

September 24, 2007

Dear Colleagues,

Of behalf of the leadership of the APACVS, we thank you for your continued support and participation in our professional organization!

It is because of you as a member of the *Association of Physician Assistants in CardioVascular Surgery*, that we have established ourselves as the premier professional organization of the Physician Assistant profession today. Like all professional organizations, the two most important elements of growth and success are increasing membership and improving our financial resources while continuing to provide useful and valuable services to our members.

Beginning, October 1, 2007, the APACVS is offering a new level of membership recognition called the "APACVS Ambassador". To become an "Ambassador", you must be a current active member of APACVS and recruit at least one non-member to join our organization. As an Ambassador, you will be entitled to the following:

- A 50% discount on your 2009 annual dues
- A 10% discount on your registration fee to either of the two educational conferences in 2008. This discount is not offered for registration at Certificate of Completion Courses.
- Application fee waived for your "Fellow" professional recognition when submitted by December 31, 2008.
- Invitation to a special recognition reception at the January 2008 Winter Conference honoring APACVS Ambassadors
- Recognition on your meeting nametag designating you as a member of the "APACVS Ambassador's Circle" acknowledging your hard work and commitment to the APACVS.

Remind your peers of our great membership benefits including:

- Quarterly issues of *CardioVision*, your specialty journal
- Annual Salary & Benefits brochure
- Reduced registration for both Annual Clinical Meetings and the option to register concurrently for APACVS and STS in January
- Hands-on technical workshops
- Reduced subscription to the *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*
- Reduced registration for the Certificate of Completion Workshops

Help us reach our goal of 2008 by obtaining 90% membership of all Physician Assistants practicing in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery becoming members of the APACVS.

Sincerely,



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