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Dear SRAPPA Members,

I hope all of you had a great start to your New Year, both personally and at your institutions.

An area of emphasis for APPA over the years is the engagement of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU). With the vast majority of HBCUs, SRAPPA is a key part of pushing this effort. While we have had some success, we have not been able to get involvement or even conversations going with some of them. So I'm reaching out to SRAPPA members who are alumni of HBCUs, asking for your help in engaging your alma maters, letting them know the benefits of APPA membership. If you or they have any questions or concerns, please contact me. We want all of us to succeed.

And while HBCUs are a focus, Community Colleges and K-12 institutions also need our engagement. APPA can provide each of them the tools to be successful, but we need to get them the word. We are growing in this area, as four K-12 schools and a Community College joined SRAPPA in December & January, more than any other region, so let's keep this effort going.

Starting next week, you can take advantage of the great Credentialing deal your SRAPPA Board made with APPA, reducing the price to \$450 for EFPs (an \$1100 value) and \$550 for CEFPs (normally \$1300) for 2016 and 2017. This package includes the online prep course and the test, plus another test attempt within 30 days. In addition, SRAPPA provides a refund of \$100 & \$150 for EFPs/CEFPs respectively once the test is passed. There is no limit, but let's not wait. We want to drive APPA professionalism!

An important part of engagement with our peers occurs at state conferences. Here is this year's schedule:

- SCAPPA March 5-8 Myrtle Beach
- VAPPA March 7-8 James Madison University
- WVAPPA April 10- 11 Flatwoods, WV
- FLAPPA April 13-15 Valencia College
- NCAPPA May 18-20 UNC Wilmington
- GAPPA May 28- June 1 Jekyll Island Georgia
- TNAPPA July 12-14 Tri-APPA, Nashville

Efforts are underway to form a Kentucky chapter and we are exploring the feasibility of a multi-state chapter for Louisiana, Mississippi, & Alabama. Multi-level engagement is critical for our schools' success.

And finally, more info will be coming out about the groundbreaking, first-ever Tri-APPA: APPA, SRAPPA & TNAPPA together in Nashville. You know it's going to be a barn-burner when SRAPPA's involved.

Sincerely,

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