



DELEGATES REPORT
57TH ANNUAL IAAP CONVENTION AND EDUCATION FORUM
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Thank you for the opportunity to attend my first (and *not the last!*) IAAP International Convention and Education Forum. What an awesome experience to be one of 2,300+ administrative professionals who gathered at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. More than 20 different countries were represented at the Convention, and attendees represented almost every industry, service, and type of government. I was one of 660 first-timers! The Opryland Resort is the largest non-gaming hotel property in the United States and was the perfect venue for the Convention. The only complaint is that the restaurants and coffee bars closed at 10:00 p.m. daily!

Nora Onishi CPS, Cheryl Vieira CPS, and Terri Whitmire (our former president who now lives in North Carolina) were wonderful mentors to me and Maylene Enoka, President-elect of the Oahu Chapter. I don't know what we first-timers would've done without their guidance, support, and companionship.

The business sessions were impressive and, of course, professionally done! Attendees were kept well informed throughout the convention—either through daily briefings prior to each business session, daily newsletters, and a hospitality/information room. We elected our 2003 International officers as well as officers for the Retirement Trust Foundation Trustees. This was the first time that the Southwest District went to three ballots in voting for our district director. The results were close! Melynda Porges won by only two votes!!

President Chris Jackel turned over the gavel to Ollie Jo Bozeman CAP whose theme this year is “Gateway to Growth.” It represents opportunities that we all have for personal, professional, and association growth. The decision lies within each of us—it's our choice to open the gate. It just takes willingness to make changes, desire to expand your mind, the drive to stretch yourself, and the acceptance that there is always room for improvement. Will you accept the challenge to experience growth?

In the next year, you will be hearing us talk about recruiting new members. President Bozeman has come up with various growth programs, which will offer cash incentives for building our chapters. We need to build our membership with quality members.

Delegates voted on the following amendments and standing rules:

- * Increased affiliate associate dues from \$100 to \$120.
- * Candidates for an international office must have served at least one year as a division officer.
- * An affiliate associate member would not be eligible for other offices on the International Board until they served first as an affiliate representative.
- * Changed requirement for nominations from the floor for International officers from four seconds to two seconds.
- * Clarified an International Affiliate Representative.

- * Clearly defined the role of accredited delegates at Convention and moved this section from Standing Rules to the Bylaws.
- * No voting delegate or alternate shall serve on the Election or Tellers Committee for any election of International officers.

A motion was also approved to direct the Board of Directors to review the alignment and make-up of the six districts with in the association and to prepare a recommendation on the realignment of the districts for the 2003 International Convention.

Please take time to pull up and read the speeches of past president Chris Jaekel, current president Ollie Jo Bozeman CAP, and Donald Bretthauer in the Members Place section at International's website (www.iaap_hq.org). Their talks will give you an insight of where our Association is headed.

Other convention highlights included:

- * Keynote presentation by fighter pilots Jim Murphy and Cheryl Meffert. Their "Six Steps to Effective Combat Mission Planning" *can* be applied to business, personal or organizational management.
- * Wonderful educational workshops covering topics from management issues to personal development. I attended excellent seminars on Performing Your Best, Power Point in an Hour, How to be Rich on Any Income—Even if You're in Debt, and Decluttering Your Life.
- * Top notch entertainment by Andy Childs at the Grand Ole Opry and by Diamond Rio. We were rocking and rolling!!!
- * The Office Expo, featuring over 35 exhibitors who showed us the latest products, services, and software.
- * The Final Night Banquet. The Hawaii Division wore our traditional muumuus. People stopped us to smell our flower leis!
- * Making new friends from all different parts of the country and the world!

Although it was non-stop from 7:00 a.m. to past midnight almost daily, we made time to shop (Opryland Mills Outlet was right next door from the Resort!), take a city tour, have our first Krispy Kreme donut and White Castle hamburger, and visit the Saturn Car Plant! I hope that everyone will have the opportunity to attend an International Convention—you will be hooked once you attend one! Mark your calendars now for the future convention sites:

2003 – Albuquerque, New Mexico (July 20-23)
 2004 – Washington, D.C. (August 1-4)
 2005 – Denver, Colorado (July 17-20)
 2006 – New Orleans, Louisiana (July 23-26)
 2007 – Tampa, Florida (July 29-August 1)

There are already some Hawaii Chapter members who are making plans for Albuquerque (and to ride a hot air balloon). Please call Ginny Dunn or Cheryl Vieira if you plan to attend. You won't regret it! Again, thank you for sending a delegate to Convention this year! I'm glad it was me!

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