

## 2017 President's Report

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The following are APG highlights from the past year:

### **REVISIONS TO BYLAWS**

Board elections were moved from Annual Conference to Year in Review meeting.

*It was determined that it would make more sense to hold board elections at a closed 'members only' meeting, thereby insuring confidentiality of any discussions related to the election.*

Membership dues are now payable from January 1-31 of each calendar year.

*This change aligns payment of dues with our fiscal year, which is also January 1-31. It also makes the preparation of an annual budget easier.*

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOW SPRING KICKOFF**

After much deliberating and discussions, the board voted to make annual conference a thing of the past. With board elections no longer part of the annual conference, it was time to take a fresh look at what the format of this first meeting of the calendar year should be. It will be known as Spring Kickoff, and will be held on the first Saturday in March, like our annual conference typically was. Based on member input, the kickoff will be a half day – with breakfast, 2 speakers, and snacks - and so will cost less. The agenda will still allow for plenty of time to share and network.

### **BOARD TREASURER – GOODBYE DIANE, HELLO CHERI**

After holding the position for 5 years, Diane Kuhlman stepped down as our board treasurer at the end of 2017. We thank her for all of her hard work and due diligence. We are thrilled that she will continue to be an active participant in APG, helping us with special projects. Cheri McCallum was elected our new treasurer in November and will assume office on January 1, 2018. Welcome aboard, Cheri!

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