

North Dallas Chapter IAAP
Delegate's Report
62nd IAAP International Convention and Education Forum
July 29-August 1, 2007
Tampa, Florida

The **62nd Annual International Convention and Education Forum** was a fantastic experience. Sandra Chandler's CPS theme was: *"Shaping the Future."* Attendees representing the North Dallas Chapter were: Joan Teeling CPS (Delegate), Michele Brown CPS (Alternate), Beth Childers CPS/CAP and Karen Gallagher CAP (first timer). The host chapter did a fantastic job with **1,876 registered attendees**, which was an increase of 34 over the previous year. Attendees traveled from various countries i.e. Japan, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Barbados, and Belize, just to name a few. Besides the traditional bag, each attendee received a tablet and cover with the convention theme, **"Chart Your Career."**

Upon arriving on Saturday, we registered and picked up our "blue" bags and event tickets, registered for the Certification Luncheon and Banquet, and then toured "The Microsoft Across America Truck" that was parked outside the Convention Center. Microsoft personnel demonstrated practical, integrated software and hardware solutions in a hands-on, interactive environment.

The business meeting was called to order on Sunday morning with Amelia Barclay CPS ('93-'94 International President) delivering the inspirational message, the presentation of colors by the Hillsboro Sherriff's Department, and the parade of nations including the United States flag as well as the flags representing affiliate nations. This truly reminds us of how global IAAP really is and it is such a great experience. There were 17 past International Presidents in attendance this year.

The speeches delivered by Don Bretthauer CAE, Director and Sandra Chandler CPS, International President are posted on the HQ website.

Sunday afternoon we reconnected at the Southwest District Caucus as well as the T-L Division Caucus. Although the T-L Division increased membership during 2006-2007 by 255 members due to the size of the Division, the increase was only 14.73%. The division membership award went to the Hawaii Division which increased by 31 members for 16.85%. During the Southwest District Caucus, Sandra Chandler CPS was presented with a framed IAAP Banner that traveled on the space shuttle Atlantis.

On Monday, the Business Session reconvened with the keynote by Robin Crow entitled **"Rock Solid Leadership: How Anyone, In Any Job, Can Lead with Enthusiasm, Passion, and Purpose"** co-sponsored by OfficeTeam. Quote from his keynote: **"You weren't born a loser, you were born a chooser!"**

During the Business Session, Sandra Chandler CPS showed the assembly the framed IAAP Banner that flew on the space shuttle Atlantis. At that time, Sandra donated it to HQ for all to enjoy upon visiting.

Amendments that were voted on during the Business Meeting are as follows:

- **Amendment 1**
 - Article VIII-International Officers, Qualifications, Nomination and Election, Term, and Duties, Section 3., Paragraph A., subparagraphs 1., 2. and 3. by inserting "Division" to allow Divisions to make nominations. The amendment was adopted.
- **Amendment 2**

- Article XIII-Meetings, Section 1., Paragraph C., Subparagraph 1. and Section 3., Paragraph G., Subparagraph 3., by replacing the phrase « 15 calendar days» with «20 calendar days ». The amendment was adopted.

- **Amendment 3**

- Article VIII - International Officers, Qualifications, Nomination and Election, Term, and Duties, Section 2. Paragraphs A., B., C. and D. by deleting them in their entirety and inserting new Paragraphs A., B., C. and C. The amendment was adopted.

- **Amendment 4**

- Article VIII - International Officers, Qualifications, Nomination and Election, Term, and duties, Section 2. Paragraph E. by deleting it in its entirety and inserting a new Paragraph E. *E. Any candidate found by the Committee on Nominations to have violated a campaign rule contained in the Standing Rules shall be disqualified for that election.* The amendment was adopted.

- **Standing Rules Amendment (received by delegates at the convention)**

- Standing Rules, page 8-06/6, Standing Rule #2, by inserting "or member" in the first sentence and by inserting "Candidates shall not in any way solicit votes at public events or through any other communication at any time." The amendment failed.

- **Motion Made from the Floor by Marie Herman - Delegate #284**

- "I move that the International Board provide the chapters with guidelines on what will be required to allow optional chapter level registration online for new members before the end of the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The motion unanimously passed.

All North Dallas Chapter attendees attended the **Certification Luncheon** Co-Sponsored by Avery. The speaker was Rebecca Pace, and her presentation was entitled "Talk is Cheap, or IS IT?" During her speech she referred to the members of IAAP as **I**ntelligent, **A** amazing, **A**stonishing, **P**rofessionals! I think she hit the nail on the head, don't you?

