

Message from the COD Chair, Patricia Kroboth

I share a few comments and notes of business AACP Interim Meeting at Crystal City, though there was no quorum!

The CEO Deans' Retreat and AACP meeting itself was nothing short of memorable. Those who arrived at the hotel early on Friday stayed until transportation again became available late Monday or Tuesday—or even later. The city basically shut down, which meant that even many of the hotel staff became guests of the hotel. It was a true winter wonderland with tree limbs heavy with snow and the ground replete with snow angels made by the students stranded in our hotel.

The total attendance was 16 for the CEO Deans' Retreat and about 22 for the COD Business Meeting. Our circumstances fostered a sense of heightened collegiality as we considered the questions in a small forum not often available. Just like the "show," the "meeting did go on." I share three items.

- Since John Deadwyler, the strategic planning consultant to AACP, was also snowed-in, we asked that he join the CEO Deans' Retreat to share a very early draft of the AACP mission, vision, and strategic plan developed by the Board of Directors. Our group spent several hours reviewing, commenting, and suggesting significant and meaningful alterations to the evolving strategic plan for AACP. The end result will be better for the effort.
- The CEO Deans' Retreat agenda included a panel discussion with key leaders of accrediting organizations from pharmacy (Pete Vlasses) and from several other health professions. The discussion took place by conference call. I, for one, learned more than I would have thought from the discussion. A deans-only session after the call generated numerous questions for ACPE.
- Pete Vlasses and Jeff Wadelin hosted a call during which they answered a number of questions generated as a result of the previous panel discussion. Those at the COD Business Meeting heard new information about the issues and strategies the ACPE Board had been considering. While I will not attempt to relay the content, Pete acknowledged that ACPE is considering mechanisms for improving communications to allow AACP members an enhanced understanding of issues in consideration.

I look forward to seeing you all in Seattle this summer.

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P.S. Sincere congratulations go to the AACP staff for their extraordinary work as they adjusted on a continuing basis to the changes demanded by the storm.

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