The meeting was called to order by P. Wizwer at 5:22 PM

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and approved.

Attendees:
Phil Wizwer, Chair (pwizer@mcphs.edu)
Sean Jeffery, Chair-Elect (sean.jeffery@va.gov)
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Announcements:

P. Wizwer introduced Robert Bachman, President of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) who announced that AFPE received an endowment gift to support a faculty development award in geriatrics at accredited U.S. schools of pharmacy. The award, tentatively titled the AFPE Pharmacy Faculty Fellowship in Geriatric Pharmacy, will provide $25,000 over a 12-month academic year to full-time pharmacy college faculty with the goal of developing their capacity in Geriatrics at their institution. The award will be rotated to a different school each year and schools will be asked to agree to support faculty applicants with both release from responsibilities and matching financial support. The award will be officially posted by September 1st, 2007 with the first award to begin in the 2008 – 2009 academic year. More information will be available in September 2007 at www.afpenet.org.

Old Business:

AACP White Paper: the chair recognized the efforts of Drs. Odegard, Breslow, Koronkowski, Williams and Hudgins for their recently published paper, “Geriatric Pharmacy Education: A Strategic Plan for the Future.” This was published June 15, 2007 in AJPE.

Geriatric Resources: the chair lamented the need for an updated textbook in geriatric pharmacotherapy. The chair noted that Hazzard et al’s “Principles of Geriatric Medicine
and Gerontology” is currently under revision. The chair also noted that ASHP is developing a geriatric text. K. Cappuzzo announced that she recently reviewed “Pharmacy Practice in an Aging Society” by Jeannette Y. Wick. This is available through Pharmaceutical Products Press.

Email: the chair announced difficulties in receiving email and implored individuals to use his faculty email address: Pwizwer@mcphs.edu.

New Business:

Election: Nicki Brandt was elected chair for the 2008 – 2009 term.

ASCP Collaborative Efforts: Trish D’Antonio (Director of Education) announced that at their Annual Meeting in Philadelphia November 14-17, 2007, ASCP will again host a residency recruiting forum for geriatric programs. ASCP also accepts students for PharmD rotations as well as geriatrics residents. ASCP is currently developing a preceptor development tool to encourage more individuals to become preceptors. ASCP is also still recruiting for an Executive Resident in Association Management. Any interested students should contact Trish D’Antonio at 1-800-355-2727. Finally, ASCP is pleased to announce the publication of the Geriatric Pharmacy Curriculum Guide. Copies are available online at www.ascp.com or by calling the above number.

ACPE Standard 12: The SIG expressed concern regarding the lack of clear requirements for training in Geriatrics. It was decided that the SIG will initiate contact other geriatric pharmacy organizations for the purpose of forming a coalition to formally address the lack of geriatrics in the ACPE Standard 12. The intent of this group would be to draft a letter to ACPE signed by all the interested parties.

Pharmacy Practice Council: The SIG expressed concern that within AACP we need to proactively advance our need for increased focus on geriatrics. The chair moved that a formal resolution be submitted to the Pharmacy Practice Counsel encouraging all Schools/Colleges of Pharmacy endorse Geriatrics in their curriculums. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The chair agreed to spearhead this resolution.

Installation of Officers: S. Jeffery presented P. Wizwer with a special recognition from AACP for his efforts this past year in leading the SIG. P. Wizwer installed S. Jeffery (University of Connecticut) as Chair for 2007 – 2008. Nicki Brandt (University of Maryland) was installed as Chair-Elect.

New Chair Remarks: In May 2007, ASHP invited S. Jeffery, Nicki Brandt, Holly Rickman, and Sharon A. Jung-Tschirhart to update/revise the PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Practice Standards. The revised standards will be sent to all geriatrics faculty for comment. Please contact ASHP if you don’t receive a copy by the beginning of the academic year. The new standards will be approved in March 2008 for official use in the 2008 – 2009 residency class. However you can start using the draft standards prior to official approval.
S. Jeffery recommended the Geriatric SIG collaborate with the Curriculum SIG to help raise awareness of the need for geriatrics in the curriculum. Specifically, the Geriatric SIG could help develop programming around MTM and how other non-geriatric faculty could participate in this developing arena. **The chair is seeking an individual who is willing to serve as liaison to the Curriculum SIG.**

S. Jeffery also recommended that members of the SIG consider developing an inter-institutional web-based geriatric elective designed at providing introductory material that any School/College of Pharmacy could incorporate into their curriculum. This course could work with Trish D’Antonio/ASCP to co-opt some material from the ASCP Geriatric Pharmacy Review (www.geriatricpharmacyreview.com). **The chair is seeking an individual who is willing to spearhead this initiative.**

S. Jeffery appointed Betty Harris to lead the coalition responsible for drafting a response to the ACPE Standard 12. Dr. Harris was not present at the meeting, however did express interest in serving the group in any way possible.

S. Jeffery will work with AFPE to develop criteria for the newly announced Geriatric Pharmacy Faculty Fellowship.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Sean M. Jeffery