Monday afternoon the Delegate and Alternate were busy at the voting polls, while the rest of the convention goers attended the "Office Expo." Several offices required a second ballot. This was the first time that I carried a proxy for another chapter. I had the honor of also representing the North Tarrant Bluebonnet Chapter at the polls.

Monday evening Michele and I boarded the trolley and rode it to the end of the line where we attended a dinner at the Columbia Restaurant for T-L Division Delegates and Alternates.

On Tuesday, the Business Session reconvened with the presentation of the Avery Great Results Chapter and Division Achievement Awards, the Treasurer's Report (which can be found at the Member's Place on the HQ website) and the Teller's Report, followed by the presentation of the 2007-2008 International Board of Directors:

President	Judy McCoy CPS/CAP
President-Elect	Tia Theriaque CAP
Vice President	Barb Horton CAP
Secretary	Susan K. Shamali CPS/CAP
Treasurer	Mary A. Ramsay-Drow CPS/CAP
Director, Southwest District:	Karlana Rannals CPS/CAP

Future convention sites were announced with the addition of 2013 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, CA. (See the complete list at the conclusion of this report.)

Betty Dunn CPS/CAP invited all to the 2008 International Convention to be held in "reborn" New Orleans, Louisiana.

Following the Business Session, a Town Hall Meeting was conducted regarding the "Planning of the Future of IAAP."

Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday were devoted to educational workshops. Look for snippets of the various workshops attended by North Dallas Chapter members in future issues of *e-Talk* (the North Dallas Chapter monthly newsletter).

On Wednesday morning prior to the educational workshops, Michele, Beth and I attended an inter-chapter brainstorming breakfast at 6:00 a.m. organized by Marie Herman CAP. There were approximately 25 members in attendance from across the association. Ideas were shared primarily around developing future leaders and increasing member involvement.

I want to thank each of you for allowing us to represent you, the North Dallas Chapter. Our Chapter is doing a great job. In addition to meetings, there was an evening of welcome on Sunday, where attendees could meet each candidate and dance the night away. On Tuesday evening, we attended the "Evening of Entertainment" where we were entertained by "Legends in Concert" featuring Las Vegas entertainers impersonating Bobby Darin, Tina Turner, Tom Jones, Rod Stewart and Shania Twain - everyone enjoyed the music and some were dancing in the aisles! We "blinked" the night away and sold \$23 worth of blinkie pins without even trying! When you wear them, people want to know where you bought them!

At the final night banquet each attendee received a "Glass Paperweight" with the convention theme. Judy McCoy CPS/CAP presented the incoming President's Speech which included her theme for 2007-2008, "**Moving Forward**" represented by a road sign which you will be seeing more of in the future. The evening concluded with the "Smiling Faces" video which everyone enjoyed. The North Dallas Chapter attendees were actually included in several of the shots this year!

On Thursday morning, I attended the post-convention leadership workshop for Chapter Presidents. The keynote was given by Sunny Kobe Cook entitled "**Common Things Uncommon Ways.**" She reminded the audience that "you never get there by yourself" and that a good leader needs to be a motivator of people to accomplish the task at hand. Sunny concluded by saying that she is proud to have her roots in our garden!

From the East Coast to New Orleans, next year the 63rd International Convention and Educational Forum will be in at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in the "reborn" New Orleans, Louisiana. Start now to make plans to attend. It is an experience you will always remember, along with seeing familiar faces year after year, and the knowledge and ideas through networking you gain that you can share with fellow associates. Remember, you can earn half of your registration fee by volunteering 12 hours during the convention! Please let me know if you are interested.

Future Planned Convention Sites:

- 2008 Hilton Riverside Hotel - New Orleans, LA
- 2009 Minneapolis Convention Center - Minneapolis, MN
- 2010 Hynes Convention Center - Boston, MA
- 2011 Montréal Palais de Congrès Convention Center - Montreal, Quebec
- 2012 Gaylord Texan - Grapevine, TX
- 2013 Anaheim Convention Center - Anaheim, CA

Once again, familiar faces, networking and gleaning ideas from others are all a part of what makes International so great. Some of the information will be used for future newsletters, meetings, speakers, fund raising, recruitment and member recognition in the months ahead.

If you have questions or would like further details regarding any item(s) contained in this report, please feel free to contact me or any convention attendee at any time. We will be more than happy to share our experience.

Respectfully submitted,

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