



March 20, 2007

Greetings from your International President!

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “*Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*” As members of IAAP, we enthusiastically leave a trail of excellence whether it is professional or personal.

### **COMMITMENT:**

At the Spring Board of Directors Meeting held recently in La Jolla, California, the Board participated in a Strategic Planning discussion focusing on the Career-Minded Administrative Professional. At the conclusion of the discussion, a Strategic Planning Sub-Committee was appointed to create an action plan to move us forward.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

The Professional Education Conference in La Jolla is now history, but what an outstanding conference it was! It was terrific seeing many of our IAAP members in attendance and contributing to the success of the conference.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 2008 PEC to be held March 3-5, 2008, at the Charleston Riverview Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina. Look for additional information as it becomes available on the IAAP website.

The 2007 Certification Conference will be held October 14-17, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, Texas. Look for additional information as it becomes available on the IAAP website and plan to attend.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

On Saturday, April 14, 2007, the 2006-2007 Division Presidents will participate in a second conference call. We’ll be discussing significant accomplishments during the term and how we’ll be maximizing the participation of international board members who are attending upcoming division annual meetings.

I am thrilled to announce there will be board of director representation at 26 annual meetings in 2007. These Divisions can look forward to the attending board member Connecting with the members at annual meeting, Communicating an update on the standing of the association, and sharing their Commitment of the strategic plan and goals of the association.

The Board supported the Division Annual Meeting Sub-Committee’s creation of a Protocol document for Division Annual Meetings. This document can be down loaded from the IAAP website under <https://www.iaap-hq.org/protocol.htm>.

President-Elect McCoy will be discussing the Protocol document at the Incoming Division President’s Conference in Kansas City being held March 23-25, 2007.

**CREATIVITY:**

It is not too late to submit the Nomination Form for the **IAAP Award for Excellence**. The deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2007.

The Award for Excellence Guidelines and Nomination Submission Form can be found in the Members' Place section of the IAAP web site ([www.iaap-hq.org](http://www.iaap-hq.org)) under More News You Can Use.

**CONNECTIVITY:**

*"Winning in a Changing World"* is the theme of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual APW Briefing with IAAP and the Targeted Learning Corporation co-hosting this very special event.

Let's connect . . . . make plans now bring the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Briefing to be held on the Tuesday of Administrative Professionals Week, April 24<sup>th</sup>, to your city for an outstanding chapter event or into your company for a corporate-wide recognition for admins and other support staff.

Registration and contact information online: [www.targetlearn.com/briefing2007/](http://www.targetlearn.com/briefing2007/)

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for all you do for IAAP. I continue to feel privileged and blessed to serve as your International President.



2006-2007 International President

