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Greetings to all FAPPS members. I am sitting in the Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel & Yacht Club waiting for my return to Tallahassee tomorrow morning. We finished the Quarterly board meeting earlier than expected, so I have the next 18 hours alone to write this message and enjoy the view.

Thinking about the many chores at home awaiting my arrival reminded me to write an update of today's meeting. Thanks for your indulgence in listening. Our meeting was positive, as we reaffirmed our goal to promote FAPPS and its members. There is a professional getaway scheduled in Melbourne August 18-19. Please mark it on your calendar. We have a special guest speaker giving information on New York Process serving. Time will also be devoted to E-filing/E-service as it is alive and growing.

President Diana Wardwell, Denny Howley, myself, and others are working diligently to ensure we have an exciting Educational Program lined up for our next annual meeting. Your input is invited and most welcome. Call or email us with your suggestions.

I also believe it would be appropriate to include my report. I have challenged the board and encourage each of you to accept it as well:

As I embark upon my second year as the Vice President of FAPPS, I want to thank you for the honor of working with all of you last year. We had many challenges, primarily working amidst the hurricanes. Hopefully this year the weather will not prove to be our biggest concern.

We have made education a primary goal for FAPPS this year. With help from each of you, we hope to have a quality Process Server Educational Program (PSEP). I am challenging each board member with the following tasks:

1. Introduce two new members to FAPPS this year
2. Call 5 FAPPS members and promote next year's conference and networking opportunities. Let's reach out and mentor new members to help them get involved.

The board voted to conduct a membership contest again this year. Any applicant that you refer to the Association that places your name on the referred by line will enter you in the contest. The contest runs from July 1, 2006 through March 1, 2007. The winner will have their choice of prize. (a) Full convention registration or (b) Full Page Advertisement in the Convention Program and the April Newsletter. Justin Petrae our Administrator will keep a running count of the contest and keep us advised.

In summary, if we work together, this year we will see a continuing growth in FAPPS membership, as we expand our presence throughout this state. With your input, the opportunity for professional growth through educational conferences will be outstanding. Continue to support FAPPS and its leadership through positive feedback and commitment.

Mike Compton
FAPPS Vice President