

Council of Sections Report
February 2009, Board of Directors Meeting
Sudip K. Das, Chair

Dr. Patricia Marken (UMKC) has been elected chair and Dr. Cynthia Koh-Knox (Purdue) has been elected secretary of the Council of Sections. Excerpts from individual sections are given below. The New Investigator Program Task Force report is attached.

Biological Sciences – Chair: Michelle Kalis (MCPHS-Boston)

Chair - elect Alice Gardner has been working with the Sections of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry on a joint session for the 2009 Annual meeting. She is in the process of finalizing all of the programming for the Section. Reviewers for abstracts have been identified and have agreed to serve. Dan Brazeau has been working to update some Section content on the AACP website.

The Section continues to discuss the potential for a Pharmacogenomics SIG. A grant funded pharmacogenomics educational project has also been discussed with one of the investigators, Grace Kuo (UC San Diego). The grant provides funds to provide continuing education programs for pharmacists and physicians on pharmacogenomics. A special session has been submitted by Dr. Kuo for the 2009 AACP annual meeting. Additional discussion between Dr. Kuo, Biological Science Section leadership and AACP staff will take place this spring.

Chemistry – Chair: John Beal (St. Louis)

No report

Continuing Professional Education – Chair: Michael Simeone (Rhode Island)

At the AACP Annual Meeting, many CPE Section members were concerned regarding the new ACPE Standards for Continuing Education that were scheduled to be implemented on January 1, 2009. Alan Hanson, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, arranged with ACPE for a special ACPE Administrator Workshop on October 14-15, 2008, at which many CPE Section members attended.

Karan Dawson, Ph.D., Chair-elect is leading the CE Committee in planning two CE sessions for the 2009 Annual Meeting. The CPE Section is also inquiring into initiating a series of conference calls with corporate sponsors on the changing landscape of educational grants with the goal of increasing the number and award amount of independent medical educational grants for continuing professional education activities.

Experiential Education – Chair: Philip Hritcko (U Conn)

AACP has formed a Task Force on Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE) Competencies. The IPPE Task Force is comprised of practitioners and educators appointed by AACP,

ACPE, NABP and the national pharmacy practice organizations (e.g., APhA, ASHP). The IPPE Task Force is charged with developing a national defined set of IPPE competencies and mechanisms to evaluate the outcomes of those competencies. Our goal is to enable and facilitate the successful delivery of the IPPE curriculum component by our schools and colleges of pharmacy. Our two representatives on this IPPE Task Force will be Rhonda M. Jones, Pharm.D. from Creighton University and Robin L. Corelli, Pharm.D. from the University of California, San Francisco. Both Rhonda and Robin have extensive experience in experiential education and they have been involved with developing IPPE and APPE competencies at their respective institutions. To prepare for the IPPE Task Force's first meeting in early February 2009, the Task Force Facilitator Marsha K. Millonig, MBA, BS Pharm., has been working with Philip to compile information on IPPE and APPE competency statements and assessment mechanisms that are currently being used by our EE Section members. This information will be compiled, summarized, and then shared with the members of the IPPE Task Force prior to their first meeting.

Identification of 2008-2009 standing committees, per by-laws, and the determination of the charges and chairs of these committees have been completed. The Professional Development Committee submitted their final report to the EE Section leadership.

Libraries/Educational Resources – Chair: Vernon-Duba (Iowa)

Section membership has increased from 50 in 2007 to 65 in 2008. Of the 65 members, 39 are librarians; the rest are distributed among other sections. Fifty schools are represented in the membership, 17 of which are newly represented this year. L/ER membership represents approximately 42% of the 119 AACP-affiliated schools, a 5% increase over last year. Of interest, many of the new schools are sending librarians to AACP, recognizing the role of this group in the organization.

The Sewell Foundation Board approved the request to annually fund the L/ERS program chair/chair-elect as long as a first-timer was not denied a stipend. The Board approved \$10,000 for use in awarding stipends in 2009. The L/ER Awards Committee determines the number of stipends and the amount of the award, keeping in mind that the Foundation encourages new membership as well as active participation in AACP. The Board applauded the fact that the L/ER requires recipients to both pay membership dues and to register for the meeting with the stipend.

