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MEMORANDUM

To: Delegates & Alternate Delegates to the APhA House of Delegates
From: William Riffée, Speaker of the APhA House of Delegates
Date: June 1, 2013
Subject: First Report to the APhA House of Delegates

Thank you for serving as a delegate or an alternate delegate during the 2013 Annual Meeting. Your participation demonstrates your commitment to making a difference in the profession, and your dedication to APhA is much appreciated.

This memo presents a recap of the actions of the 2013 House of Delegates and provides an update of activities currently under way in preparation for the 2013-2014 policy development process.

Recap from the 2013 House of Delegates

The 2013 House of Delegates adopted a number of forward-thinking and important policy statements related to medication take-back/disposal programs, ensuring access to pharmacists' services, revisions to the medication classification system, and recognizing pharmacists as healthcare providers. In addition, the House referred two new business items to the Board of Trustees for consideration, and amended, archived, and rescinded a number of existing policy statements in its annual review of current policy. Thank you for your spirited debate and lively participation in the House sessions, caucuses, and open hearings! For specific information regarding the actions of the House, [please see the 2013 House Actions Report](#).

Throughout the Annual Meeting, a concerted effort was made to bring APhA's provider status campaign to your attention. In addition to providing related educational sessions and presentations, we specifically asked for your input regarding this important campaign during the House of Delegates sessions. Interestingly, 96% of the delegates responding to an informal House survey think we *will* achieve provider status recognition, and 28% of the delegates think it will take 2-3 years for this to occur. Of note, we received approximately 210 pledges of support for the campaign during the second House session alone. Thank you for your continued support of and advocacy for this significant professional initiative! [Read the latest information on the provider status campaign](#).

The 2013-2014 House Rules Review Committee has already completed one conference call to evaluate the proceedings in Los Angeles, discuss feedback from delegates, and offer suggestions for improving the processes and procedures of future House sessions. A full report from the 2013-2014 House Rules Review Committee will be available in 2014.

Update from the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) House of Delegates

In addition to referring a number of proposed resolutions to the APhA-ASP Policy Standing Committee, the 2013 APhA-ASP House of Delegates adopted a number of resolutions related to expanding immunization privileges for pharmacists and student pharmacists and the development of an effective and financially viable care transitions model. While APhA-ASP adopted resolutions are not official policy of APhA, they do provide a sense of what topics are most important to student pharmacists and guide the work of academy. The APhA-ASP House elected the 2013-2014 National Executive Committee as

Report from the Speaker of the House of Delegates

well. Congratulations to the following student pharmacists: Brandi Hamilton (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences), President; Nicholas Capote (The University of Tennessee Health Science Center), President-elect; Joshua Cahill (D'Youville College) and Brian Donahue (Mercer University), Members-at-large; and, JT Fannin (University of Florida), Speaker of the APhA-ASP House of Delegates.

Policy Implementation Progress and Proposed Policy Topics for 2014

In April, the Joint APhA-APPM/APRS/ASP Policy Standing Committee met to review the 2013 APhA House actions and made recommendations for the implementation of adopted policies that will be presented to the APhA Board of Trustees during its June 2013 meeting. This group also evaluated the 26 proposed policy topics suggested by delegates and members and made recommendations regarding the topics most important for deliberation by the 2014 House of Delegates. The Board of Trustees will meet in late June to review the committee's recommendations and assign policy topics for statement development that will be considered by the 2013-2014 Policy Committee and the 2014 House.

Call for Committee Volunteers

Help chart the course for your profession! In preparation for the 2014 House sessions, APhA seeks members to be considered for appointments to the House of Delegates committees. These committees develop and refine APhA policy on a wide range of subjects and serve to support the various actions of the House of Delegates. Committee members will participate in conference calls and/or meetings leading up to and during the 2014 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

[Learn more about the various House of Delegates committees.](#) If you are interested in serving on one of the House committees, [complete the application process](#) by **5pm (eastern) on July 26, 2013**. The pool of interested candidates will be reviewed by me for potential committee appointment.

In preparation for APhA2014, I am also seeking candidates for Speaker-elect. The Speaker-elect is elected for a three-year term, serving the first year as Speaker-elect and the following two years as Speaker of the House and APhA Trustee. [Read more about this important position](#), or contact me at hod@aphanet.org.

Save the Date!

Get ready for APhA2014! APhA will celebrate its 160th Annual Meeting & Exposition, March 28-31, 2014, in Orlando, Florida.

Over the course of the next year, periodic reports will be posted on the House of Delegates web page to update you on the implementation of adopted policies and highlight associated activities. If you have any suggestions for or questions regarding the House or the policy development process, please feel free to contact me or APhA staff directly at hod@aphanet.org. Thanks again for your participation and interest in the House of Delegates, and I look forward to working with you over the next few years!

Sincerely,

Bill

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