This year’s Annual Meeting was a resounding success and if you were there we hope you found it as enlightening, fun and rejuvenating as we did. We thought we could share some information and some photographs with highlights from the week. If you were not able to join us this year we hope you plan to attend this year’s meeting in San Diego in December. We will be distributing to link to the presentations from the meeting to all AAAP members within the next few weeks so hopefully you will have a chance to review.

The meeting brought more than 800 participants from healthcare to the annual meeting and three preconference courses: Addictions and Their Treatment, Practical Guide to Office-Based Opioid Treatment, and Advanced Addiction Psychopharmacology. Highlights of the meeting include four symposium including topics such as alcohol use disorders; opioid use disorder (OUD) in women; treating substance use disorders with psychedelics; fentanyl and the opioid epidemic; a case conference on a medically hospitalized woman with OUD; and a medical update on hypertension. Attendees participated in 29 workshops and were invited to collaborate in various educational activities, discussions and relaxing events.

AAAP members were invited to participate in the Academy’s strategic planning process, providing members the opportunity to share their thoughts and recommendations in four key areas: membership, advocacy, education, and infrastructure. These workshops were well attended, as well as engaging and productive. AAAP plans to share more about the strategic plan later this year.

Elinore F. McCance-Katz, MD, PhD, Assistant Secretary for the Mental Health and Substance Use Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, presented “Substance Use in the United States: An Update from SAMHSA.” Dr. McCance-Katz gave an overview of the opioid use disorder crisis currently facing the U.S., and reported more than 70,000 people died of drug overdose in 2017, more than half due to opioids. She reported that several efforts are underway to combat the opioid epidemic, though more must be done to increase the workforce needed to treat opioid use disorder.

The silent auction benefiting the Sheldon Miller Fund to support trainee educational activities raised more than $10,000. A special thanks to those who donated items and to those who purchased as well. We could not have been successful without you all (see list page 3).

We plan to be back at the Rancho Bernardo Inn for the next Annual Meeting Dec. 5 - 8, 2019 so mark your calendars.
Book your room at the Rancho Bernardo Inn now! Please note that the inn’s online system will only accept reservations that are within the contracted dates. Any guests requesting to extend their stay outside of the block must call our reservations team Monday-Friday from 7:00 am - 9:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm at 844-226-8262.

Next year marks our 30th Annual Meeting. AAAP has grown in many since 1989 and we would like to highlight these milestones over time. If you have memories, photos and experiences you would like to share with us please send to Jesse at jessica@aaap.org.

We would like to thank AAAP’s Board of Directors and the members of the Scientific Program Committee for their continued support and many contributions to this year’s meeting, as well as all of the volunteers from our membership. We make a great team.
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