

Administrative Personnel Association Northeast Regional Newsletter



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from the President;

Ruth Mikalonis

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

We had an excellent conference in June at the Princeton Theological Seminary. It was a rather small group, but we had a great time together, and the classes were very educational. Cindy Hall & June Nicora were reelected and installed as Secretary and Treasurer. Their second terms officially begin in October. Also beginning in October, the following persons will take over as the chair of these committees: Sara Burke on Scholarship, Louise Wasko on Membership. There is still a vacancy on the Long Range Planning Committee. The person who chairs this committee is not responsible to coordinate future conferences, but to help determine where future regional conferences will be held. There are also several openings on the Nominating Committee available for the coming year (for next year, we will be looking to nominate a President-Elect). If you are interested in serving this region of APA, please contact me.

Due to the small number in attendance, we held the Banquet for this conference at a local restaurant, and were unable to hold our usual "Silent Auction", therefore had requested donations towards the Scholarship Fund. It was noted that we should think of the amount we would have spent to purchase an item to donate, as well as the amount we would have spent on tickets for the auction, and simply to donate that amount towards the Scholarship Fund. We are still (and always) looking for donations towards the Scholarship Fund. Any donation should be clearly marked as "Scholarship Fund" and can be sent directly to June Nicora. It was also decided that in order to expedite the Scholarship process, a committee consisting of the Scholarship Chairperson, the Standing President, the Treasurer, and the Conference Registrar, as opposed to the entire Executive Committee, will be assigned to make final decisions toward granting scholarships.

The **2011 National Conference** will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada from Thursday, November 3 through Sunday, November 6. For anyone able to arrive early, the Board of

Pensions will be offering their pre-retirement seminar called "Growing into Tomorrow, Today" on Monday & Tuesday, and there is an optional day of classes on Wednesday. For more information, check the National APA website at www.pcusa-apa.org. National Conference is a wonderful time to meet many other members from across the nation. Hope to see many of you there in November. It seems that there are a lot more hotel reservations than there are registrations for the conference. If you haven't registered yet (like me), the deadline is **September 30, 2011**.

For our 2012 Regional Conference, we will be joining forces with the Mid-Atlantic Region, and will be holding our conference at a lovely oceanfront hotel in Ocean City, MD on the weekend of April 26 - 29. Several of the committees have been designated as being capable of performing their duties on a "long distance" basis, therefore there are many jobs for which we (the Northeast Region) will be responsible. Sara Burke has volunteered to co-ordinate our portion of this conference. Please contact either her or me if you would like to volunteer to help make this conference happen.

**WE WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS TO
THE NORTHEAST REGION OF APA**

**YZETTE SWAVY-LIPTON
PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK CITY**

**HELEN MANSFIELD
SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST**

**MARGARET ZEIGLER
PRESBYTERY OF LACKAWANNA**

The Administrative Personnel Association Mission Statement is "to offer opportunities for professional development and personal growth for those called by God to serve as support staff of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)" If anyone has questions, please contact President Ruth Mikalonis or someone within APA. Additionally, a lot of information is available on the Northeast Region website www.apanortheast.org and the APA National website www.pcusa-apa.org.

****Upcoming Conferences****

APA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 3-6, 2011

Pre-Conference Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

Bonus Day – November 2nd

CIRCUS CIRCUS-LAS VEGAS

Deadline: September 30th

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CONFERENCE IN LAS VEGAS! Rennie Rhodes, Conference Chair has been busy planning. Questions can be directed to her – 724-594-3563.

All the information you need is on the APA website. Downloads include: List of Classes, Registration Form, Hotel Rates and GROUP CODE for discount (CW11APA), Pre-Conference Seminar, Bios for Workshop Leaders, Hotel Map, Las Vegas Strip Map and even Party with the Stars!

There is still time to attend! As always, APA Conferences offer a chance to learn with insightful and knowledgeable Workshop Leaders and time to spend with friends and/or family.



APA 2012 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Mid-Atlantic Region of APA and the Presbytery of New Castle invite members of the Mid-Atlantic AND Northeast Regions to attend the 2012 Regional Conference in Ocean City, MD at the Dunes Manor Hotel.

**SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 26-29, 2012**

Perks: Every room has an oceanfront view, complimentary afternoon tea and crumpets, opportunities to earn valuable APA certification credits and fellowship with old and new friends!

In an effort to satisfy requirements for certification, it was suggested that ideas for classes be shared by September 30th. Suggestions will not be a guarantee that a class will be offered but instead a guideline to use for planning.

This conference is in the planning stages. Please save the date and let Donna Scully know if you plan to participate.

She can be reached at (302) 366-0595 or dscully@ncpresbytery.org.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

To volunteer, please contact Ruth Mikalonis or Sara Burke, Northeast Region

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO REACHED CERTIFICATION

We are excited and proud to announce your accomplishment.

Received at National, October 2010

Level II: CAROL PALMER, PAULA TERRELL, VICKY WESTLEY

Received at Regional, June 2011

Level II: MAHA FARAGALLA

Level III: JUNE NICORA

Congratulations to the newest classes of Certified Members!

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Thank you Carol Palmer whose term ends in October

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Thank you Carol McGinn whose term ends in Oct.

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Room 4057, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (W) 215-587-7413- lcrosby@pensions.org Thank you to Rhoda Hall whose term ends in October.

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

In June, the Northeast Region held their conference in Princeton, N.J. It was very nice to see 18 members in attendance. We want to send out “grateful” thanks to Laura Stubaus for hosting the event!

Comments about our experience were solicited and the following were sent in:

- *This was my first Regional Conference. Although the number of attendees was less than I expected, yet having classes of this size was just right and I learned a lot from the presenters as well as my colleagues. Of special interest were the classes about Effective Communications and the Presbyterian Historical Society presentation, which turned out to be of much more value for the office management than I ever thought (want to know more? attend a class or call them for more information.) I strongly recommend that these classes be repeated for the benefit of those who could not be at this conference.*
Maha Faragalla
- *Our Regional Conference was a wonderful break from my normal routine. I love connecting and catching up with friends, sharing family pictures, prayer concerns and job concerns. Laura did a great job organizing the leaders and classes, lunch (yum) and we had a blast at dinner and the theater. I truly love being a part of APA.* *Carol Palmer*
- *I enjoyed the Microsoft Word class that was offered. The teacher was excellent. I would like to learn Excel with her as the teacher. The Historical class was interesting also. It was nice to have the conference in Princeton.* *Maryellen Martin.*

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS – Checks can be made payable to APA Northeast Region (include memo-scholarship donation.) Please mail to: June Nicora.

APA ITEMS FOR SALE – Barbara Lyon, Fundraising has some nice items for sale including laser engraved flash drives. For more information, please e-mail her at barbara@lyonden.us.