

Executive Director Thoughts: Happy Friday! I hope my note finds you well and you are enjoying your summer. I am happy to welcome to the AASPA team Anna Weber our new Marketing and Membership Coordinator. Anna comes to us with a great deal of experience in marketing and website work. She has been here just under one month and is already wowing us with her talents. If you have membership questions, please be sure to reach out. Anna's email address is <u>Anna@aaspa.org</u>.

AASPA continues to grow and develop. I am excited to share that the Boot Camp held June 27-28 in Baltimore had a record attendance of 160 human capital leaders. In addition, if you have not been watching conference numbers, we are already up to 344 attendees. This is a huge increase from where we were a year ago at this time. If you have not made your arrangements to attend, don't delay. I hear the hotel is almost sold out for rooms in our block. Have no fear however, we will release information on surrounding hotels following this sell out.

With this growth will come a need for more volunteers and support at the national level. In the next month we will be sharing information about how to get more involved in AASPA either through conference or by joining an AASPA committee. Now is a great time to consider growing your professional growth and networking through AASPA.

Effective November 1st, the AASPA Executive Board has approved a membership dues increase. This will be the first increase we have had in over five years. Active membership dues will increase from \$195 to \$225; Institutional membership dues, which includes up to four members, will increase from \$425 to \$550. In the next few months we will be sharing this information with our members and nonmembers. If you have not yet renewed or have not joined AASPA we would encourage you to do so before prices increase.

Leon Bradley Scholarship: While the scholarship application process is complete, there is still work to be done. The Leon Bradley Scholarship Committee is currently collecting donations for the Silent Auction. This auction will be available at conference and online. Donating items or money to this great cause helps us continue to support the scholarship. This is a great task for our State Affiliates as well. Show off your state pride and consider putting together a basket to place in the auction. Popular items include non-perishable food, art and of course wine.

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HCLE/pHCLE Training & Certification: The pHCLE training includes 64 hours of learning. Participants acquire a broad understanding of the key components of the human capital management systems.

This training also prepares individuals to take the pHCLE certification exam.

<u>Future Blended Cohorts</u> (3 days + 44 hours of online learning)
February 11 - 13, 2020 - Orlando, FL

<u>Future Virtual Cohorts</u> (8 weeks/2 hours per week virtual + 48 hours of online learning)

- Sept 11 Nov 6, 2019; Wednesdays 1 pm 3 pm ET
- January 15 March 11, 2020; Wednesdays 4:30 pm 6:30 pm ET

For more information, registration and upcoming training opportunities: <u>https://aaspa.org/human-capital-leaders-education/</u>

AASPA's 81st Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA is on October 8-11, 2019. Our Early Bird registration pricing ends August 16th. We currently have 344 attendees registered. This is 200 more registrants than we had at this time last year. The conference website, <u>www.aaspaconference.com</u>, is full of valuable information including links to hotel registration, preconference session descriptions, travel discounts, Welcome Reception and VIP Celebration details, volunteer opportunities and much more. I hope you plan to join us in *'The Big Easy'* for AASPA's 81st Annual Conference and *Unmask your Potential*! Register today at https://www.aaspaconference.com/register!

AASPA Bookstore: We have some great books being offered at a discount for July. This month's theme is Mentoring. Consider one of these books for you or your leadership: * Mentoring New Teachers

- * From First-Year to First-Rate: Principals Guiding Beginning Teachers
- * Being an Effective Mentor: How to Help Beginning Teachers Succeed

Click here to order today <u>http://aaspa.org/product-category/featured/</u>

Membership Update as of 7/12/19:

1,341 - Active	16 - Student
93 - Support Staff	30 - Retired
182 - Institutional Primary	40 - Business
518 - Institutional Associate	31 - Complimentary
109 - Institutional Associate Extra	29 - Honorary

*Last year membership at this time was 2,190