President's Message

It is hard to believe that by the time you read this it will be September. Children will be returning to school and the playful days of summer will be behind us.

I hope that each of you took a moment out from reading your last issue of the AsMA journal to go online and update your personal information on the AsMA website. If not, please do so now.

In my last message, I stated I would update you on what occurred at the annual business meeting. After reading over the minutes it seems like we talked about so much more. The minutes were well written by Nora Taylor and summarize hours of discussion.

Here are some of the things we discussed:

- **ANS webpage** - We have a link to the ANS website on the AsMA homepage with some important information; however, we hope to get a more detailed site up and running.

- **Bylaws** - Obtaining the most current by-laws is in progress and will be presented at our meeting in Boston.

- **Membership** - Recruiting new members has been an ongoing issue. We continue to recruit new members through other organizations and training programs. We hope to bolster our recruiting effort by updating the ASN informational pamphlet and use it as an additional recruiting tool.

- **Associate Fellowship** - ANS members are encouraged to apply for Associate Fellowship status in AsMA. To apply, you must have been a member of AsMA for at least 5 years. The application and information is available through a link on the AsMA homepage. Although the deadline for applying may have passed, please still consider applying if you meet the criteria. The form is short and easy to complete.

- **Members news** - As part of the ANS website we would like to include member news or stories worth sharing with the ANS community. Any ideas, comments, or other ideas should be forwarded to any of the officers.

The business meeting was very productive and new officers were chosen for various ANS offices and committees. The committee members are as follows:

- Education/Training - Stella Bellarts and Janet Sanner
- Science Program - Paul Pfennig and Diane Fletcher
- Awards - Charles Tupper and Diane Fletcher
- Bylaws - Kirk Nailling
- Meeting Arrangements - Eileen Hadbavny
- History and Archives - Guylene Keigh-Fleming
- Membership - Kirk Nailling

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with meeting arrangements and t-shirt sales: Kathy Houser, Karen Mathes, Casey Pratt, Neil Houser, Mary Anne Frey, Jeff Young, Doug Hamilton, Ashot Sargsyan and Mike Chandler. Hope to see you next year in Boston!

### Meetings Calendar 2007

**September 14-16, 2007, Montreal, Canada.** Aviation Safety, Security, & the Environment: The Way Forward. This conference is being organized by the University of McClellan and McGill University. For more information, please visit http://www.icao.int/cae/en/att/attMcgill/NW/HPEE/NW2007/index.html or contact the Conference Secretary: ICAO/McGill/NW/HPEE/Symposium@icao.int.


**September 17-19, 2007, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL.** Medical Transport Conference. There are also pre-conference training opportunities available. For more information, please visit http://www.aams.org/Content/NavigationMenu/EducationMeetings/AMTC2007/default.htm.

**September 17-19, 2007, Baltimore Waterfront Marriott Hotel, Baltimore, MD.** Fifth Annual Human Performance in Extreme Environments (HPEE) Meeting. For more information, please visit http://www.icaa.org/eppe/page_10783.html.

**October 29-31, 2007, Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, NV.** SAFE Association 45th Annual Symposium. For more info, call (541) 895-3012, Fax (541) 895-3014, e-mail safe@peak.org, or visit www.safeassociation.com or www.safeassociation.org.

**October 29-31, 2007, Marriott San Diego Mission Valley, San Diego, CA.** Civil Aviation Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting. This meeting is certified as an AME seminar by the FAA. For more information, please contact Jim Harris at Jim_harris@aol.com or call 405-840-0199.

**October 11-12, 2007, NTSB Training Center, Ashburn, VA.** Accident Investigation Orientation for Aviation Professionals. For more information, please visit http://www.ntsb.gov/Academy/CounseInfo/AS301_2007.htm.


**November 1-2, 2007, Holiday Inn Regents Park, London, UK.** Second Annual Aviation Health Conference. For more information, visit www.quaynote.com. For sponsorship or speaking opportunities, contact loma@quaynote.com or phone 44-20-8531-6464.

**January 30–February 1, 2008, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.** Medicine Meets Virtual Reality 16 (MMVR16) Call for Papers. For more information, please visit www.nextmed.com/mmvr/virtual_reality.html or e-mail MMVR16@NextMed.com.

### PS. Don’t forget to submit your abstracts for the meeting in Boston! The deadline is October 31!