

Technology in Pharmacy Education and Learning
Annual Business Meeting
Boston, MA
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Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM by Brent Fox, current Chair

Old Business

- 15 SIGs currently exist in AACP
- SIG Cabinet meeting attended by Brent Fox (Current Chair), Mike Monaghan (Chair Elect) and *Pat Malone (Immediate Past Chair)* – the Cabinet held a discussion of what SIGs want to do
- TiPEL is the second largest SIG in AACP with a membership of 643, however only about 20 in attendance at business meeting
- Speculation as to reason for difference between membership number and business meeting attendance number – for several members the TiPEL SIG is a secondary SIG affiliation
- Currently, each SIG defines how elections are conducted, however AACP is discussing the establishment of a more coordinated and consistent process for SIG elections, moving toward a consistent election process for all SIGs
- To establish a new SIG must have at least 25 AACP members willing to support the establishment of the new SIG, and then an application is made to the AACP board
- To dissolve a SIG – complete a request that is reviewed by the AACP Board
- AACP web site – with the creation of the new web site some permissions for accessing the web site as well as some listservs were interrupted. If SIG members have not been receiving email/listserv messages, look at your profile (on the AACP website) and make the necessary changes to re-establish the permissions. Note: Signing up for a SIG and signing up for a listserv are two discrete processes; need to assure you are registered both times
- AACP wants an active web site for each section and SIG. The TiPEL SIG secretary will serve as the web master for at least the next two years
- Focus for the SIG last year was enhancing collaboration among SIG members;
 - A Blog was established as one strategy to do so. However, the Blog used infrequently.
 - Mike Monaghan has some ideas for enhancing communication and collaboration which he will discuss later in the meeting

Induction of New Officers

- Brent inducted Mike Monaghan, Creighton University as SIG Chair; Tracy Chapman, Creighton University, as SIG Secretary

New Business

- Mike open up the floor for discussion, asking those in attendance what the leadership can do so help in advancing collaboration among members, help with particular challenges members are facing at individual institutions, other ideas for the SIG
- Areas of interest from members in attendance included:
 - New AACP standards related to distance education including (1) equivalency of educational opportunities as satellite campuses are established, (2) best practices for the appropriate use of instructional technologies in pharmacy education
 - New technologies – sharing information about technologies being used, how they are being used, successes and challenges
 - Levering the knowledge and skills of SIG members in the use of instructional technologies
 - Partnering with other SIGs for future programming, example the Curriculum SIG
 - Best practices for keeping students at satellite campuses engaged
 - Strategies to enhance communication among units within the same organization to facilitate sharing of information about instructional technologies being used, to reduce duplication of efforts, leverage knowledge and skills within the organization
 - Fostering the collaboration on educational research, scholarly projects
- Mike thanked the group for the ideas and provided a summary of the ideas discussed which included three areas
 - Sharing knowledge related to instructional technologies
 - Identification of best practices for the use of instructional technologies
 - Collaboration on scholarship development
- *Mike discussed advancing an initiative previously brought to the SIG by Pat Malone to collect information from all institutions about the technologies they are using and how the technologies are being used.*
 - *Pat has piloted a survey with institution in Ohio to collect data about technologies being used*
 - Request for information could be sent to SIG members, or 1 -2 active SIG members at each institution
 - Data gathered could be used to generate a listing of technologies including (1) name of the technology, (2) vendor being used for the technology, (3) name and contact information of the person to contact to find out more about the technology and how it is being used
 - Suggestion to present the data in a searchable fashion, to be able to sort by technology type, by institution, by name, etc. Using Excel was suggested as an option for presenting the information.
- Generating scholarship from the data collected was suggested as one strategy to collaborate on a scholarly project.

Kudos

- Mike thanked Brent for his service and presented a plaque to Brent as a token of appreciation from AACP.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30