

## Speaker Communique – January 2017

Dear Colleagues:

It is hard to believe 2016 has closed and we are on to 2017! I hope this Communique finds you well and that you had a fun-filled and restive holiday break. As we prepare for 2017, in this Communique I will provide a little perspective on our accomplishments as well as our path ahead. I realize that some readers of this Communique served in the 2016 House while others did not as you have recently been appointed for service in the July 2017 House. If the [delegate\(s\) of record](#) for your institution have not been updated yet, please do so by emailing [hod@aacp.org](mailto:hod@aacp.org) to ensure that we are sending information to the correct individuals.

### What we accomplished in 2016

I cannot thank the 2016 Delegates enough for the engagement over the past year as we sought to address the issues of our academy. In the July 2016 House of Delegates (HOD) we adopted: three membership resolutions, seven policy statements, an AACP Bylaws amendment, the 2016-2019 AACP Strategic Plan, an institutional dues increase, and one resolution. Finally, you elected your future Speaker of the House, Dr. Michael Manolakis from Wingate University School of Pharmacy. Dr. Manolakis will assume the role as Speaker at the conclusion of the July 2017 second House of Delegates session and serves from July 2017 to July 2019. Each of you Delegates were engaged and it showed! Please [click here](#) to find the Minutes of the 2016 House of Delegates.

### Update from the November Board of Directors meeting

We had a very productive Board of Directors meeting and while a number of different topics were talked about, I would like to highlight three in particular; the AACP Strategic Plan, Diversity Statement and Cooperative Admissions Guidelines.

**Strategic Plan:** The Board discussed at length the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan and was pleased with both the planned and organic implementation to-date, especially given that it was adopted by the House just six months ago.

**Diversity Statement:** The Board of Directors unanimously adopted the following statement: *“AACP affirms its commitment to foster an inclusive community and leverage diversity of thought, background, perspective, and experience to advance pharmacy education and improve health.”*

**Cooperative Admissions Guidelines:** The Board of Directors had two votes on the Cooperative Admissions Guidelines (CAG). The first was that the Board *“endorsed the CAG and encourages its adoption by colleges and schools over the next three years. AACP will monitor its adoption and evaluate the results on an annual basis.”* The second, and specific to the HOD, was that the Board *“encourages the development of an appropriate resolution encouraging adoption of the guideline by colleges and schools for consideration by the 2016-17 House of Delegates.”* As Speaker I will be working with a group of individuals in developing such a resolution. Please [click here](#) to find a copy of the Cooperative Admissions Guidelines.

Closing thoughts

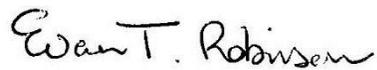
Please remember your role as a liaison between AACP and the various constituents within our colleges and schools of pharmacy. While all AACP members have the opportunity to engage in a variety of ways, only you as a delegate can participate in our House of Delegates and make your voice known on behalf of your college and school colleagues.

The Interim Meeting this year, scheduled for February 25-28, 2017 at the Wyndham Grand Rio Mar in Puerto Rico, promises to be a good meeting of informative sessions and networking. During the Interim Meeting there will be an update on the Strategic Plan implementation as well as time to discuss our HOD plans and chat about our collective future at the Town Hall Meeting. I hope to have a chance to talk to you there!

Should you have any questions or comments throughout the upcoming year please feel free to contact either [me](#) or House Secretary [Lucinda Maine](#) at any time.

All my best and I hope you have a great start to 2017!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evan T. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Evan Robinson  
Speaker, House of Delegates