

Speaker Communiqué - January 2013

Dear Colleagues:

At this point in the 2012-13 academic year, we are building toward pharmacy education milestones such as APPE placements, capstone courses and preparation for graduation for many. It is also the time for planning for the AACP Annual Meeting, including posters, special sessions, and awards presentations, while the policy work of the House of Delegates is developing behind the scenes. This Speaker Communiqué offers insights for novice and experienced delegates. It touches on two timely topics – the charge to the Bylaws and Policy Development Committee and the IOM Anniversary Fellowship in Pharmacy.

Delegate Identification: Our current mailing list of delegates includes a) delegates who served in 2012 and will serve again in 2013, b) delegates who served in 2012 and will not serve in 2013 but whose replacements have not yet been appointed or communicated to AACP, and c) delegates newly appointed to the 2013 AACP House of Delegates. Please communicate the appointments of delegates and alternates to AACP (Angie Edwards at aedwards@aacp.org) no later than January 31 so that we have an accurate roster.

Bylaws and Policy Development Committee (BPDC): The BPDC chaired by Dr. Evan Robinson and with the support of President Bootman, Speaker-elect Hritcko, our Parliamentarian LB Brown and myself, has a significant charge to systematically review the AACP Bylaws to identify inconsistencies related to approved structure and governance changes as well as recommendations for updating the Bylaws to reflect best governance practices. Initial recommendations will be discussed in a Town Hall at the AACP Interim Meeting in February. The changes will be summarized in the next HOD Bulletin, another important vehicle to keep delegates informed about the work of the House of Delegates.

IOM Pharmacy Fellowship: Last year AACP President Bootman announced the creation of a unique fellowship program hosted by the Institute of Medicine in celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the IOM in 1970. AACP, in collaboration with the Cottrell Foundation and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, has established a 2-year pharmacy fellowship to complement several medicine and nursing anniversary fellows. The first fellow, Dr. Samuel Johnson, Adjunct Clinical Professor University of Colorado and clinical pharmacy specialist at Kaiser Permanente Colorado in Denver, began his IOM experience in October 2012. Over the next 2 years he will work on important study committees and with various forums that examine the most vexing challenges in health care. His leading edge practice in pharmacogenomics and insights from his work in one of the most advanced pharmacy practice models in the country will serve IOM and pharmacy well over his term as an Anniversary Fellow. AACP has launched a fundraising program to provide institutions and individuals the opportunity to lend support to this fellowship program. More information about the program and details on making contributions are accessible on the AACP web site [include link]. Please consider making your contribution today!

Future Delegate Orientation/Communications: Building upon the successful delegate conference calls in previous years, we plan to host new delegate orientation calls early in 2013. These calls will provide

an overview of delegate roles and responsibilities and will prepare delegates to execute their duties, including garnering input from faculty on the business coming before the 2013 House. AACP will communicate the schedule for calls soon and is also exploring the opportunity to capture the call information for web posting.

The aim of our work is to ensure that the policy development and other responsibilities in our House of Delegates governance process are clear to all participants and run as efficiently and effectively as possible. We will achieve this aim through the timely appointment of delegates, clear and concise communications, and appropriate preparation and engagement of all who are involved in House business. Speaker-elect Hritcko, House Secretary Maine, and I welcome your questions, comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia J. Boyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cynthia" being more prominent than the last name "Boyle".

Cynthia J. Boyle
Speaker, House of Delegates