

AACP SAS Section Interim Report
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Committee Progress Updates:

1. Annual Meeting Poster Abstract Review (Salisa Westrick, Chair)

2008 Abstracts submitted: 67

2008 Abstracts accepted: 57 (85%)

Number of Reviewers:23; averaged 5 abstracts per reviewer

Issues:

- a. Struggled with deciding whether to accept abstracts for projects that were well done but were not related to pharmacy or pharmacy education.
- b. Faculty from three Canadian schools were invited to serve as reviewers; one accepted
- c. Abstracts were received from faculty in Canada (sorry – don't know actual count)

2. New Investigator Program (NIP) Proposal Review (Michelle Chui, Chair)

2008 Proposals submitted: 11 (down from usual 13-15 in previous years)

2008 Proposals accepted: still under review

Number of Reviewers:6 – split into two panels of three reviewers

Issues:

- a. To better match reviewer expertise with proposed study methods, two panels were created: quantitative methods and qualitative methods.
- b. This is first year the proposals were available as PDF files. Impact of this change will be checked at end of the summer

3. Curriculum (Donna Dolinsky, Chair)

Waiting to hear from Chair about the committee's progress on its charge to explore how pharmacy administration and social science topics are addressed in APPEs.

4. Bylaws and Resolutions (Barry Bleidt, Chair)

This committee will begin guiding the process of section committee structure review in the coming year. Chairs of some of the other committees were asked to begin looking at what they have done over the past five years and begin thinking about roles for their committees in the future.

5. Graduate Studies (Ana Quinones, Chair)

The committee has completed its two charges:

- a. review charges and work done in previous few years to determine what has been done and generate suggestions for committee charges for upcoming years
- b. review the committee structure and mission and send suggestions for revision to the Resolution Committee

Issues:

- a. The Committee identified a document ("Graduate Program Teaching Skills") that they are attempting to have uploaded to the AACP website prior to the annual

meeting. This document was the result of earlier committee work that did not appear to be widely disseminated.

6. Industry Liaison (Not assigned this year)

This committee was not assigned this year. Its scope should be reviewed to consider expansion to include NAPLEX and outreach to other professional organizations.

7. Programming (Karen Farris, Chair)

2008 meeting programming is complete

Faculty from Canadian and US pharmacy schools were involved on the committee

Sunday, July 20: “How Student Pharmacists Can Use Social Cognitive Theory to Improve Patients’ Medication Use (Speaker: Carole A. Kimberlin)

Sunday, July 20: Section Business Meeting. (Session Coordinator: Jean Carter)

Monday July 21 “Teaching Health Behavior Change : Focus on Motivational Interviewing” (Session Coordinator: Bruce Berger; Speakers: William A. Villaume and Jan Kavookjian)

Names and topics for Roundtables were also submitted – final topics, names, and count of accepted SAS submissions not known.

8. Nominations (David Zgarrick, Chair)

Two names have been submitted for the Section Chair-elect position: Shane Deselle and Nathaniel (Nate) Rickles

Section Issues Identified or Pending:

1. Need to review structure and purpose of the Section’s standing committees in the coming year to ensure that they can accommodate new needs of the section
2. Need to find better method for storing or transferring information to incoming section and committee chairs to avoid loss of information
3. The efforts to increase communication with NAPB for more SAS NAPLEX involvement is still ongoing. Plans to create an *ad hoc* workgroup was put on hold when targeted section members were not able to work on it. Future efforts should place this in a standing committee (Industry Liaison) to avoid creating more temporary work groups.
4. Chair halted work on efforts to use operational funds to support recruitment of SAS faculty at other professional meetings because this appears to be an issue that needs to be addressed by AACP as a whole and not individual sections. There are two issues here: the annual budget allotted for operational expenses, which have decreased dramatically with the elimination of mailed newsletters, and the role sections should take in faculty recruitment.