase transparency.
- **2023** — Board of Director
- **2022** — Co-Chair, APPNA Advocacy Committee; Liaison with U.S. State Department on visa-related issues; Co-Chair, SWDRS (Social Welfare and Disaster Relief Committee)
- **2021** — Co-Chair, APPNA Advocacy Committee; Liaison with U.S. State Department on visa-related issues; Member, SWDRS
- **2020** — Member, APPNA Advocacy Committee; Liaison with U.S. State Department on visa-related issues; Member, APPNA COVID-19 Task Force — coordinated and supplied PPE to APPNA chapters across North America and to affected NYC-area hospitals during the pandemic
- **2019** — Advisor, APPNA Young Physician Committee; Member, APPNA Advocacy Committee; Liaison with U.S. State Department on visa-related issues
- **2018** — Member, APPNA Advocacy Committee
- **2017** — Chair, APPNA Young Physician Committee; Member, APPNA Advocacy Committee; Liaison with U.S. State Department on visa-related issues; developed an online portal for submitting visa-related issues to the U.S. State Department (hosted on appna.org)
- **2015** — Chair, APPNA Young Physician Committee; Member, APPNA Advocacy Committee
- **2014** — Member of various APPNA committees, including the Young Physician Committee
- Supervisor, APPNA NY House (2014–2019): Provided accommodation to young physicians during the residency match process

AIMCAANA

- **2014** — Committee Member
- **2015** — Treasurer
- **2016** — Secretary
- **2017** — President-Elect
- **2018** — President
- **2019–2025** — Served on multiple AIMCAANA committees, including Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee; Co-Chair, Ethics & Grievance Committee; and Co-Chair, Election & Nominations Committee

AIMCAANA — Highlights as President (2018)

- Raised \$100,000 during the APPNA Summer Meeting
- Organized AIMCAANA retreat in Virginia concurrent with APPNA Fall meeting
- Completed multiple patient-welfare and educational projects in my alma mater region
- Renovated multiple elementary schools and provided books to children in rural Southern Punjab
- Contributed substantially to an endowment fund to support AIMCAANA's long-term financial independence

APGNA

- Organized and taught at a three-day Therapeutic Endoscopy Workshop at Jinnah Hospital, Lahore (December 2018): didactic lectures, live cases, and hands-on training
- Periodically shipped GI endoscopic accessories free of cost to Jinnah Hospital, Lahore

Beyond APPNA

- Clinical Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine, NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine, Old Westbury, NY
- Invited faculty at multiple national and international GI endoscopy conferences
- AI in Health Care: From Strategies to Implementation — Harvard Medical School, Certified 2025
- Trustee / Board of Director, Sarwar Shahida Research Institute of Cardiovascular Science Trust — U.S. chapter (nonprofit building a 200-bed hospital and research institute in Gujranwala, Pakistan, to provide free care to the underserved)