The Basic Resources for Pharmacy Education list continues to be a high priority for the L/ER Section. The 2008 edition edited by Leslie Ann Bowman and Barbara Nanstiel was completed and posted for access by the membership. The 2009 edition of the Core Journals list edited by Vern Duba was also completed and posted for access by the membership.

On behalf of the L/ER Section Barbara Nanstiel, and Leslie Ann Bowman contacted Dr. Michael J. Rouse, Assistant Executive Director of International and Professional Affairs of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. They urged ACPE to make appropriate changes to correctly reflect the intention of Standard 29 and Guideline 29.1 by not mandating that pharmacy college libraries buy the titles included in Basic Resources but instead include Basic Resources as a recommended collection

development tool. They respectfully requested that the line on the Checklist be changed to read: "Evidence of use of subject-based resource lists to identify materials relevant to school's mission and programs (e.g., *Basic Resources for Pharmacy Education, Doody's Core Titles in the Health Sciences, Choice*)".

PharmLib Wiki (<http://pharmlib.pbwiki.com>) is edited and updated by section members. It is used to share information and collaborate on common issues.

Pharmaceutics – Chair: Nita Pandit (Drake)

This year's AAPS (Atlanta, Nov. 2008) Pharmaceutics Chairs' meeting invitation was extended to all Pharmaceutics faculty on the AACP listserv, but attendance was small. The focus of the meeting was to explore the need for this annual event, and other ways to reach the same goals. Dr. Ken Miller led the discussions. The consensus was that the Sunday prior to the AAPS meeting was not a good time for this meeting, and that many Pharmaceutical Science Dept. Chairs do not attend the AAPS meeting anyway. The session concluded with several ideas on how to engage Pharmaceutical Science faculty and Chairs in AACP, and how AACP could better serve their needs. Dr. Miller will follow up on exploring the feasibility of these approaches.

A subcommittee was formed to provide input into the PCAB Standards and Principles Revision process. A report was compiled and forwarded to PCAB.

The section programming committee has planned two programs for the 2009 Annual Meeting: 1) Ensuring Quality Pharmacy Compounding: Implications for Pharmaceutics Education. This session will familiarize pharmaceutics faculty with the roles of the PCAB, USP, and BPS in ensuring best practices in pharmacy compounding and improving patient care, and 2) Joint program with Biological Sciences and Medicinal Chemistry Sections: Pharmacogenomics - Implementation and Integration into the Curriculum. This session is intended to supplement last year's joint session on Pharmacogenomics, with an emphasis on incorporation of these topics into the Pharm.D. curriculum.

Pharmacy Practice – Chair: Patricia Marken (UMKC)

The Bylaws of the Section were reviewed prior to appointing this year's committees. Required standing committees were appointed prior to the 2008 Annual Meeting. In addition, the following ad hoc committees were appointed: Strategic Plan and Bylaws Task Force, Recruitment and Retention Task Force and Scholarship/Research Development Task Force. Committee members were appointed with consideration of gender, rank, public/private institutions and expressed interest.

The primary Section activity in 2008-09 is the strategic planning process. This Task Force has almost completed the draft strategic plan and it will be shared with the Section early in 2009. The goal is to have the plan finalized in time for assigning the 2009-10 Committee Charges. Additional highlights include:

- Resolutions Committee

Developed an announcement to be sent via the Section Listserv prior to the Annual Meeting describing the purpose of resolutions and the process to initiate a resolution within the Section.

- Communications Committee

Their primary focus was the website and on the use of the listservs. They will wait until the new year to reassess the impact of the website update and seek additional fixes after that time.

- NIP Reviewers

Three teams comprised of three members each were appointed in 2008 to review the section's new investigator proposals. Panels were appointed considering gender, rank, and public/private institution affiliation.

- Abstract Review Teams:

51 individual viewing abstracts submitted to the section for the July 2009 annual meeting.

Social and Administrative Sciences – Chair: Karen Farris (Iowa)

The SAdS section is working on developing a strategic plan for their section. There will be a focus on mentoring and provision of teaching materials as well as providing input to the programming committee on several purposes via different venue. Dr. Carol Kobulnicky will be chairing the NIP review committee. Dr. Anandi Law has agreed to chair the abstract reviews for this year. The Curriculum and Graduate committee charges will be assigned shortly. SAdS has submitted a nomination for the Lyman Award.