

NAAMA Newsletter



September, 2018

- NAAMA thanks all those who attended and participated in making the association's 40th Annual Medical Convention a big success.
- More than 200 members attended the convention
- 39 abstracts were submitted.
- High caliber speakers and panelists participated.
- The convention was a great opportunity to reintroduce NAAMA NextGen.



President's Perspective

Rouba Ali-Fehmi, MD

Honoring the Past, Embracing the future

NAAMA is unique in many ways. In this day and age, NAAMA is more relevant than any other time before. Our roots go deep. We are uniting, all inclusive, we are the only national society representing all Arab American healthcare professionals. Our mission is professional, cultural, educational, philanthropic and service oriented. As we look back we cannot but admire the hard work and drive our past leaders have put into building this organization, we are also reminded that our future is here. We have a rich history and tradition and the future is ours to make, that's our promise to the next generation of Arab-American healthcare professionals and to our community at large.



NAAMA is paving the way into the future to provide a platform for the new generations to bring ideas to carry on the vision of the association

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**NAAMA 40th National Convention
September 1-3, 2018
Detroit, Michigan**

Honoring The Past



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—PHOTOGRAPHY—

14 Former NAAMA National Presidents attended the convention. NAAMA is the story we cherish, and we promise to continue to energize the Association with the wisdom and invaluable experience of its lifelong members.



Dr. Kamal Batniji, the first president of NAAMA, 1981, receiving his award.



Lifetime Achievement Award
Dr. Rashid Bashshur

Dr. Bashshur was The catalyst for the development of Telemedicine around the globe. In 1967 He founded a national organization called the Arab American University Graduate.

The NAAMA 40th National Convention encompasses both professional development for health care providers and professionals through CME seminars, lectures, networking, and community engagement.

Multiple high caliber speakers participated in the convention. On the first day of the convention, Dr. Sonia Hasan, Dr. Renee Branch Canady and Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha discussed Women and Leadership: Obstacles and Solutions



39 Abstracts were accepted by the scientific committee. 6 of the best abstracts submitted were from NAAMA NextGen.



The organizing committee led by Dr. Ali Dabaja and Dr. Ali Alhousseini lined up a wonderful scientific program with the help of several NextGen members.



The highlight of the convention was the panel discussion about the Future of NAAMA with Drs. Fouad Batah, Hassan Fehmi, Nabil Khoury and NextGen member Karim Dirani. The session was moderated by Dr. Heidi Kromrei. 225 NAAMA members answered a survey before the convention. After group discussions, NAAMA members shared ideas and plans for the future, and different generations of NAAMA expressed their preparedness to work on the upcoming projects.



Dr. Ali-Fehmi, NAAMA National President with Dr. Abdul El-Sayed, the former candidate for Governor of Michigan. Dr. El-Sayed, and Ms. Fayrouz Saad, the former candidate for the U.S. House Of Representatives, highlighted the importance of civic engagement for Arab Americans based on their personal experiences, followed by an active discussion about the role and duties of the Arab community in the American society. The session was moderated by Dr. Mouhanad Hammami.



More than 400 guests attended the Convention Grand Gala and 130 attended the Foundation Gala.



Embracing The Future

NAAMA NextGen

NextGen is an incubator within NAAMA that is geared toward promoting the career of doctors in training, undergrads, and graduate students.



NAAMA NextGen Activities



NAAMA NextGen received a grant to study obesity in the Arab American community. The project contains an educational arm that aims to promote healthy lifestyle. **NAAMA's Got Health?** was the first event, where people gathered to participate in multiple activities, in addition to checking their BMI and receiving educational flyers. Our gratitude to the amazing student volunteers who planned and executed this great event.



Karmanos Health Awareness day was a great success
August 2018



ACCESS Back To School Health Fair
August 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS



NAAMA's 31st international Medical Convention

December 27 2018, January 1, 2019

Cairo, Egypt

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