

## CBA E-Bulletin (June 17):

Subject: Church Benefits Association Update

CBA continues to keep you informed on the latest association and industry happenings:

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Mark your calendars for the 2004 CBA Annual Meeting, November 30- December 2 at the Hilton Palacio del Rio in San Antonio, Texas. Join us as we focus on “The Stewardship of Health & Wholeness”. This is an excellent opportunity to participate in valuable workshops and informational presentations as well as network with new and old friends. Program content covers information beneficial to all attendees. Look for more detailed information coming soon and visit [www.ChurchBenefitsAssociation.org](http://www.ChurchBenefitsAssociation.org) for the most up-to-date information and tentative program at a glance.

### **HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The CBA Health Benefits Committee hosted an informative meeting in May. There were 37 attendees representing 20 denominations. Monday highlights included a workshop with Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield regarding the *CBA Highmark PPO arrangements*, and discussion on *Pharmacy Coalition, Disease Management* presentation and *Health Savings Account* presentation by Towers Perrin.

Tuesday’s session, *Medicare Pharmacy Benefit*, was presented by Towers Perrin and focused on plan design, administration, financial and other issues relating to complying with the new Medicare pharmacy benefit.

All were in agreement the meeting provided excellent discussions regarding the challenges they all face in keeping their respective health plans affordable and in conforming their plans to the new Medicare pharmacy benefit.

The next meeting will be November 30 in San Antonio, Texas during the annual meeting.

### **CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICERS SPRING MEETING**

The Chief Investment Officers for the CBA Investment topical committee held its spring meeting at the offices of the Church Pension Fund in New York on Monday, May 3. Eleven investment officers represented seven member funds.

The group discussed various topics including: functioning of investment committees, capital market assumptions, alternative investments, use of investment consultants, risk budgeting, potential collaboration on future investments, and assembling a panel for the Investment Topical section at the fall Church Benefits Association meeting.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

*Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church*

*The Salvation Army*

*Cooperative Baptist Fellowship*

The CBA Executive Committee temporarily approved these organizations for membership. They will be presented for formal approval at the annual business meeting in San Antonio.

## **WWW.CHURCHBENEFITSASSOCIATION.ORG**

CBA's new website, [www.ChurchBenefitsAssociation.org](http://www.ChurchBenefitsAssociation.org) is now LIVE! The site is the number one resource for the most up-to-date association and industry happenings. Even in its early stages, you'll find:

Important annual meeting information

Complete membership information including benefits and an application

Association history

And more

*Coming Soon:*

Members Only section

Links to members

Recent news section

*Special thanks* to the website committee for their contributions to its development:

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Marilee Tangen - ELCA

In addition, thank you to Amy Duong of the ELCA as it was her concept that was used for the CBA logo.

As this is a new endeavor for the association we welcome any suggestions, comments or ideas you may have towards improving the new site. If you would like to see something included, let us know!

## **FROM CBA HEADQUARTERS**

Keep an eye out for the statistical surveys coming soon. If you have any questions on your membership, benefits, etc, please contact national headquarters at: 17000 Commerce Parkway, Suite C, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054; phone: 856-439-0500; fax: 856-439-0525; email: [cba@ahint.com](mailto:cba@ahint.com) or visit [www.ChurchBenefitsAssociation.org](http://www.ChurchBenefitsAssociation.org)