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Delegates to the 2009 and 2010 AACP House of Delegates,

I am pleased to have assumed the office of Speaker of the AACP House of Delegates in July and in that capacity, to serve on the Board of Directors. We just completed our first board meeting since the Annual Meeting. It is my intention to follow the example established by Speaker Rod Carter and send a quick update on policy-relevant issues to delegates of record following each Board meeting. This one is being sent to delegates for both the 2009 and 2010 House, recognizing that there is some overlap in those groups. Delegates to the 2010 House will also receive a HOD Bulletin this month. It is the more formal communication containing schedules and deadlines and other important information for delegates.

We completed very important business at our Annual Meeting in Boston and I sincerely thank the 2008-09 Bylaws and Policy Development Committee for “powering through” the process of examining all AACP policies from 1980 to the present to identify those that were no longer relevant or had become dated. We now have posted a “leaner [compendium of policy statements](#) to guide our work. We put all the archived policies into a different document that is still accessible from the AACP Web site for [historical reference](#). Policies from 1992, for instance, that came from the Commission to Implement Change in Pharmacy Education, are so important from a historical vantage point, just no longer timely.

I also share Rod’s priority for being in dialogue with delegates as the people who are a key conduit between the Association and its members. From time to time throughout the year, you will receive a message from me or House secretary Maine asking for your opinion or the collective opinion of your faculty on an issue. I anticipate the first of these to come soon and it will seek your thoughts on a draft policy on AACP’s receipt of funding from commercial sources (e.g., grants, education support). The Board has had a working committee focused on this for approximately a year.

The other important area where we will seek your input is in strategic planning. We anticipate that the Strategic Planning Committee will have a draft plan for consideration in July. They are currently seeking input from a randomly selected group of 2009 delegates and other key stakeholders and will include this in the planning process.

Both Secretary Maine and I remain accessible to delegates throughout the year so we look forward to hearing from you with any thoughts, questions or recommendations you might have for our Association. We thank those delegates that served the House in 2009 and very much appreciate the work that our 2010 delegates will contribute in the year ahead.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and good luck completing this Fall semester!