Call to Order

Approval of minutes – Approved S. Sibicky/V. Pho

Secretary Report – Stephanie Sibicky

The SIG secretary, Stephanie Sibicky, gave a brief report.

- The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the SIG website after the Annual meeting concludes.
- Members were asked to sign in on the sheets being circulated.

Old Business – Amber Hutchison

- Dashboard summary:
  - We have 325 SIG members and 5 active standing committees.
  - Over the past year, the SIG officers have organized and held at least 10 conference calls and two webinars.
  - More details on the webinars and activities of the Scholarship Committee will be presented by the standing committees during this business meeting.
  - Annual meeting SIG program was conducted in a round table format and received good feedback overall.

Standing Committee Reports

- Resolutions and Standing Rules of Procedure Committee—Amber Hutchison
  None submitted to AACP

- Programming Committee—Amber Hutchison and KC Ogbonna (speaking on their behalf, Amber Hutchison)
  The first ever joint SIG program with Ethics and Health Disparities SIG to be conducted during the annual meeting with all from the SIG encouraged to attend. The leaders from the Self Care and Pediatrics SIG were welcomed to this meeting. Based on the earlier meeting program submission deadlines (was in January, now is October) the Programming Committee will be seeking collaboration with other SIGs in order to combine budgets, attract better speakers, and ultimately provide inter-specialty programming. Members were encouraged to reach out to other SIGs that may be interested in collaborating and to let the Committee know if there is interest.
• **Nominations Committee**—Victoria Pho  
Victoria mentioned that the SIG has grown over the past 3 years and has experienced a lot of spirit and collaboration. She was pleased and encouraged how the SIG self-nominates and nominates others and hopes that the SIG will continue to do so. Victoria also mentioned the strength of our candidates for leading the SIG including Elizabeth, Kimberly, and Shannon; who were all stellar candidates.

• **Webinar Committee** – Elizabeth Pogge  
Elizabeth mentioned the workings of the Committee over the past year including conducting 2 webinars; the first in January on IPE in Geriatrics that was well attended and the second in April about antimicrobial stewardship in long-term care. The Committee is planning on having 2 webinars again in January and April. Topics of interest that have been identified include transitions of care, hot topics in geriatrics, geriatrics and guideline applicability, and the Beers criteria/START/STOPP. The webinars are a great opportunity for junior faculty and/or pharmacy residents to prepare and deliver a national presentation with less pressure. Identification of speakers or other topics of interest for this year’s webinars are highly encouraged. A call for nominations to lead this committee will be forthcoming.

• **Scholarship Committee** – Sue Fosnight (speaking on her behalf, Jeannie Lee)  
The Committee was very productive this year both on the phone (7 conference calls) as well as during the Committee meeting at the annual meeting. The Committee members have been brainstorming ways to collaborate teaching with patient care. The Committee produced a white paper for publication in AJPE that is currently under review regarding strategies to improve research in geriatric patient care so more studies can be included in systematic reviews and meta-analyses. The Committee is also working on a multi-site survey regarding geriatric electives in pharmacy education. Interested collaborators should reach out to Jeannie and were encouraged to sign up to be more involved.

Additional projects that the Scholarship Committee is working on include collaborations with ASCP and the Geriatric Curriculum Guide (available for access here [https://www.ascp.com/sites/default/files/CurriculumGuide_8-10-16.pdf](https://www.ascp.com/sites/default/files/CurriculumGuide_8-10-16.pdf)), a survey regarding transitions of care and pharmacy curricula, and different clinical topics including case-series dealing with adverse effects (e.g., gabapentin withdrawal, delirium with imipenem, anticholinergic-associated delirium, bleeding rates with DOACs and renal function). It was additionally noted that a topic of interest to explore would include the impact pharmacy can have on pharmacotherapy problems in residential care facilities. For more information or to get more involved, please contact Sue or Jeannie.
New Business

- Cabinet Meeting
  - In order to improve efficiencies, the Association is moving to a different software platform (replacing listservs) that will be rolled out in the next couple of years.
  - A new pharmacy SIG will be created to transition the Interprofessional Education SIG to the Community of Practice SIG after concerns that the IPE SIG only involved pharmacy representation.
  - If members are not receiving the Geriatric SIG emails, please check your member page for the correct email address and be sure the email function for the SIG is turned on or off as desired.
  - Secretaries for SIGs will be transitioning to the position of “Secretary of Knowledge Management”. There will be more details in the future but this position will likely include information management in addition to communication responsibilities.
  - The House of Delegates will be discussing members selecting a primary SIG membership with a transition period starting in 2017.

