

## Speaker Communiqué – September 2015

Dear Colleagues:

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the House of Delegates (HOD) in the role of Speaker of the House; I am honored to have this opportunity and look forward to working with everyone as we work on the important issues of AACP and the HOD. More importantly, please accept my thanks for a very productive HOD session at our Annual Meeting in National Harbor, MD.

What did you accomplish this past July? The HOD received the slate of nominations for the positions of President-Elect and Treasurer. The HOD approved the slate for President-Elect, Dr. Timothy Ives from UNC-Chapel Hill and Dr. Steven Scott from Purdue University as well as for Treasurer, Dr. Raylene Rospond from Manchester University and Dr. David Zgarrick from Northeastern University. On behalf of the HOD I would like to extend our gratitude to all the candidates for their willingness to serve.

Within both the first and second HOD sessions a lot of important work was accomplished. Two membership resolutions were passed during the first session of the HOD while in the second HOD eight policy statements were adopted as well as one resolution and one amendment to the AACP Bylaws. Below please find a link to the final report of the 2014-15 Bylaws and Policy Development Committee. Please note that this does not include the involved and participatory discussion during the Bylaws and Policy Development Committee Open Hearing. All in all, a very productive meeting.

Link: <http://www.aacp.org/governance/HOD/Documents/Final%20Rpt%202014-15%20BPDC.pdf>

AACP, through the efforts of the standing committees and the actions of the HOD, is one that is rich in history and innovation. I encourage all delegates, new and experienced, to visit the HOD website (<http://www.aacp.org/governance/HOD/Pages/default.aspx>) where you will find a number of reference materials (cumulative policies from 1980-2015) as well as delegate resources materials (HOD Orientation, AACP Bylaws, HOD Standing Rules of Procedure, etc.). When visiting the site, please let us know not only what was helpful but also what is missing and could be of value so we can seek to improve the engagement and involvement of all delegates.

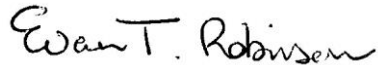
Delegates serve an extremely important role as liaison between AACP and the various constituents within our colleges and schools of pharmacy. While all AACP members have the opportunity to engage in a variety of ways, only you as a delegate can participate in our House of Delegates and make your voice known on behalf of your college and school colleagues. Please keep the faculty at your institution up-to-date on what is going on within AACP as well as bring forward ideas and recommendations that can benefit your peers at other member colleges and schools.

In the coming Speaker Communiques I will provide updates from the fall meeting of the Board of Directors, an overview of topics to be discussed at the Town Hall meeting at the AACP Interim Meeting (Tampa, FL; February 20-23, 2016), and of course later in the spring preparing for the actions of the HOD at the 2016 Annual Meeting (Anaheim, CA; July 23-27, 2016).

Should you have any questions or comments throughout the upcoming year please feel free to contact either myself or House Secretary Lucinda Maine at any time.

All my best and have a great fall semester!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evan T. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Evan Robinson  
Speaker, House of Delegates