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TO: COD Members

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SUBJECT: COD Connection for AACP COD Members

Thanks to all COD Members who made the Interim Meeting in Savannah a great success. Good sessions and good discussions on important topics. If you have any comments on how we can improve the Interim Meeting from the COD perspective please send your thoughts to Dave or Chris.

### **Interim Meeting**

A number of outstanding presentations were provided at the 2011 Interim Meeting. The following are summaries of those key presentations and learning opportunities:

- Anthony D. Rogers, CMS Deputy Administrator shared his ideas relative to pharmacists' roles in the delivery of patient-centered care under new models, such as medical homes, Accountable Care Organizations, and other primary care systems delivery. Mr. Rogers' [presentation slides](#) can be found on the AACP web site. The door is open for AACP to present to CMS practice models and other solutions for the delivery of medication therapy management and other primary care services in these models of health services delivery.
- Nancy Desmond and her colleagues from the Center for Health Transformation conducted a workshop centered on a book written by Dr. Desmond and former Congressman Newt Gingrich. The title of the book is "The Art of Transformation" and it was distributed at the CEO Deans meeting on Saturday. Substantial resources on healthcare reform are accessible from the [CHT web site](#).
- Pete Vlasses, Executive Director of ACPE, Heidi M. Anderson, our colleague and ACPE President, and several members of the ACPE Council responded to a number of important questions generated by AACP members relative to the ACPE accreditation process. This was a very productive and useful interaction between the Council and AACP members and not only was this interaction well received but future AACP meetings will continue this type of interaction. It is planned that future AACP meetings be a place for even more interactive and productive interactions between the membership and ACPE. The [data presented](#) by Dr. Vlasses and his colleagues also can be found on the AACP web site.

**IMPORTANT ITEM-** Programming for the AACP Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas (July 9-13, 2011) will include additional insights into *Accountable Care Organizations* and *patient centered health homes*. If your college or school is currently part of or helping to design one of these models of health care delivery and financing, please contact [Lucinda Maine](#) with additional information about the effort.

### **AACP Board of Directors Update**

The AACP BOD met March 2, 2011 immediately after the Interim Meeting. The following are selected key items and areas of discussion had by the BOD:

- Update on the AAMS was presented. Six schools/colleges are in the pilot phase of testing the system. A number of training sessions have been held and more are planned for April/May TBA. Additionally, a training session is planned for the July AACP Annual Meeting in San Antonio. This far, feedback has been positive from the pilot schools/colleges as well as those attending the training sessions;
- AACP is strategically addressing the issue of Global Pharmacy Education and how our Association can best partner with our international colleagues. AACP is working with the Global Pharmacy Education SIG on a 2011 Annual Meeting program;
- AACP responded to requests for programming around the Development of Department Chairs focusing on recruitment, retention and development of faculty. A successful initial session was held at the Interim meeting and the COF is also encouraging additional activities in this regard;
- There will be extensive programming from the Experiential Education Section at the July Meeting focusing on "Scholarship in Experiential Education-Overcoming the Challenges".
- AACP is in the process of conducting a strategic review of programs, products and services. It is anticipated that new programs, ideas and emerging opportunities will arise for strategic plan review;
- AACP Award Winners will be announced in the near future. These awards are- the Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award; Volwiler Research Achievement Award and the Rufus Lyman Award;
- A financial update was presented to the BOD. The Association's reporting and extensive and transparent detail of our financial standing is to be commended. Good discussion was had and our business model is working well for our members. We are in a positive financial position at this time and much of that is due to the success of our PharmCAS system. A detailed financial report will be presented to the House of Delegates at the July meeting.

Till next time---

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