- Committees for 2016-2017
  - Members were encouraged to volunteer for the various committees using the circulated sign-up sheets.
  - The SIG discussed the idea of a Chair-Elect for committees to ensure a smooth transition between committee leadership. If a member is interested in serving as the Chair-Elect for any of the SIG committees, please reach out to SIG leadership or the current Committee Chair. A survey will also be distributed to garner interest in the different committees of the SIG.

- Election search and nomination
  - A Chair-Elect and Secretary will need to be elected next year. All interested parties are encouraged to express their interest and keep a look out for the Call for Nominations in the near future.

- Annual Meeting Programming Planning 2017
  - Due to the shorter time frame, the SIG is working efficiently and quickly to submit the required documentation for the Fall deadline. As discussed, a collaborative effort with other SIGs (i.e., pediatrics, self-care) will be investigated for 2017. It was also discussed that the webinar topics could be derived from annual meeting sessions for the next year.
  - Topics Brainstorming:
    - Transitions of care and medication reconciliation as it pertains to self-care/OTC products and what schools are doing within their curriculum.
    - Based on discussion at the Council of Deans and Faculty; the shift in the culture surrounding pharmacy and the “giving away of services”; how pharmacists add value and define who we are as part of the team (including billing for services).
    - Fall risk assessment and medication involvement with a team collaboration approach. Students may not think about falls as multifactorial (e.g., not just blood pressure or medication related), but that a gray area surrounding this topic is an important concept for students to explore. (UBuffalo, Bob Wahler, rgwhaler@buffalo.edu)
- Sharing guidelines in relation to polypharmacy and an international approach (idea from a colleague from Toronto, Canada).
- Pediatric collaboration could center around interprofessional or experiential education.
- Self-care in the Extremes of Age (includes Geriatric, Pediatric, and Self-Care SIG)

**Networking & Collaboration opportunities**
- The group was encouraged to network and meet everyone at the business meeting but also during the general meeting.

**Open Forum for SIG member thoughts or recommendations**
- A member who is a Director for a hospice organization, mentioned the importance of analyzing where we stand in regards to teaching hospice and palliative care within pharmacy curricula. The member was encouraged to interact with the Scholarship Committee to examine this as a future focus.
- Gayle from University of Montana talked about geriatric workforce enhancement programs (WEP) which are interdisciplinary, federally funded, and seeking pharmacist involvement. If interested, a team for 2018 can be created to help fund projects on a larger scale as well as involve interprofessional components with students. This cycle centers around geriatric integration in primary care (e.g., community health centers).
- Jeannie Lee further commented that WEP is a large resource with training for those interested. She also talked about the National Leadership Program in Geriatrics (sponsored by AGS), that consists of 12 members, 10 MD, 1 PharmD, 1 RN PhD, and 1 psychologist. She highly recommended applying for this program to be a part of leaders involved in the care of the aging population.
- Tom Clark (Executive Director for CCGP) reminded members about the call for nominations for exam development, Board of Commissioners, and various committees within CCGP. Any interested CGP is eligible and can visit CCGP.org for more information or reach out to Tom directly.
- Janice from Western University of Sciences mentioned that AMDA is proposing the addition of a PharmD as a voting member and asked that anyone who is a part of an AMDA chapter or involved to collaborate with California on this charge.
- Victoria encouraged all members to be more involved in the various committee and sub-committees of the SIG. She talked about how this SIG supported her growth as a member and an individual, and to not be hesitant to get more involved.

**Closing Remarks**
Amber Hutchison thanked the membership for their support over the past year and was excited about the changes and progress made by the SIG. She will be continuing to serve as the Immediate Past Chair. She also expressed gratitude to KC and Victoria for their support and mentorship over the past year and was proud of what the SIG had accomplished.

Victoria Pho also thanked KC and Amber for all their hard work as Chair-Elect and Chair showing her appreciation for their leadership and mentorship.

Shannon Reidt also thanked the membership and is looking forward to next year.
Installation of New Officers

- Shannon Reidt – Chair-Elect
- KC Ogbonna – Chair
- Amber Hutchison – Immediate Past Chair
- Stephanie Sibicky – Secretary (continuing 2-year term)

Adjournment