

Dr. Shahzad Iqbal for APPNA President-Elect 2027



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Executive Profile

Over two decades of APPNA involvement, rising through the ranks as a dedicated foot soldier of APPNA.

Leadership Highlights

- APPNA Board of Directors (2023)
- APPNA Treasurer (2024)
- Helped reinstate APPNA's nonprofit status with the IRS
- Revised APPNA financial policy and established the Treasurer Section on the APPNA website
- AIMCAANA Treasurer, Secretary, President-Elect and President
- Served on multiple APPNA and alumni committees since residency days

Education & Academic Contributions

- Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, NYIT
- Author of numerous publications
- Invited faculty at national and international GI conferences
- Chair, APPNA Young Physicians Committee (2015 & 2017)

Advocacy & Healthcare Service

- Long-time member of APPNA Advocacy Committee
- Liaison with the U.S. State Department on physician visa issues
- Developed online portal for visa-related submissions
- Advocate for physician rights and healthcare access

Agenda & Five-Year Strategic Plan

Campaign Agenda

1. Streamline APPNA office and committees; improve accountability and SOPs; digitize records and strengthen social media presence.
2. Launch Emerging Stars of APPNA to mentor and prepare the next generation of physicians and leaders.
3. Expand APPNA's role in advocacy, global health, and healthcare legislation through strategic collaborations.
4. Build financial independence beyond meetings through grants, partnerships, and sustainable revenue streams.
5. Promote inclusivity and women empowerment by ensuring leadership opportunities across committees.

Five-Year Strategic Plan

Year 1: Streamline the organization and implement key agenda items.

Year 2: Strengthen structure and grow membership participation.

Year 3: Expand global health initiatives and strategic partnerships.

Year 4: Strengthen the Emerging Stars Program and develop future APPNA leaders.

Year 5: Achieve financial sustainability beyond meeting revenues and increase involvement of U.S.-born physicians in APPNA leadership.

Vision Statement

A stronger, more transparent, financially sustainable, and inclusive APPNA that empowers future generations while advancing healthcare, education, advocacy, and global service.