



Background Information about EAPA

The Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) is the world's largest, oldest, and most respected membership organization for employee assistance professionals. With members in over 40 countries around the globe, EAPA is the world's most relied upon source of information and support for and about the employee assistance profession. EAPA publishes the *Journal of Employee Assistance*, hosts the Annual World EAP Conference, and offers training and other resources to fulfill its mission. EAPA's mission is to promote the highest standards of EA practice and the continuing development of employee assistance professionals, programs and services.

This Association began in the Spring 1971 as documented by the attached letter to A. J. Sullivan. And was called ALMACA. As the field evolved beyond a focus mainly on alcohol issues, it moved into a phase called the Broad Brush Movement. Sometime in the late 1980s... the name of the association was changed to the Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) to punctuate the move to a broader focus of issues. In addition the association's magazines changed names from *The Almacan*; *The EA Exchange* and currently to the *Journal of Employee Assistance* in order to keep adherence to the current focus of the field.

Attached are the names of the various presidents of this association for the field who greatly helped professionals stay on track and provide needed support as required. We owe a great deal of thanks to each one of them for their time, perseverance and patience.

ALMACA / EAPA PRESIDENTS

1971 - 2018

1971-1974 - Frank Huddleston

1974-1976 - A.J. "Sully" Sullivan

1976-1978 - Paul A. Sherman

1978-1980 - James Francek

1980-1982 - Ed Small

1982-1984 - Thomas P. O'Conner

1984-1986 - John J. "Jack" Hennessy

1986-1988 - Gary Atkins*

1988-1990 - Thomas Pasco

1990-1992 - Daniel Lanier

1992-1994 - Sandra Turner

1994-1996 - George Cobbs*

1996-1998 - Don Magruder

1998-2000 - Greg DeLapp

2000-2002 - Linda Sturdivant

2002-2004 - Don Jorgensen

2004-2006 - Dotty Blum

2006-2008 - Mickey McKay

2008-2010 - Dave Worster

2010-2012 - Jeff Christie

2012-2014 - Steve Haught

2014-2016 - Lucy Henry

2016-2018 - Tamara Cagney