



Final Report of the 2001-2002 Bylaws and Policy Development Committee

Introduction

The AACCP Bylaws direct the Bylaws and Policy Development Committee to ensure that resolutions, position papers, and similar proposals to the House of Delegates that seek to establish Association policy or action are made appropriate to and ready for consideration by the House. The Committee is also charged with responsibility for receiving suggestions for alteration of the Association's Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws from any source, preparing appropriate amendments in suitable wording that is consistent with the current Bylaws, and for presenting such proposals, together with the Committee's recommendations, to the House of Delegates for consideration.

A. RESOLUTIONS

To date the Committee has received three resolutions from the AACCP Board of Directors, one resolution from individuals, one resolution from the Section of Teachers of Chemistry, one resolution from the Professional Affairs Committee, and two proposed changes to the Association's Bylaws.

The Board of Directors voted to forward the following resolutions to the Committee at its meeting on February 28 – March 1, 2002.

Board of Directors Resolution # 1:

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Inc. provide for regular institutional membership for institutions with degree programs accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE); and

WHEREAS, the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy has been granted precandidate status by ACPE, and has requested regular institutional membership in AACCP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy be received into regular institutional membership in AACCP.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.

Board of Directors Resolution # 2:

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Inc. provide for affiliate institutional membership; and

WHEREAS, the Wingate University requested affiliate institutional membership in AACP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wingate University be received into affiliate institutional membership in AACP.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.

The Board of Directors voted to forward the following resolution to the Committee at its meeting on July 11 – 12, 2002.

Board of Directors Resolution # 3:

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Inc. provide for affiliate institutional membership; and

WHEREAS, the South University School of Pharmacy requested affiliate institutional membership in AACP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South University School of Pharmacy be received into affiliate institutional membership in AACP.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.

The following resolution was submitted on July 15, 2002, by individual members of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws.

WHEREAS, leadership development is a priority of the strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, strong leaders are needed in AACP, and

WHEREAS, a number of members are elected to officer positions without strong experience in organization leadership,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AACP schedule leadership programming on an annual basis for incoming officers of Sections and SIGs the day prior to the Interim Meeting.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee has referred this resolution to the AACP Board of Directors and no action is required by the House.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee offers the following substitute language for a resolution submitted on July 15, 2002, by the Section of Teachers of Chemistry.

WHEREAS, drug entities are organic or inorganic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, chemical structures are more useful for determining physical and chemical properties than molecular formulas; and

WHEREAS, ionization, salt properties, solubilities, functional group metabolism, and other chemical or biochemical properties of a particular drug molecule are most readily ascertained by examining the structure; and

WHEREAS, the structure-activity/structure-property classification can readily be determined by examining the structure of a particular drug molecule; and

WHEREAS, the pharmacological, biological activity and/or therapeutic activity of a particular drug are usually evident by examining the structure of the drug molecule;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AACP urge publishers of drug information (e.g., FDA, USP, APhA) and pharmaceutical manufacturers to include the structure of a drug molecule in the package insert and such other drug information media that is published for use by pharmacists and other health professionals as a clear and useful communication of the properties of the drug molecule. An exception to this would be those molecules which are large biopolymers that do not have a well defined structure.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee recommends adoption of this substitute resolution and I so move.

B. PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENTS

Regarding the Academic Affairs Committee report:

No proposed policy statements have been received by the Committee.

Regarding the Professional Affairs Committee report:

The Committee proposes the following policy statement in support of interprofessional and interdisciplinary education for adoption by the House of Delegates.

“The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy supports interdisciplinary and interprofessional education for health professions education.”

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee recommends adoption of this proposed policy statement.

Regarding the Research and Graduate Affairs Committee report:

No proposed policy statements have been received by the Committee.

Regarding the Argus Commission report:

No proposed policy statements have been received by the Commission.

C. ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Bylaws Change #1:

The Board of Directors proposed the following change to the Association’s Bylaws at its meeting on February 28 – March 1, 2002.

Article III. Section 1. Regular Institutional Members. Regular institutional membership shall be restricted to colleges or schools of pharmacy whose professional degree programs have been accredited

by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE); are accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, **New England Association of Schools and Colleges**, **North Central Association of Colleges and Schools**, Northwest Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities; or the Western Association of Schools and Colleges; are approved by their individual state higher education agency to deliver a degree-granting program; and which have the approval of the House of Delegates.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee has referred this proposed bylaws amendment back to the Board of Directors for further study of the impact that this revision would have on non-U.S. colleges and schools of pharmacy accredited by ACPE and potential financial transactions between for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. Therefore, no action is required by the House.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee proposes the following change to the Association Bylaws.

Bylaws Change #2:

Article V. Section 4. Academic Sections. The establishment of Academic Sections is approved by the Board of Directors based on the academic disciplines that comprise and support the profession of pharmacy. The Board of Directors will develop criteria for forming academic sections. Each Academic Section shall be composed of individual active, affiliate, associate, student, and emeritus members. The individual Academic Sections will focus their programs and activities on academic matters.

Article V. Section 6. Special Interest Groups. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are approved by the Board of Directors based on members' common interests related to their staff and/or academic responsibilities in a particular area of pharmaceutical education and on criteria developed by the Board. Special Interest Groups shall be composed of individual active, affiliate, associate, student, and emeritus members. Each SIG must have a statement that establishes the purpose of the SIG and clearly differentiates the group from existing Academic Sections and other SIGs.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee recommends adoption of this proposed Bylaws change.

Respectfully submitted,

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