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Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to the first issue of "Toolin' Around". I hope all the Florida Division Annual Meeting (FDAM) attendees have recovered from a fabulous time at the end of June. It was a fun and interesting "Krewe" parade and the dancing lessons were a real treat during the Friday night event. Vendor booths and Chapter Ways and Means tables were open all day Friday and Saturday. Thank you to the Winter Park Chapter and all the volunteers that assisted them to make this a memorable event. I also want to thank the attendees who took the time to complete the online Annual Meeting Survey. Your feedback is extremely important to us and helps determine future events.

Linda Freese and I just returned from the International Education Forum and Annual Meeting (EFAM) representing the Division as Alternate and Delegate, respectively. The Bylaws portion of the business meeting lasted 2 hours and 34 minutes and was quite interesting. The amendment concerning annual dues was a hot topic this year. The proposed amendment was amended and passed as follows: \$25/year increase for all classifications except Professional-Merited, which increased by \$22/year. The new rates go into effect January 1, 2010.

Linda planned our EFAM Florida Division dinner held at Staccato on Sunday evening and we had a great time networking. Our Division picture was taken on Monday morning in between voting sessions. We had three voting sessions this year. There was a computer glitch that made the second vote invalid (Florida members know all about voting machine errors).

We were all excited to be there when Past-President Laurie Boehm CPS/CAP received the Division of Excellence Award for 2008-2009 at the Wednesday evening banquet. The entire board will be striving to continue the tradition and achieve the status again this year.

If you haven't logged into the new IAAP community website, you're missing a lot. There are different groups to meet most needs. You should setup your profile and then join the eGroups that interest you. Be sure to add the Florida Division group, as we will be using this as our "tool" for communicating.

The Pathways to Excellence Program was a great success! Soon International will have a Pathways to Excellence e-Group for discussions and questions. It was decided last year that there would be no changes to the program criteria during the second year. The exceptions would be for language clarifications and housekeeping efforts, such as changing the wording on Criteria #15 to remove "Impact" and adding "Member Recruitment." As long as a chapter holds at least one Member Recruitment event during the year they would qualify for Criteria #15.

Our Division newsletter will be posted on the web instead of being sent by e-mail. Notices will be sent through our website e-mail to notify you. There are four newsletter issues-August, November, February, & May-and they should be posted by the 30th of the month. Please check the website anytime for updated files, newsletters, president communications, and current information.

The next project will be the Leadership and Education Conference (LEC). This year it is being held at the Ocala Hilton on September 26th with a bonus Friday afternoon second annual committee forum. We have several speakers lined up to help you build your communication, succession planning, and strategic development skills. The board will be meeting early on the 25th to continue planning the upcoming projects for the year. Come early Friday afternoon for the succession planning and strategic development programs. Then join the board for the Friday night cookout and building event. The registration form and a PayPal link can be found on the Florida Division website. I understand there are some errors when trying to use the PayPal link and our webmaster is working on them. Thank you for your patience. In the meantime, you can send payment directly by logging into your own PayPal account and sending your payment to Matthews@pbworld.com.

Being a member of IAAP is an important role. Our mission statement is to enhance the success of career-minded administrative professionals by providing opportunities for growth through education, community building and leadership development. Do you have your "Bearing Pad" in place? A bearing pad is a block of metal, plastic, or synthetic material used to cushion the point at which one structural element rests upon another. Are you there for other members to rest upon when they need your support? We are all here to work together as one - please be there for each other.

Until next time - Grab Your Tools and Get Building!

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