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Dear Delegates:

I hope your spring term is moving smoothly as we all anxiously await the graduation of another class of students, prepared to enter the profession as competent, caring pharmacists. As promised, this edition of the *Communiqué* comes to you following the April 3-5 Board and Section Leaders' retreat. Its intent is to inform you of the issues that will come before the House during the Annual Meeting this July in Chicago and to charge you to act to engage your constituents in your schools and colleges in the deliberations surrounding these issues.

Two items that will need approval of the House that are fairly straight forward are: 1) resolutions granting institutional membership to schools recently achieving precandidate status from ACPE; and 2) changes to the By-Laws that clean up the language pertinent to the House-approved addition of the offices of Treasurer and Speaker, creation of the Council of Sections, and elimination of the Affiliate category of institutional membership.

There are three other substantive issues facing the Association; two of these will definitely come before the House. These issues are: a Board resolution advocating a considered, outcomes based approach to implementing IPPEs; and a proposition to move AACCP to an open membership model. The third issue relates to residency training issues which were referred last July to the Board of Directors for further study. More information on each of these issues is provided as attachments to this communication along with a request for your active engagement in the development of the right policies for AACCP.

As Speaker, I am calling each of you as delegates representing your institutions and faculties to engage your constituencies in consideration of these issues before the Annual Meeting. Background information on each of these issues plus discussion questions for your use in stimulating dialog around each are provided in the attachments. As your discussions generate questions and/or feedback (e.g., support or concerns) for each issue, please forward these to me at [hod@aacp.org](mailto:hod@aacp.org). Either I or someone else in your Association leadership or staff will work to answer the questions. The other feedback will be considered as the Board and other Association units finalize these issues for presentation to the House in July. Please – **engage your faculties**. The ideas you will generate will be critical in the thoughtful consideration of these issues by the House. Meaningful discussion and debate on the House floor must be predicated on serious dialog in each of our member schools and colleges.