

**Final Report of the 2015-16  
Bylaws and Policy Development Committee**  
(Reflecting actions taken by the HOD on July 27, 2016)

**Introduction**

The AACP Bylaws direct the Bylaws and Policy Development Committee (BPDC) to ensure that resolutions, position papers, and similar proposals to the House of Delegates that seek to establish Association policy or action are appropriate 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, 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.

This report contains seven adopted statements of policy, adopted amendments to the AACP Bylaws, the adopted 2016-19 AACP Strategic Plan, an adopted dues resolution, and one adopted item of emerging business.

**A. ADOPTED MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTIONS**

Three new schools were admitted into AACP membership on Sunday, July 24. They are High Point University, Larkin Health Sciences Institute and Marshall B. Ketchum University.

**B. ADOPTED POLICY STATEMENTS**

The AACP House of Delegates adopted the following statements:

**Policy Statement 1:** AACP encourages pharmacists in all practice settings to be a preceptor to contribute to the future of the profession and the evolving health care system. (Source: 2015-16 Professional Affairs Committee)

**Policy Statement 2:** AACP encourages members of the academy that use the traditional transactional model of experiential education (i.e., payment to an experiential preceptor/site per student per rotation) to transition to a model that reinvests experiential education resources to support the professional development/advancement of preceptors. (Source: 2015-16 Professional Affairs Committee)

**Policy Statement 3:** AACP will work with the colleges and schools of pharmacy to promote innovation and excellence in graduate education programs, including new and established programs, to provide graduate students and postdoctoral trainees with professional development skills and career guidance that best prepares them for success in a wide array of opportunities in the workforce. (Source: 2014-16 Research and Graduate Affairs Committee)

**Policy Statement 4:** AACP encourages member institutions to conduct regular external peer reviews and assessments of their graduate education programs, including masters, doctoral, and postdoctoral programs, in order to achieve and sustain excellence in research training. (Source: 2014-16 Research and Graduate Affairs Committee)

**Policy Statement 5:** AACP will work to foster training to prepare graduate students, postdoctoral trainees and new faculty for successful careers in academic pharmacy so they can contribute to both the education and research missions of the colleges and schools of pharmacy. (Source: 2014-16 Research and Graduate Affairs Committee)

**Policy Statement 6:** AACP urges colleges and schools of pharmacy to commit to actions aimed at reducing the public health threat from opioid abuse and heroin use by utilizing teaching, research and patient-centered, team-based care that includes, but is not limited to:

1. preparing every student to provide, administer, and educate on appropriate use of life-saving interventions to patients, as well as to individuals who may encounter those at risk of opiate overdose;
2. engaging in education outreach with other healthcare providers; and
3. providing continuing professional development to prepare practicing pharmacists to respond to requests for interventions that can reverse opioid overdose.

**Policy Statement 7:** AACP recognizes that a diverse student body, faculty, administration, and staff contribute to improvements in health equity and therefore encourages member institutions to develop faculty, staff, pharmacists and scientists whose background, perspectives, and experiences reflect the diverse communities they serve. (Source: 2015-17 Taskforce on Diversifying our Investment in Human Capital)

### **C. ADOPTED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

The AACP House of Delegates adopted the amendments to the AACP Bylaws as proposed.

### **D. ADOPTED 2016-2019 STRATEGIC PLAN**

The AACP House of Delegates adopted the 2016-2019 AACP Strategic Plan as proposed.

### **E. ADOPTED RESOLUTION**

The AACP House of Delegates adopted the following resolution:

#### **Resolution #1 – Institutional Dues**

**RESOLVED**, the institutional member dues for Associate and Regular Institutional Members be increased by \$2,000 from \$24,000 to \$26,000 in FY 2017 and by \$3,000 to a total of \$29,000 beginning in FY 2018;

Be it further **RESOLVED** that the FY17 and 18 dues increases shall be Board-designated specifically for implementation of the Association’s strategic plan adopted by the 2016 House of Delegates. (Source: AACP Board of Directors)

### **F. ADOPTED EMERGING BUSINESS**

The AACP House of Delegates adopted the following resolution:

#### **Resolution #1 – Global Collaborations**

AACP supports and encourages collaborative scholarship in the area of global health and international pharmacy education and practice. (Source: Global Pharmacy Education SIG)

Respectfully submitted,

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