

The Council of Deans Program Committee had responsibility for identifying key elements of programming for the 2010 AACCP Deans Retreat as well as the Annual Meeting in Seattle.

In reflecting on the growing size of the COD and the two years of experience with the CEO Deans Retreat as a separate meeting hosted by AACCP, the leadership of the COD recommended that the programming for the Interim Meeting be refocused on topics of primary interest to the CEO deans. In 2011, programming will return to the dual track model of programming in the 1990's, with one track for deans and a track principally for department chair development.

While the Dean's Retreat ultimately fell victim to the February blizzards, some elements of the program were maintained for those able to attend. A panel of accreditation directors from nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy and allopathic medicine provided insightful and detailed descriptions of the nature of their respective standards, standards development procedures, relationships between the accrediting body and the educational and practice establishments. In addition, deans in attendance at the retreat provided substantive input into the draft AACCP strategic plan and identified key issues of importance to the COD.

Several program areas were reviewed by the Committee, either via e-mail exchanges or by telephone for the Seattle Annual Meeting. The programmatic ideas included pearls from ACPE Self-studies, architectural design strategies for colleges and schools of pharmacy, and a critical examination of how global and domestic demographic trends might affect health professions education over the next decade. The demographic trends and self-study programming were advanced into the program specifically for CEO deans and other members of the COD.