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Dear ATA Board of Directors,

Welcome to the new governance year for the ATA! Thank you for your participation in the 'doodle' survey of your available times.

Chairman of the Board, John Morris, and I want to let you know that our first Board conference call will be at 4:00 pm Eastern Time on Thursday, December 15. We will strive to keep the Board call to an hour and we would appreciate having the Board call on your calendar for the year ahead. Please email me your agenda items a week before the call. We rotate reports from board liaisons to all committees and that schedule will be developed as you volunteer for your assignment. I will be sending you a committee list to review in the next couple of weeks.

The Board agenda and documentation is posted online in the web-based project management software called WorkZone. If you are new to the board, you should have received an email with your login and web link recently. Save the web link to your favorites on your work and home computers for easy access.

Conflict of Interest disclosure and Board conduct agreement are attached. Please complete and fax or email back to me. Each month the updated COI will be posted to the Board documents on WorkZone for your comment or changes.

Each board member has one or more committees that you serve as liaison to -- the President, Jim Fagin, can assign you or you may send me your preference for your assignments. Committee members continue to be invited to serve so those names may change but you will see on WorkZone for the December conference call a list of current committee members.

The ATA executive committee consists of the President, President-elect, Secretary/COO, Treasurer, Past President and the Executive Director. We meet twice a month by conference call. If any Board member has issues that should be reviewed/discussed by the Executive Committee please submit to me or John to put on the agenda.

On the ATA website www.thyroid.org there is a member services link (which requires your usual member log-in and password – not to be confused with your WorkZone email login and 'firstname'). Board Resources will be updated over the next few weeks.

Dates for your calendar in 2012:

- Monthly conference calls: For the call please dial into the Conference number: (866) 576-7975 Participant access code: 734045#
- Winter Board & Strategic Planning Meeting – TBD - February (17-19 or 24-26) or March (2-4) 2012
- ATA Board Meeting held during The Endocrine Society meeting, Houston, Texas – Sunday, 24th or Monday, 25th of June 2012
- 82nd Annual Meeting in Quebec City, PQ, Canada, 19-23 September 2012
- ATA Board meeting – Wednesday, September 19, 2012 10:30 am – 3 pm
- ATA Annual Business Meeting – Thursday, September 20, 2012 6:00 – 7:00 pm

In addition to the monthly board calls, we correspond by email for the most part and ATA staff is on call for any assistance you might need throughout the year.

Please take some time to review the information on the ATA website www.thyroid.org. Our most visited pages by the public are on patient resources <http://www.thyroid.org/patients/index.html>. The Fellows' Corner can be accessed by all ATA members through the Members only page (after you log-in). Support mechanisms for the ATA <http://www.thyroid.org/support/index.html?Action=GC&CID=723> draw interest from the public and contain crucial information for all online donors. Let us know how we can improve our appeal to our primary constituencies: the public, patients, health care professionals, physicians and our members.

Speaking for the ATA staff, Adonia, Sharleene, Shirlyn and Kelly, I invite you to call us with any questions or feedback. We look forward to working with you this year. It promises to be a busy and productive one!

Best regards,



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