

Dear AACP Members,

Earlier this year, the AACP Board of Directors voted to discontinue our Interim Meeting, held annually every February. While this meeting provided exceptional educational and networking opportunities for a small segment of our members, the decision was made based on several strategic and financial factors.

AACP's financial situation remains strong—our financial reserves are adequate and cost reduction and revenue enhancement efforts over the past four years have helped mitigate operational losses. However, in recent years, the Interim Meeting saw declining attendance, resulting in a significant financial loss at a time when meeting costs are rising and revenues are decreasing. We also recognize that many of our members are operating with tighter professional development budgets, and feedback indicated that supporting faculty and staff attendance at the Interim Meeting was increasingly difficult to justify given these constraints and rising travel expenses. Our association is not alone in this position—few professional organizations hold more than a single national meeting for their members.

This change creates an opportunity to reassess our member programs and thoughtfully direct staff time and resources toward initiatives that serve a broader portion of our membership—particularly utilizing virtual formats (like our very successful webinar programs) that would not require expensive travel for members to take part.

AACP remains fully committed to our Annual Meeting and aims to further expand and strengthen its programming and networking opportunities in the future. With nearly 10,000 new members joining last year through our open individual membership model, we are focused on addressing educational gaps and meeting the needs of diverse member groups, including science faculty, professional staff, chairs, junior faculty, CEO deans, and other members. For those who traditionally met during the Interim Meeting, such as our Academic Leadership Fellows, Board of Directors, and Section/SIG Leaders, we will explore opportunities for these groups to convene at other AACP meetings and gatherings throughout the year.

Looking ahead, AACP will continue to evaluate its portfolio of programs to ensure we are meeting member needs while delivering high programmatic value and sustaining our strong financial position. Input from members, staff and other key stakeholders will inform how we prioritize and shape our programs moving forward. Please share your thoughts or concerns through this [brief questionnaire](#) or by contacting me at LVermeulen@aacp.org.

Thank you for your continued engagement with AACP and your commitment to advancing pharmacy education. We look forward to continuing to support the success of our members and institutions.

Sincerely,



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