



May 11, 2007

Greetings from your International President!

Henry Ford said, *“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”*

Many of you will be “coming together” for the upcoming Division Annual Meetings. I wish my schedule allowed me to attend all of your meetings; however, my warmest wishes are extended to each of you. Enjoy *“Shaping the Future”* of your divisions while “working together” for much success.

### **COMMITMENT:**

IAAP is excited to announce that we have reached an agreement with PromoCorp, based out of Alexandria, Virginia, to serve as IAAP’s Emblematic Merchandise supplier. An announcement will be sent as soon as the online store is available for members at which time orders can then be placed. Divisions/Chapters are urged to utilize their services as the official IAAP Emblematic Merchandise Supplier.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

Make plans to attend the 2007 International Convention and Education Forum, July 29-August 1, in Tampa, Florida.

This year’s convention will provide members and non-members alike an opportunity to *“Chart Your Career – Tampa 2007”* by gathering for professional and personal development workshops.

Robin Crowe, our keynote speaker, is an author, speaker, entrepreneur and one of the world’s most innovative guitarists. He will be focusing on Chandler’s 5-C’s - you do not want to miss this outstanding speaker.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

The Sub-Committee to increase International Board Member attendance at Division Annual Meetings has also developed a protocol document for division annual meetings (document can be found on the IAAP website). At its spring meeting, the International Board approved funds for an incentive program that will assist Divisions with board member transportation costs to the 2008 Division Annual Meetings.

### **CREATIVITY:**

The focus of the Strategic Planning Sub-committee is to advance the strategic planning process between Board meetings. One important task of this Sub-Committee is to develop an alternative to IAAP’s existing recognition program. The goal is to shift emphasis away from a numbers-based incentive program to a comprehensive values-based program designed to recognize levels of excellence achieved by career minded members and quality driven chapters and divisions.

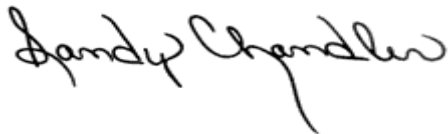
In addition, the Sub-Committee plans to seek extensive member and leadership feedback from all levels of the association during the development process before recommending a new recognition program to the International Board of Directors for approval and implementation during the 2008-2009 IAAP year.

**CONNECTIVITY:**

The Employer Advisory Group Sub-Committee has developed a mission statement, created an employer targeted public relations brochure and identified its first group of invitees to participate in the first Employer Advisory Group.

The mission statement reads as follows: *“Increase awareness of IAAP’s professional development opportunities for career-minded administrative professionals through collaborative discussions and expanded marketing to employers.”* There are plans for IAAP to host its first Employer Advisory Group teleconference panel discussion sometime in May or June of this IAAP year.

How exciting it is to be actively involved in the premier association for administrative professionals! Enjoy it to the fullest!



2006-2007 International President

