

Council of Sections Report

October 2008, Board of Directors Meeting

Sudip K. Das, Chair

Based on the discussion at the COS meeting in July 2008, an e-mail has been sent to all section chairs for nominating individuals for COS committees. In addition to standing committees, an ad-hoc committee to evaluate the New Investigator Program award has been formed. Excerpts from individual sections are given below.

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

The Section had 3 successful sessions at the AACP annual meeting in Chicago. A joint session between Pharmaceutics, Medicinal Chemistry and Biological Sciences on Pharmacogenomics was very well attended. A major topic of discussion at the Business meeting was interest in creation of SIG on Pharmacogenomics. The feeling is this is an important area for the future of medicine and involves the majority of Sections within AACP. M. Kalis forwarded the idea to Lucinda for discussion at the October Board meeting. The Section received 23 NIP proposals which are currently under review by three panels. Committee assignments for the 2008-09 year are being developed based upon interest expressed at the annual meeting.

Chemistry – Chair: John Beal (St. Louis)

The resolution put forth from the Section to the House of Delegates at the 2007 AACP meeting was forwarded to the AACP Board of Directors for consideration. This resulted in the creation of a COF/COD Task Force that was charged to collect evidence to document the presence of basic science in pharmacy education today. A report from this task force was presented at the COF Business Meeting. Dennis Miller's article in Drug Topics and the response from Lucinda Maine was briefly discussed. It was suggested that it has been a few years since we last asked "Where is medicinal chemistry in your curriculum?" It will also be important to evaluate the credentials of the instructors responsible for delivery of medicinal chemistry content.

The Collaborating Mentoring project is available for enrollment for both mentors and mentees. Mentoring teams will be established once a critical mass of mentors/mentees are enrolled and mentoring preferences are successfully mapped. There were 12 applicants and 2 NIP award winners this year. Dr. Sandy Zito's 6 years of service as an AACP appointee to the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education was acknowledged.

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

The Future Planning Committee reported on the needs assessment that they conducted. There were 30 respondents with the majority coming from hospitals rather than community pharmacists. The

most commonly reported needs were in the areas of active learning (especially web-based), ACPE guidelines, and funding. Interest in coordinating tools among section members was noted.

Conversation led by ACPE Liaison, Kristin Witherspoon-Wilson, discussed that it would be helpful if ACPE could provide sample assessment tools that assess learning rather than satisfaction. More discussion followed on the integrity of the home study courses and the evaluation of each learning objective. ACPE believes that assessment of learning is up to the individual provider. The provider determines how to assess learning, not ACPE. ACPE has offered to have two members from the CPE section serve on their 2009 planning committee. There will be new provider workshops about the new standards. The discussion also noted that accreditation for pharmacy technicians needs to be considered carefully. It was suggested that the newly formed Experiential Education section and CPE should work together to create programming related to preceptor development and training.

Experiential Education – Chair: Philip Hritcko (U Conn)

EE Section was recently (2007-2008) approved by the AACP Board to be recognized as a Section with new by-laws. The EE Section recently surveyed the section membership for the annual meeting programming and the plans for the section. The focus activities will include;

- Communication of the governance model for the EE Section to our membership.
- Communication of existing 2007-08 committees work status by the respective chairs to the Chair of the EE Section.
- Identification of 2008-2009 committees, per new by-laws, and to determine the charges and chairs of these committees.
- Working collaboratively with AACP Staff and other Sections (ex. PP, SAS) on the EE competencies including the progression from IPPE to APPE.
- Review current options in the implementation of a National Preceptor Development Program in conjunction with AACP.
- Investigate future collaborations with PEP-Canada with our EE Section membership.

In addition, the section would like to accomplish the three goals for 2008-09, 1) Develop future EE Section Leadership, 2) Identify terminal EE competencies (including the progression from IPPE to APPE), and 3) Identify and review the role of standardization across key areas in EE within the Academy.

