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Letter from the President - Nominate a Worthy Candidate for the INAAP Annual Awards

As of today, nominations are now open for the 2018 INAAP Awards for Pediatric Excellence. These four awards are a great opportunity to recognize our colleagues who have demonstrated excellence in their field over the past year or over the course of a career. I encourage you to think about any colleagues who may be deserving of such an honor, and to submit their name for consideration.



I am also excited about the changes we are making to our annual meeting. This year we will be hosting a dinner banquet which should be a fun and engaging way to talk about the upcoming year for INAAP and to honor our award winners. I encourage all of you to join us, and I look forward to hearing about our latest class of amazing award winners!



Update Regarding Changes to Newborn Screening Process

Last month we sent out an alert about changes made to the procedure for when a newborn screens positive for inborn errors of metabolism (IEM).

After expressing our concerns about the changes to ISDH, they have decided to revert back to the procedure that was in use during 2017.

Though a more official statement will be issued soon, ISDH has so far said the following:

"The ISDH process for positive newborn screening results of inborn errors of metabolism will be coordinated as they were in 2017 by both Community Health Clinic and Riley Hospital for Children. The process provides early detection and rapid intervention for Hoosier babies statewide. While these community partners will be notified directly of positive newborn screen results, primary care providers are encouraged to take an active role in caring for all newborns and to collaborate with, as well as learn from, both CHC and Riley."

Legislative Update

We are now into the second half of the 2018 session, and INAAP continues to have a consistent presence at the state house advocating for issues that effect Indiana's children.

On February 12th Dr. Mary McAteer once again testified in support of [Senate Bill 24](#) which will grant Indiana children access to sunscreen while at school. The bill has not cleared both the House and Senate and will soon make its way to the Governor's desk to be signed into law. The bill would not have had the success it has enjoyed with out the passionate advocacy of those in our pediatric community!



On February 13th, two INAAP members once again testified in opposition to [Senate Bill 65](#) which would make it harder for children in Indiana to receive critical sexual education in school. Dr. Mary McAteer once again volunteered her time and expertise, as well as medical student and INAAP member Brittany Byerley who shared very effective testimony.

Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner



This year, INAAP's Annual Meeting will be a dinner and awards banquet held in downtown Indianapolis at Mesh on Massachusetts Avenue. The dinner will take place on Wednesday, May 16th at 5:45 pm.

The goal of the meeting will be to introduce INAAP's new executive officers and board of directors, and to also honor our annual award recipients. Just as important, we want to provide our members with a fun way to get to know each other and build relationships that will benefit our organization and the children of Indiana.

We are pleased to announce that there is no cost to attend the annual dinner, but space is limited. All members are welcome to attend, but an RSVP is required. If you'd like to join us for the annual meeting, use the link below to RSVP.

[RSVP for Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner](#)



Nominations for INAAP's Annual Awards are Now Open

On May 16, 2018, INAAP will hold its Annual Meeting at Mesh in downtown Indianapolis. INAAP will present it's annual awards at the dinner, and the winner of each award will have the opportunity to address those in attendance. We encourage all members to nominate any friends and colleagues who would be worthy of these awards.

The annual awards include:

1. **The Edwin L. Gresham Award for Advancing the Care of Newborn Infants**
2. **The Irving Rosenbaum Award for Distinguished Service**
3. **The Community Service Award**
4. **The Virginia M. Wagner Lifetime Achievement Award**

If you would like to nominate someone, please send a letter of recommendation to INAAP Executive Director, Chris Weintraut, at cw@inaap.org. Winners will be presented with an award at the annual dinner, and will be asked to give brief remarks about their work.

More information about each award is available through the link below.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, March 26th, 2018

LAST CALL - INAAP Day at the Statehouse

INAAP and March of Dimes will be hosting an advocacy day at the statehouse this Wednesday, February 21st, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Join our staff, members, volunteers and supporters for a complimentary lunch at the Indiana Statehouse and to learn about important legislation being considered by the Indiana General Assembly. Have a chance to speak with lawmakers and tour the beautiful statehouse.



You can register for the event [HERE](#)



INAAP Leadership Pens Letter on Gun Safety Measures

INAAP leadership recently penned a letter to the Indianapolis Star on the issue of gun safety and how it affects children and adolescents in Indiana.

