

SEPTEMBER 2021

# NAAMA Newsletter



## A message from the President

Dear NAAMA Colleagues,  
Thank you to all who participated and supported our National Convention in Irvine, California.  
I have received overwhelming comments of satisfaction and gratitude.  
I hope this positive energy will carry on and enhance our collective efforts going forward to bring our organization to a higher level.  
Please remember to stay **engaged** by visiting our [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts and our [YouTube Channel](#).



God bless you all.

*Sincerely,*

*Imad Shbeeb, MD, FASCRS  
NAAMA President*

## NAAMA 43<sup>rd</sup> National Medical Convention

Sep 3-5, 2021, Irvine CA

The 2-Day Convention was a great success; it was attended by 104 medical professionals in addition to a strong presence by NAAMA Nextgen. 27 speakers representing variable medical disciplines presented 22 lectures covering the convention theme “Life After COVID” in addition to 13 posters by NextGen. The high attendance of the 3 social events emphasized that NAAMA is not only a professional medical society, it also represents an important community component to its members. We send our gratitude to our generous sponsors and all the participants for making this convention possible after the challenges we all faced, and still facing, due to the coronavirus. For the convention’s presentations, photos, and CME, visit our website [www.naama.com](http://www.naama.com).

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## Delegates Meeting Brief

12 chapters were represented at the Delegates Meeting on Sep 5, 2021. The delegates voted and approved the following items:

- Postpone The International Convention in Morocco till December 2022.
- Hold a symposium over the summer of 2022 in Turkey.
- The 2022 National Convention will be in New Jersey over the Labor Day Weekend in September, with both New York and New Jersey chapter collaborating to execute it.
- The membership renewal will be during the month of January of each year.
- The membership will be auto renewed unless the member sends a written or an electronic decline notice to the national office before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## Elections, Term 2022-2023

The election will take place electronically; a secure link will be emailed to active members to vote on the following positions:

### NOMINATIONS 2022-2023

#### NAAMA Executive Committee- three open positions

Vice President, *Term 2022 only*

- Nahidh Hasaniya, MD, PHD                      Los Angeles, California Chapter
- Dania Maseoud, MD                              Georgia Chapter

Secretary

- Raed Al-Naser, MD                              San Diego, California Chapter
- Leila Hajjar, MD                                Michigan Chapter

Treasurer

- Amal Al-Shrouf, MD                            New Jersey Chapter
- Tawfik Hadaya, MD                            Los Angeles, California Chapter

#### NAAMA Foundation Board of Trustees

**Three open positions**

- Mahmoud Aqel, MD                            New Jersey Chapter
- Mouhanad Hammami, MD                   Michigan Chapter
- Khawla Suleiman Qafiti, MD              San Diego, California Chapter

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- Omar Lattouf, MD PhD                      New York Chapter
- Nabil Houry, MD                              Michigan Chapter
- Hassan Fehmi, MD                            Michigan Chapter

**Upcoming Events:**  
*Save the date, details to follow.*

- NAAMA International Symposium, Turkey, summer 2022.
- NAAMA 44<sup>th</sup> National Medical Convention, New Jersey, Sep 2022.
- NAAMA 32<sup>nd</sup> International Medical Convention, Morocco, December 2022.

**NAAMA 43<sup>rd</sup> National Medical Convention Highlights**







[Click here](#) for the full Gala album.

## Arab American Café episode about NAAMA

Check out [Sep 15<sup>th</sup> episode of Arab American Café](#), a podcast by Drs. Hassan Fehmi and Mouhanad Hammami. The episode talks about NAAMA, the largest and the only Pan-Arab professional medical organization in the US, its roots, guiding principles, and its accomplishments both in and outside the country. [Listen to the episode](#).

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