



P.O.P.S.

## Annual Report

Firstly, I would like to give everyone an update from the 2010 P.O.P.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference hosted in Kona, Hawaii. There were a total of 46 attendees, including 9 speakers and 12 poster presenters. New enrollment at the conference now brings us to a grand total of 94 members. The conference was diverse in content, highly interactive and informative, and allowed plenty of free time to enjoy Hawaii! We had our first official changing of the guard as Ray Kleposki “passed the gavel” to Shellye Crawford. The new board was announced and is as follows:

President : Shellye Crawford

President Elect : Wendy Moon

Vice-President : Coley Vitztum

Treasurer : Linda Grande

Secretary : Lori Thornton

Immediate Past President : Ray Kleposki

Members At Large : Chuck Wyatt and Colleen Ditro

We are currently seeking volunteers and/or nominations for our two open Members At Large positions for the 2010 Executive Board. We also have vacant positions for the Education Committee, the Conference Committee, the Communications Committee, and our newest division, the Leadership Search Committee. Please feel free to e-mail me ([shellye.crawford@childrens.com](mailto:shellye.crawford@childrens.com)) and/or Wendy Moon ([moon.wendy@mayo.edu](mailto:moon.wendy@mayo.edu)) if interested.

For those of you who have not yet been informed, we have a new organizational logo. It was unveiled at the conference. You will notice it in the letter heading. It can also be found on the website. Each member will soon be receiving business cards with the new logo and website information. We would encourage you to share these with prospective members. Feel free to contact our Secretary, Lori Thornton ([lori.thornton@childrens.com](mailto:lori.thornton@childrens.com)), if you need more cards or have any concerns.



April 1, 2010 will begin the new year for P.O.P.S.. Membership renewals and fees are due on this date. A three month window (until July 1, 2010) will be allowed before late fees are assessed. (The board has agreed that monies paid between January 1 and April 1, 2010 will be applied to this year's membership.) The new password for the P.O.P.S. website will be e-mailed to you after membership fees are received. Dues may be paid online via PayPal or by check/mail.

I would like to encourage an open door policy for concerns and/or suggestions regarding our organization. This should be a banner year for P.O.P.S. as we work towards our goal of 200 members and our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada... see you there!

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