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Dear KPA Members,

Several months have passed since our last KPA annual meeting. The meeting at the General Butler Park was a big success! This year we will host our 21st annual conference on May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will return to Lake Cumberland State Park, in Jamestown, Ky. We are looking forward to very interesting topics and well-known faculty with expertise in the care of high-risk mothers and babies. The past year has been very exciting and a productive one for the association. We submitted an abstract regarding the results of our web-based module on Health Professional Education on Prematurity (HPEP I).

This was accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the National Perinatal Association (NPA). The most exciting event at that meeting was that the KPA received the State Initiative Award from the National Perinatal Association. This is the second time in 5 years that our organization has received this award.

In October, HPEP II on “The Late Preterm Birth” went live with CEUs and CME certificates awarded after completion of the educational module. We are getting very favorable comments on this new educational module. Also, we have exhibited at various state medical and health organizations, to get more memberships and to promote the various activities of the organization. These activities are either in the planning stage or have already been initiated. KPA now provides a speakers’ bureau for the state to make available speakers for conferences at minimal cost. This will allow clinics, hospitals, or organizations to invite an expert to speak on the state-of-the-art information in providing high quality care to mothers and babies in the state of Kentucky.

The KPA is now a provider of Nursing CEUs. Thanks to Jody Epperson, our CEU administrator, for its’ implementation. We are currently seeking to be a provider of CMEs for physicians and other health care professionals. If successful in this endeavor, the KPA will likewise be able to sponsor the offerings requested through our speakers’ bureau, and provide the CEU or CME for those in attendance.

At the upcoming annual meeting, we will have the first Thomas Pauly Memorial Lectureship, to commemorate the effort and dedication of this past KPA President to Perinatal care in the state of Kentucky. This is a lectureship, in addition to the annual Dr. Patricia Nicol Lectureship.

Additionally, the KPA welcomes its new Executive Director, Gary Walls, who was Treasurer of KPA for fifteen years. Not only does Gary Walls have the interest and dedication, he is passionate, enthusiastic, and driven when promoting the best of health to Kentucky’s mothers and children, through our and other organizations.

There are additional changes in the KPA Board. Dr. Lynda Sanders recently resigned her position on the board, and we do thank her for her services to the KPA. Indeed, she was one of the KPA presidents responsible for the growth and expansion of the organization. Dr. John Morrison has accepted the position of Secretary, while Dr. Eric Reynolds is our new Treasurer. Dr. John O'Brien, an obstetrician and Maternal-Fetal Specialist is a new member of the Kentucky Perinatal Association board.

As I complete my term as President, the organization will look forward to its new President, Amy Snell, who also has been a member of the KPA for years and has been a tireless working member of the Board of Directors. Also, the new President-Elect will be Dr. Pam Hodges, an obstetrician from Paducah, Kentucky. She is experienced, dynamic, and is one to always promote evidenced-based practice in obstetric care.

As I come to the end of my term as president, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve. It has been a great honor, and please be assured that I pledge to continue to support the organization.

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