

## Speaker Communiqué – January 2011

Dear Colleagues:

The first half of the 2010-11 academic year has flown by and that means that the work of policy development within AACP is budding and about to blossom into the work of the 2011 House of Delegates. This Speaker Communiqué offers insights into some of the important work that is underway with two key committees – the Bylaws and Policy Development Committee and a special committee I appointed in July to review House Rules and Procedures.

Before summarizing the work of these committees, I would note that our current mailing list of delegates includes a) delegates who served in 2010 and will serve again in 2011, b) delegates who served in 2010 and will not serve in 2011 but whose replacements have not yet been appointed or communicated to AACP, and c) delegates newly appointed to the 2011 AACP House of Delegates. We need a current list of delegates who will serve in 2011. Please communicate these appointments of delegates and alternates to the AACP office (Angie Edwards at [aedwards@aacp.org](mailto:aedwards@aacp.org)) to ensure that all future communications of House information arrives in the correct inboxes in a timely fashion as we approach the San Antonio meeting in July.

In addition to marshalling the newly proposed business of the House forward in an orderly fashion, the Bylaws and Policy Development Committee accepted responsibility for examining current AACP policy on Supportive Personnel. Some of you may not even recognize that significantly dated nomenclature which today has been almost universally replaced by the term Pharmacy Technician. Dean Michael Malloy and the other members of the BPDC which he chairs have begun a discussion of what our contemporary policy on pharmacy technicians should be and will bring those recommendations to delegates in the Preliminary Report of the BPDC in April. The current statements can be found on page 11 of the Cumulative Policies of the Association.

Speaker-elect Cynthia Boyle accepted responsibility as chair of the special committee charged with examining House Rules and Procedures. Joining her in this endeavor are Colleen Catalano, Chuck Daniels, Edward DeSimone, Deborah Hudson, Eric Jarvi and Doug Ried. They have met by teleconference and have divided work into several subcommittees examining communications, the policy development process at other professional and academic organizations, the actual House rules, and delegate appointment processes. Each of these subgroups will report findings and recommendations to the committee of the whole and a report of this special committee's work will be distributed for comment to delegates between April and June. Specific recommendations for change will be presented for House action in July.

One recommendation meriting immediate attention by AACP comes from the communication subgroup of the committee. Building upon the experience with successful delegate conference calls from 2010, this subcommittee recommends hosting orientation calls for new delegates early in 2011. Such calls would provide an early overview of delegate responsibilities and equip those new to the AACP policy process with insights that will better prepare them to execute duties of the delegate, including garnering input from faculty on the business coming before the 2011 House. AACP will communicate the timing of such calls soon and is also exploring the opportunity to capture the call information for web posting to maximize availability of such information.

The aim of all of our work is to insure that the policy development and other responsibilities in our House of Delegates governance process is clear to all participants and runs as efficiently and effectively as possible. The timely appointment of delegates, clear and concise communications, and appropriate preparation of all who are involved in House business combine to help us meet our goals.

Your input in each step of this work is welcome! Please don't hesitate to contact me, your Speaker, Speaker-elect Boyle or House Secretary Maine with questions, comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Speaker Pieper