

**OUTGOING REMARKS**  
**2010-2011 ALABAMA DIVISION PRESIDENT**  
**BRENDA FISCHER, CPS/CAP**

Good evening and welcome to the close of the **Passion & Purpose** year of the Alabama Division of IAAP. I want to thank each and every one of you for joining us this evening. I hope all of you have been able to stay cool enough this past week. It seems Mother Nature just keeps throwing surprises at us.

Like many of our neighbors and friends in Alabama, events of April 27<sup>th</sup> altered our lives and plans. We are fortunate that our Alabama IAAP family did not have any fatalities as a result of the tornados that devastated our state. Two of our members did lose their homes and some had minor damage. We know these members are facing challenges even today.

When planning for the 59<sup>th</sup> Alabama Division Annual Meeting, the cool serene mountains was our destination. April 27<sup>th</sup> changed that. However, due to the hard work of the Meeting Committee and their **Passion** for IAAP, the **Purpose** of the 59<sup>th</sup> Alabama Division Annual Meeting is being realized. I want to thank the committee and everyone at the Radisson for making this possible.

My journey, since joining IAAP, has been one I will always cherish. I have always had a **Passion** for the administrative field; and I realized early on in my professional career that my **Purpose** was to be the best support person I could be. However, it wasn't until I joined the Birmingham Chapter of IAAP that I realized there were other professionals like me. I had found my professional home.

The **Purpose**/Mission of IAAP is enhancing the success of career minded administrative professionals by providing opportunities for growth through education, community building and leadership development. However, to realize this it takes the active support of the members. We will only get out of IAAP what we are willing to put into it.

I found the best way to learn about IAAP (PSI at the time) was to be an active member. I remember my first job for the Birmingham Chapter. I was a member of the committee responsible for the Office Expo at our seminar. I believe it was my "excellent table set-up skills" that brought me to the attention of the Chapter Board. Their **Purpose** became – recruit Brenda for the board. It really wasn't that hard for them to do. I like the members and was rapidly making new friends.

The rest is "history." The more I learned and participated, the more I grew.

I have enjoyed the opportunities afforded me as a member of IAAP. My **Purpose** as a leader in IAAP has always been to educate and encourage the members. I appreciate the opportunity I have had to interact with and learn from the members.

As I hand over the leadership of the Alabama Division this evening, my hope is that through the past couple of years I have been able to pass on to you, the members a **Passion** for IAAP.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to you, the members of the Alabama Division of IAAP.

I wish for all of you continued membership in IAAP and the hope that you will receive as much from it as I have.