

AAPA House of Delegates

By Gina Jones, PA-C

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as the Chief Delegate in the 2011 House of Delegates (HOD) for the OSPA. Also representing OSPA were Ken Ingram, PA-C, Don Lilak, PA-C, and Heather Davidson, PA-C. I appreciate that they were well prepared, and willing to serve in the HOD.

As usual, there were a number of resolutions debated. Delegates listened to and offered testimony Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday, then voted on the resolutions Thursday. If you would like to see a complete list of the actions of the HOD, please go to <http://web1.aapa.org/HOD/2011-SOA-Final.pdf>.

Some of the major resolutions discussed were: revising election guidelines for AAPA officers, specialty organizations requiring that board members are AAPA members, paying clinical preceptors, statement paper on the PA-MD bridge program, gender equity regarding PA pay, guidelines for PAs practicing internationally and protecting the PA title. Please feel free to contact me at ginajonespac@gmail.com if you have questions about the resolutions.

Again, I am thankful for to chance to represent OSPA in the HOD. I encourage OSPA members to consider running for the HOD in the future. It's an excellent opportunity to affect how the AAPA functions and how policies are made.