

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Long time, no talk...

So much activity over recent months, it's time I provide you with an update on the website.

First a big shout out to our 2008 Workshop committee for *Survival of the Fittest*...Great food, great location, great speakers... It was a great effort and we all had an educational and entertaining time. Expect the 2009 Workshop committee to announce their theme soon.

Of course, we had business to take care of. The Board met and held the AGM. The meeting was a great success with more dialogue and questions than I can ever remember occurring at an AGM! What is most important is that this Board clearly heard that we needed to provide more in the way of communication and transparency. As requested, we have posted to the members portal additional information on policies, draft standard agenda, and business minutes once approved. This does take some time and patience to allow for due process. No one wants to be misquoted! I would encourage you to familiarize yourself with these, in addition to the Mission and Vision, bylaws, etc., also available on the website. They are an insight into the Board's direction, focus and objectives.

As well, we heard that you may want to come to our Board meetings. We have just done a poor job of advising our members when those meetings occur. Next scheduled Board meetings will be posted on the website Board of Directors page. As always, most are open for you to attend. As with all boards there is a requirement for some meetings to be closed, and will be indicated as such when applicable. If you would like to speak at a Board meeting, you will be asked to submit your request in writing in advance, so that your request can be reviewed and I can amend the agenda to accommodate such requests at the next or other more appropriate meeting. The term to reference is "Delegation" and we are happy to receive delegates at any time. You are always welcome to sit and watch the proceedings. Just let us know through the office that you are coming so we have enough coffee for everyone.

During the AGM, it was encouraging to see and hear our members' deep commitment and support of PMAC> It is a time of change and growth, and change (while inevitable, like death and taxes) can be difficult. The demographics of our membership, ever evolving, has changed and is reflected through their beliefs and values. We are increasing the cache of our organization and I expect that you will be reaping the benefits of our new marketing program soon.

A special convocation event is being planned for January 9th, 2009 to recognize this year's new C.P.P.s; announcements and registration details will be posted.

Look for more update in the VOICE, e-news, on the Institute and National websites, and members portals.

Thank you.

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