

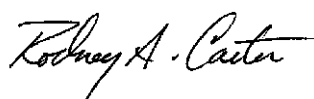
Dear AACP Delegates and Alternates:

The end of the Spring semester/quarter is in sight and that means that the policy statements and resolutions that you'll be considering at the House this summer in Boston are being finalized. You will be receiving your House of Delegates Bulletin at the end of the month which will contain the preliminary report of the ByLaws and Policy Development Committee (BPDC). This report will have important components that I'd like to highlight for you in this *Communiqué*.

First, the 2008-09 BPDC has been diligently reviewing all AACP policy statements from 1980 forward in order to "clean up" the policy manual assuring its continued relevance and improving its utility in guiding the Association. This clean up has consisted of reviewing all policies and earmarking them for one of the following actions: 1) **Archive**: if the policy is outdated, irrelevant in today's environment, or superceded by subsequent policy; 2) **Retain**: if the policy remains pertinent; or 3) **Modify**: if the intent of the policy remains pertinent but updating or modifying the language is necessary to clarify or redirect the policy in light of our new governance structure or other changes. You will be asked to vote on the BPDC's proposals for those policies in the Archive and Modify categories. Some of the policies marked as Modify may come with suggested changes in language; others may be directed to AACP units for reworking and submission to the House in 2010.

Second, the AACP Board at its March meeting, passed the following resolution: *AACP individual membership dues will be adjusted effective January 2010 to zero for full-time and part-time faculty and professional staff of AACP institutional members.* This resolution is the mechanism by which AACP would move to a new model of membership (what has been called "open membership") in an effort to better serve and represent all faculty and professional staff at our member institutions. Much discussion has occurred around this issue over the past two years. This discussion and the questions from members about this new membership model have generated a "Frequently Asked Questions" document that is attached to this *Communiqué*. Prepared by AACP staff, the FAQs should help clarify misconceptions and provide background information to help members understand this resolution and its implications. Questions 6 (AACCP culture), 8 (impact on institutional dues) and 14 (overall financial impact) on the FAQs have been areas of discussion that have arisen frequently. Another aspect of this new membership model that will be proposed by the Board in July for decision by the House in Boston is the way in which members will be enrolled: will it be via an opt-in or opt-out process? I hope you will raise these and the other questions in the FAQ sheet in conversations and discussions with your faculty so you can effectively represent them during discussions in the House in Boston.

Thank you in advance for your representation and participation in the AACP House. Don't hesitate to contact me or Speaker-elect John Pieper with questions about these or other issues or the processes of the House of Delegates. I look forward to seeing you in Boston in July!



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