In last year's member survey, gun safety was the #1 issue on which members wanted to see more focus. In addition to this letter, our March in-person meeting will focus on gun safety, and we hope to move the ball forward in Indiana on this very important issue. You can read the letter that was submitted to the Indy Star below:

We are writing as leadership of the American Academy of Pediatrics to highlight the courage of the young survivors of the school shooting and massacre at Marjor Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. In the face of the senseless loss of 17 fellow students and teachers and the stunning statistic that this is the eighteenth school shooting in 2018 (the equivalent of one every two and a half days so far this year) these young people, who are not old enough to vote are speaking out. They are demanding bold and timely action. As Cameron Kasky a junior at the school stated, " People say it's too early to talk about it. If you ask me, it's way too late."

Colleen Kraft, the President of the American Academy of Pediatrics said in response to the tragedy, "We can start by working to advance meaningful legislation that keeps children safe. The American Academy of Pediatrics advocates for stronger state and federal gun laws that protect children, including a ban on assault weapons like the one used in yesterday's school shooting. We also call for stronger background checks, solutions addressing firearm trafficking, and encouraging safe firearm storage. We will also continue to work to ensure that children and their families have access to appropriate mental health services, particularly to address the effects of exposure to violence."

Although these mass shootings command our attention, our children remain at risk daily for suicide, homicide, and unintentional injury because of the current policy regarding access to guns in the United States. Gun violence is a public health threat to children, and one the American Academy of Pediatrics will continue to take on, in state capitals across the country and in the halls of Congress. Parents across the United States send their children to school every day, and hope and trust they will be safe. As long as children continue to be injured and killed by guns in this country, pediatricians will not rest in our pursuit to keep them safe."

We implore our state leaders to be bold and quick and as courageous as these young survivors to keep Hoosier children and youth safe in their schools and their communities.



Gun Safety and Pediatrics

INAAP's next in-person meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 pm. The March meeting will focus on the intersection of gun safety and pediatrics, and will feature two exciting speakers. Leslie Hulvershorn, MD, M.Sc., will talk about adolescent depression and personality disorders, and Laura Walls, MD will discuss the intersection

of gun safety and the practice of pediatrics. Dr. Walls will also give an overview of the Be S.M.A.R.T. program which promotes common sense gun safety in the home.

If you are interested in attending the March meeting, use the button below to RSVP today!

[RSVP](#)
[March Meeting](#)

Upcoming INAAP Meetings

There are several upcoming meetings for those who want to learn more about INAAP's efforts, or who are looking to get more involved.

Our next in-person meeting will be Wednesday, March 21st. Dinner is provided at our in-person meetings, so please RSVP using the button above by March 20th if you plan to attend.

If you haven't been involved in one of our child-health committees before due to distance or the timing of the meetings, now is the perfect time to join! Information on the three committees is below:



INAAP General Meeting (In Person)

Held at the Joseph Maley Foundation
7128 Lakeview Pkwy W Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46268
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 21st at 6:00 pm**

Early Brain & Childhood Development (teleconference)

Chair: Katie Swec, MD, FAAP, kathleenswec@gmail.com (chair)
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, February 20th at 12:10 pm**

Perinatal and Infant Mortality (teleconference)

Pat Clements, MD, FAAP, pclement@indiana.edu (chair)
Next Meeting: **Thursday, April 19th at 12:00 pm**

Preventive Health (teleconference)

Rick Reifenberg, MD, FAAP, rreifemb@IUHealth.org (co-chair)
Cynthia Robbins, MD, MS, FAAP cyrobbin@iu.edu (co-chair)
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm**

Teleconference Information for all committees will be the same, and is included below. If you want to learn more about the work being done by each committee, feel free to call and listen in! You can use either your computer (with mic and speakers) or your phone.

Teleconference Information:

Using a computer: <https://www.uberconference.com/inaap>
Using a phone: Dial-in number: 857-216-4676, PIN: 52460

**Join Us on Workplace - A Place for
INAAP Members to Collaborate**

INAAP recently implemented "Workplace," a communication and collaboration platform produced by Facebook. The platform allows members to share thoughts, questions, documents, and other information quickly and easily.

Only INAAP members are permitted to join, so Workplace is the perfect place to bounce ideas off of other pediatricians and nurse practitioners throughout the state. Having those questions and collaborations stored in a central place will also serve as a resource to new members.

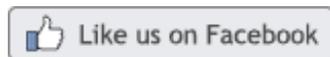
We highly encourage INAAP members to join. The platform will be more effective the more members we have involved. If you are interested in joining Workplace, contact Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org. He will send you an invitation and get you set up!



Reminder on the Importance of Social Media

INAAP has made a concerted effort to increase the quality and scope of its social media messaging. We are now posting a variety of information for both practitioners and families on a daily basis. INAAP currently utilizes both Facebook and Twitter, but needs your help to spread our message. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to use the links at the bottom of this article to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. The more followers we have, the more effective we can be at spreading our message.

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