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

There was a planning session for librarians who received a Grace and Harold Memorial Foundation Stipend to attend the AACP Annual Meeting. The purpose of the stipend is to “increase librarians’ identification with medical and health care professionals,” in this case pharmacy educators. The session sponsored by this section discussed the current trends in consumer health information and health seeking behavior of patients. The Basic Resources for Pharmaceutical Education Resources

advisory group session included reports from the coordinators, discussion of business and the assignment of tasks for the next year.

The goals for 2008-09 include:

- The Libraries and Educational Resources Section Mission Statement and Strategic Goals will be reviewed, discussed, and modified if necessary this year.
- Basic Resources for Pharmacy Education List continues to be a high priority for the L/ER Section. Section editors will be assigned to update content area. It is intended to provide information that will assist with collection development.
- Core Journal List is a service project of the Libraries/Educational Resources Section of AACP. The final draft will be approved by a vote of the section membership this year.
- PharmLib Wiki (<http://pharmlib.pbwiki.com>) is being edited by section members. New content area headings will be added this year.
- Communication to all new pharmacy schools' librarians will be sent this year. Services, section membership opportunity, and information about The Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund, Inc. will be included.

Pharmaceutics – Chair: Nita Pandit (Drake)

Pharmaceutics activities at the 2008 Annual Meeting were very successful. The section presented two well-attended programs: 1) A joint session of the Pharmaceutics, Medicinal Chemistry and the Biological Sciences sections: Integrating Pharmacogenomics in Pharmacy Education and 2) Developing Practice-Oriented Cases to Enhance Pharmaceutics Learning Outcomes. In addition, the section organized two morning roundtables to explore the status of compounding in various schools of pharmacy and to ascertain the interest in compounding certification for pharmacists. These roundtables garnered great interest from members of all sections, and the discussions will help the section move forward in exploring this idea further. The section programming for the 2009 annual meeting may have compounding certification as the theme. Sixteen NIP proposals were received and assigned to two reviewer panels.

Pharmacy Practice – Chair: Patricia Marken (UMKC)

The section organized a session titled, “Interprofessional Education – Developing a Model of Collaborative Teaching, Practice and Scholarship,” at the 2007 ASHP meeting. The section also organized two sessions at the AACP annual meeting: 1) Inter-Professional Education: Design and Assessment and 2) Incorporating Scholarship into Clinical Practice. Of particular note was the work of the Section’s Task Force on Faculty Recruitment and Retention which developed an excellent review of relevant literature related to the issue of recruitment and retention of faculty members in colleges and schools of pharmacy. The Task Force also recommended that the Section develop a program at the

2009 Annual Meeting focused on “Mentoring Programs for Faculty and provided a draft outline for such a program.

A resolution was approved at the business meeting: "The AACP Section of Teachers of Pharmacy Practice recommends that AACP support and develop a one-year formalized mentorship program for new faculty to foster faculty growth, promote retention and stimulate faculty involvement in research, clinical, and educational activities." The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee recommended referral of this resolution to the AACP Board of Directors and the House of Delegates approved this action at its final session on July 23, 2008.

The other important action at the Business Meeting was the approval of revisions to the Section's Standing Rules of Procedure. Important revisions included making the Communications Committee a standing committee within the Section and changing the definition of a quorum to be at least 50 active members of the Section with at least 30 percent of the full member schools and colleges being represented.

Upcoming Plans for 2008-09 include Health Literacy in Pharmacy Student Education: Strategies to meet the 2007 ACPE Standard at the 2008 ASHP Midyear Meeting, Orlando, FL.

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

The section provided two 90-minute CE sessions plus the business meeting. The CE sessions covered one behavior change theory followed by ideas for teaching the topic. We were able to incorporate one of the special sessions into our section programming this past year. A special Task Force focused on strategic planning for SAdS will be formed in the upcoming weeks. Our goal is to develop a 2-3 year plan for the section, and we hope to consult with AACP leadership to ensure that our section planning is consistent with the organizational planning.