



From Your National Officers

October 31, 2016

Greetings! We want to thank many of you for your welcome, your kind words, and your offer of support as we assumed office earlier this month. We are honored to be placed in your trust to lead NAPA for the next two years and we pledge that we will serve our organization faithfully as your board.

We hosted an initial National Officers meeting on Oct. 19 to begin the transfer of duties and to discuss the strategy and work plan for our term. Thank you, **Annabelle Flores**, for providing a thorough hand-off and for committing to a smooth transition. We are also lucky that, according to our Constitution and Bylaws, we will continue to benefit from the experience of our outgoing president, **Kevin Le**, as a member of the Executive Board. **Kevin, Annabelle**, and outgoing treasurer **Thong Vu** helmed our organization for two years (along with **Kelley Wong**, who was re-elected Secretary for our term) while performing in their FAA roles and also serving in other professional and personal commitments. We want to acknowledge the time and energy they volunteered on behalf of NAPA and honor their legacy with our own commitment to you and your organization.

Your new President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are remarkably like-minded in what we think our near-term priorities are: We will reach out to our members soon to hear your feedback before we complete development of our strategy for the term. We will organize opportunities to learn from each other and from other professionals so we can grow our knowledge and network. We will keep the communication channels open.

Although we want to hit the ground running, the reality is it takes time to get on distribution lists, develop contacts, and adjust schedules. In these last two weeks, with the support of outgoing officers, we've been introduced and reintroduced to long-standing partners and have participated in building relationships that enhance our mission. We supported the National Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees with Disabilities' ceremony to mark the National Disability Employment Awareness Month and also attended the National Employee Forum and the Leadership and Career Development monthly meetings last week. We are planning our Installation Ceremony and will hold a general membership meeting in this quarter – details soon.

We want to end this message with some sad news. We learned that Steve Ng, a retired FAA employee and brother of Peter Ng, NAPA supporter extraordinaire (who also is an FAA retiree), passed away recently in the Boston area. We contributed a small donation in Steve's memory to the South Cove Community Health Center, and sent flowers and a note to his family on behalf of our organization. If you would like to send your personal message, you may contact us for address information or [view Steve's online memorial](#) for details.

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