

APhA-ASP INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING AWARD

Mock House of Delegates Auburn University

What did we do?

All pharmacy students were invited to participate and learn how a House of Delegates (HOD) functions. Students submitted resolutions beforehand and were given the opportunity to act as a delegate voting on each submitted resolution.

This served as an active learning experience. While the importance of policy is discussed in our classes, the process is minimally mentioned, if at all!

Making it happen:

- We educated ourselves on the policy process, compiled educational materials to distribute to interested students, and found past examples of resolutions to help explain expectations to students
- We reached out to a faculty member who had served as Speaker of the House for the Alabama Pharmacy Association
- We had interested students fill out a form beforehand and further engaged these students by distributing educational materials to them
- We hosted a Resolution Writing Workshop beforehand and guided students through the HOD process at the event



"I move to call the previous question!"



Timeline

2 months prior to beginning of semester: Reserve rooms, reach out to Speaker, and compile reference materials

Beginning of semester: Send informational emails and set deadlines

2 weeks prior to event date: Host Resolution Writing Workshop and set deadline for submission of resolutions

1 week prior to event date: Send submissions to participants to review for potential amendments

24 hours prior to event: Gather materials, order food, and make placards for participants

Event: Have Policy VP serve as Secretary, explain process to participants, and HAVE FUN!

Immediately post-event: Determine which resolution is preferred for submission to MRM (in order for this to work, we recommend having the event ~2 months prior to MRM)

Outcomes

Students learned the importance AND process of policy

Students learned how they can make a difference in policy through APhA-ASP

Our Policy VP had several resolution ideas for our submission to MRM

Future Improvements

Get information out to students sooner

Encourage students to have a rough draft before the Resolution Writing Workshop

Fundraise to send student whose policy is selected to meetings to serve as our delegate

Have students submit amendment ideas prior to event

Have an informational meeting beforehand to go over the process of a HOD