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**AACP House of Delegates**  
*Speaker's Communiqué*  
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Greetings AACP Delegates! As I promised in my earlier e-mail, here is my first *Speaker's Communiqué* to keep you as delegates informed about the issues and actions of the Association. With the primary purpose for creating the office of Speaker being to energize and engage the House in the Association's policy decisions, each edition of the *Communiqué* will address the accountability of the Association to the House (follow-up on House actions), will outline emerging issues coming to the Association, and will inform delegates of other action items warranting members' attention. You will continue receiving the HOD Bulletins which will contain more administrative type information and reports for your attention. Please review the content and share/discuss with your colleagues.

Thanks in advance for your hard work,

Rod Carter, AACP Speaker of the House

**House of Delegates Follow-up/Board Report**

The AACP Board of Directors met in Washington, DC on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Beginning work to implement the actions of the 2007 House of Delegates constituted much of the agenda. (URL of draft House minutes). Here's a brief synopsis of the movement on those items:

- ▶ President Raehl and President-elect Yanchick will meet with the ACPE Board at their June 2008 meeting and discuss the position on faculty expertise put forward in the resolution from the Section of Teachers of Chemistry. The Board had a thoughtful discussion on this issue and will also meet with ACPE leaders in July at the AACP Annual Meeting. Further input into this discussion will come from the **Council of Faculties Task Force on Pharmaceutical Science and Research Education**.
- ▶ Upon direction by the House to consider the resolutions on residencies (residency being required for patient care by 2020 and the COD asking for a standing committee on residencies), the Board charged the Argus Commission to review these residency issues as part of their 2007-08 charges.

- ▶ The By-Laws and Policy Development Committee is moving to craft the necessary By-Laws changes to implement the structure and governance changes approved by the House. These will be presented to the House and brought for a vote at the July 2008 Annual Meeting.

### **Emerging Issue: Open Membership**

A question facing AACP and likely coming before the House at the 2008 Annual Meeting is whether the Association should move to an open membership model. A process for framing an issue, designing a plan for addressing it, and obtaining input and opinions from the membership will be tested as we move toward a decision on open membership.

First, **information and background relative to the issue will be developed by staff**. For open membership this will include potential improvements in member services, other benefits to the Association and its members, necessary procedural and infrastructure changes, and financial implications.

Second, at appropriate forums, **the issue with background will be discussed with the membership** and appropriate constituencies. Open membership will be discussed at the CEO Deans' Retreat in December at the ASHP Midyear Clinical meeting and at the Town Hall meeting during the AACP Interim Meeting in February.

Questions arising from these discussions plus the benefits, background, etc. will be considered by the Board of Directors in the third step of the process. **The appropriate governance unit** (in this instance, the Board) **will forward a plan** from its April 2008 meeting to the By-Laws and Policy Development Committee.

Immediately following this Board meeting, the fourth part of the process begins: **delegates leading discussions on their home campuses** about open membership aided by talking points and/or discussion questions provided by the Speaker. With these local discussions, delegates should be well prepared for the deliberations of the House in July.

The open membership proposal should offer a good trial of the process to more actively engage delegates and the membership in policy decisions. Review of the movement of the issue to consideration by the House will provide valuable insight toward refinement and improvement for future issues.

### **Action Items:**

- ▶ The Labor, Health and Human Services bill still needs support to move through Congress following the Presidential veto. Please spread the word among your faculty to contact their legislators to support the needed funding for health and education programs. More info at: <http://capwiz.com/taacp/home/>
- ▶ Applications for AACP/AAAS Congressional Policy Fellows are due in February for the September 2008 to August 2009 cycle. Consider applying and/or

encourage your colleagues to apply. (see website for more information:  
[http://www.aacp.org/site/tertiary.asp?TRACKID=HBGTDN82AZHLMTYS8FC  
QZDLAPXN2FSSE&VID=2&CID=818&DID=6723](http://www.aacp.org/site/tertiary.asp?TRACKID=HBGTDN82AZHLMTYS8FCQZDLAPXN2FSSE&VID=2&CID=818&DID=6723) )