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Please indicate any objectives cited in the pre-meeting form or annual objectives with this

organization

- Membership issues (MD sponsorship required)
- PA involvement in committees

Please summarize progress on objectives, highlights or other issues that occurred during this meeting.

I was unable to meet with the director of membership, Mary Lou White, but will reach out to her by email to follow up on our conversation from last year.

No PA specific issues came up. Plenary sessions focused on the AAP's role on the national stage as an advocate for children. AAP does not seem to get involved in management or legislative issues at the state level.

Did the pre-meeting briefing and any support provided assist you in accomplishing your objectives? If yes, please describe how they were helpful. If no, what additional briefing or resources would you recommend?

Yes, AAPA support staff has always been helpful. If possible, I would like to learn more about the organizational structure of AAP including committee and section make up.

What future emerging trends, issues or opportunities did you glean from this meeting or do you potentially foresee with this physician/specialty organization that could impact PAs or PA practice?

AAP prides itself as an organization that embraces diversity and inclusivity. It encourages its members to be advocates and become involved with its agenda. AAPA should work to find ways for PAs to become involved in the planning and research for this agenda. Specific goals of AAP that were addressed at the business luncheon were gun safety, vaping, child abuse and climate change.

What issues or activities would be helpful to coordinate with the related PA specialty organization?

I can coordinate with the SPAP Board to reach out directly to AAP to be sure they know of the organization and the dedication that PAs have to pediatric medicine.

Do you have any specific recommendations for follow-up actions by AAPA staff or leadership?

I noticed that there were PAs on faculty at AAP's National Conference and Exhibition (NCE). I would like to reach out to those PAs to gain their perspective about operations in the AAP. I will explore the NCE app to see if I can find contact information.