



APS Foundation of America, Inc.

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2005 Year in Review

(These are in no particular order.)

- ◆ Obtained a grant from Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation to create the Non Profit, APS Foundation of America, Inc.
- ◆ Incorporated the APS Foundation of America, Inc on June 9, 2005.
- ◆ Created brochures & booklets for the general public.
- ◆ Created & submitted all required legal documents and applications.
- ◆ Organized our Board of Directors.
- ◆ 501(c)3 Non Profit Status with advanced ruling on Public Charity Status applied for through the IRS with expedition on December 2, 2005.
- ◆ Filed Taxes.
- ◆ Registered to solicit in the states we were required to do so.
- ◆ Became a foreign corporation in three other states.
- ◆ Granted tax-exempt status in the State of Wisconsin.
- ◆ Made all brochure & booklets that have bibliographies available.
- ◆ Established a Medical Advisory Team.
- ◆ Started networking with other Non-Profit Organizations and medical professionals.
- ◆ Created our formal webpage <http://www.apsfa.org> using our previous <http://www.apsinformation.com> page as a stepping stone.
- ◆ Moved the support forum from Dephi Forums to WOWbb to make it more user friendly.
- ◆ Approached by TLC: Mystery Diagnosis to do a segment on Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome and accepted their contract.
- ◆ Mystery Diagnosis went into production in December. Unknown when the airdate will be at this time.

Recommendations:

- ◆ Continue to move forward building the APS Foundation of America, Inc.
- ◆ Add more medical directors to the team.
- ◆ Start fundraising.
- ◆ Apply for more grants.
- ◆ Have more collaborations with other organizations (both lay & professional).
- ◆ Start writing a quarterly newsletter.

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As of 12/31/2005 the Board of Directors are:

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Our Mission Statement

Founded in June 2005, the APS Foundation of America, Inc. is dedicated to fostering and facilitating joint efforts in the areas of education, support, public awareness, research and patient services in an effective and ethical manner.

Our Goals

- To offer understanding and support to individuals, family, friends and care givers of people with Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome
- To offer information and education on Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome and the disabilities it can cause
- To support research regarding Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome by keeping the latest information available and referring people to such agencies who do research
- To raise funds to provide information and education through public donations, grants, fundraisers, sponsorships and bequests
- To bring national focus on Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome in the United States.

The APS Foundation of America, Inc. is the only United States nonprofit health agency dedicated specifically to bringing national awareness to Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome (APS), the major cause of multiple miscarriages, thrombosis, and young strokes and heart attacks. We are a volunteer-run, community-based, non-profit organization.

Women are more likely than men to be affected by APS. Some estimates say that 75% to 90% of those affected are women. For example, it has been estimated by some doctors that one third of all of young strokes (defined as under the age of 50) are due to APS.

In obstetrics it is estimated by some doctors that up to 25% of all women with 2 or more spontaneous miscarriages have APS. Some doctors believe that 1 in 5 of all Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVTs), Pulmonary Embolisms (PEs), and even worse, amputations are due to APS. And it is believed that 40-50% of patients with Lupus also have APS. Still, with these statistics, APS rarely is discussed as a women's health issue and is misdiagnosed often. Therefore the total number of people affected and true statistics are unknown really.

Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome (APS) is an autoimmune disorder in which the body recognizes certain normal components of blood and/or cell membranes as foreign substances and produces antibodies against them. There are two known forms of APS. APS may occur in people with systemic lupus erythematosus, other autoimmune disease, or in otherwise healthy individuals. Sadly, when most people hear about APS and it being referred to as autoimmune disease, they incorrectly confuse the terms autoimmune with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); or they think this is a form of cancer.

This lack of knowledge and awareness results in needless suffering for persons with APS. Misdiagnosis and / or delayed diagnosis usually result in damage to vital organs. The need to bring a national attention to APS as a common factor in multiple miscarriages, thrombosis, young strokes and heart attacks is vital in order to bring a joint effort to research, funding, early detection, and eventually, prevention and cure for APS.

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Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2005

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Associated Bank	343.86
Total Bank Accounts	\$343.86
Other Current Assets	
In Kind Donations	0.00
Inventory	0.00
Pens	50.22
Pins	16.66
Postcards	25.34
Total Inventory	92.22
Prepaid Expenses	0.00
Minimum Balance	100.00
Total Prepaid Expenses	100.00
Undeposited Funds	35.70
Total Other Current Assets	\$227.92
Total Current Assets	\$571.78
Fixed Assets	
Software	99.99
Software - Acc'd Depreciation	-17.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$82.99
TOTAL ASSETS	\$654.77
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	0.00
Net Income	654.77
Total Equity	\$654.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$654.77

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