

Dear AACP Delegates,

As we all start our fall classes, I want to thank all of you for your participation in and preparation for the House sessions at the Annual Meeting in Chicago in July and in advance for your efforts to serve as liaison between AACP and your faculty. It was evident that many of you had taken the opportunity to lead discussions among your faculties about the IPPE and open membership topics, bringing their thoughts and ideas to the House to enrich our deliberations. The results of our efforts are reflected in the HOD minutes which accompany this *Communiqué*. I'll highlight some of our actions a bit later. I would ask that each of you who had success engaging your faculty in considering issues before the Annual Meeting to e-mail me your successful process(es) and whether or not the materials sent to you assisted in this. If you didn't realize success, please let me know what else we might provide to you to enhance your future efforts in this regard. One other housekeeping note: if you are **not** going to serve as delegate to the 2010 House, please endeavor to have your college or school identify the new delegate(s) and pass this information on to the AACP Office as soon as possible. Early identification allows us to better inform and engage those that will serve next year. And please pass forward to these individuals any delegate information you receive.

At the Annual Meeting, the House passed 11 policy resolutions and referred two others to the Board for further study. The policy statement on IPPEs (see HOD minutes, p. 7, Policy Resolution #1) passed and the policy statement on open membership (p. 9, Policy Resolution #11) was referred to the Board. Topics addressed by other policy resolutions which were approved included: addressing biotechnology and personalized medicine content in our curricula and expertise in our faculty; assuring students and faculty have adequate preparation in health information technology and global healthcare; developing and supporting faculty in outcomes based and translational research and practice based research networks; and encouraging employers to develop and reward employees who serve as preceptors. The House also voted to increase Associate Member Institutional dues to the level of regular institutional dues and to refer to the Board a resolution calling for the development of a formal mentoring program for new faculty.

I would like to introduce our new (and AACP's first) Speaker-elect, John Pieper. John A. Pieper, Pharm.D., FCCP is Dean and Professor of the College of Pharmacy at the University of New Mexico. Immediately prior to this appointment, John was Professor and Chair of the Division of Pharmacotherapy at the School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina. He was a member for one year and chair for two years of the AACP Bylaws and Policy Development Committee from 2004-07. During this time, the committee conducted a comprehensive review of the organizational structure of AACP which led to House of Delegate approval for establishing the positions of Treasurer and Speaker of the House of Delegates and formation of a new standing committee on advocacy and Council of Sections. He has served as President of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and has represented academic pharmacy on the Council on Credentialing at the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, on the Pharmacy Education Advisory Committee at the National Association Chain Drug Stores and on the selection committee for Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Biomedical Sciences for the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education.

John's role as the first Speaker-Elect is to work closely with me in policy formation and discussions and to provide leadership to the Bylaws and Policy Development committee, who will be assessing existing association policies and developing a continuous process for policy review. He will also be working with me in coordinating policy formation with the new standing committee on advocacy and various committees and task forces. We will bring the issues to your attention as they emerge with the first such communication following the October meeting of the Board of Directors. In this October *Communiqué* I'll give you a prioritized list of issues that will continue to be studied and developed through our committees and at the Interim Meeting with a more specific list with discussion points coming to you in the late Spring.

Thanks again for your work to keep your faculties informed of the issues and efforts of AACCP and to reciprocally bring their thoughts and ideas to AACCP. I look forward to an exciting year!

Sincerely,

Rod Carter
Speaker of the House