

Recap of the First House Session – March 22, 2019

Action Taken During the First Session

The first session of the APhA2019 House of Delegates was a busy session with more than 300 delegates taking action on several items. Below is a review of the actions of the House:

1. Revisions to the **House Rules** were approved during the first session of the house.
 - Recommended changes on the revision of the order of House Rules of Procedure, addition of three new rules to add clarity around the process for delegate appointment and unfilled delegate seats, and changing the Policy Review Committee's charge to review policies every 10 years to decrease the workload of the committee on an annual basis.
2. House received and approved the **Policy Review Committee** Report as a whole
3. House received, debated and took action on the [Policy Committee Report](#). The following action was taken:
 - **Consolidation within Health Care:**
 - Statements 1 and 2 were adopted.
 - Statement 3 was referred to the Policy Reference Committee.
 - **Pharmacists' Role in Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being:**
 - Statements 1 and 3 were adopted.
 - Statement 2 was adopted as amended. The final language is as follows:
 - APhA encourages employers and policy makers to provide the support, resources, culture, and authority necessary for pharmacy personnel to engage and assist individuals regarding mental health and emotional well-being.
 - **Referral System for the Pharmacy Profession:**
 - All statements, 1-6 were adopted.

Speaker Hogue's Opening Speech

Speaker Hogue, APhA Speaker of the House of Delegates, began his remarks by reminiscing on his two-year term as Speaker of the House. Hogue highlighted action from the 2018 House of Delegates regarding provider well-being and noted the feelings of many practitioners "who feel helpless in a world where economics, politics, and metrics have impacted their ability to exercise professional care." Hogue commended the House on adopted statements on the issue of well-being and resiliency and noted the efforts of the APhA Board of Trustees who have heard the House's voice and are supporting these efforts by making well-being an association wide initiative. Hogue then reviewed the great strides in state-level advocacy efforts and the continued "push for state and national recognition of pharmacists as providers, for payment for pharmacists' services, and in some cases for pharmacist to take an expanding patient care role to meet the primary healthcare needs of communities." Hogue commemorated the work of the House on this policy activity by giving Delegates foam stress capsules with the APhA2019 Annual Meeting and Exposition Logo. Hogue then reviewed efforts to advance the processes of the House of Delegates and highlighted the need for efficiency and responsiveness of policy

discussions. The focus of these discussions centered on the need and process of conducting virtual policy activities and these discussions led to the House Rules Review Committee submitting proposed changes to the APhA Bylaws to modify the House of Delegates procedures. The APhA Board of Trustees approved the addition of these Bylaws changes to the 2019 APhA Election Ballot and encouraged all delegates to review the proposed changes and vote. Hogue then recognized two new Recognized National Organizations to the APhA House of Delegates, the Hematologic and Oncologic Pharmacists Association (HOPA) and the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP). The delegates from each organization received a certificate recognizing their acceptance by the APhA Board of Trustees as Recognized National Organizations. Lastly, Hogue noted that Seattle hold special place in his heart as it was 25 years ago at the 1994 APhA Annual Meeting in Seattle where he was installed as the national president-elect of APhA-ASP. At the end of the 2019 Annual Meeting, Michael will also be installed as the national president-elect of APhA.

Read Speaker Hogue's [full speech](#).

Vote for Your APhA Board of Trustees and Academy Leadership

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The House heard from Trustee-at-Large candidates running for the APhA Board of Trustees at the first House Session. President-elect candidates will provide live remarks during the Opening General Session in Hall 4A at 9:00am in the Washington State Convention Center. At 5:00pm PDT the election polling was opened. You can cast your ballot utilizing your computer, smart device, or by visiting one of the voting booths located in the 6th floor lobby of the Washington State Convention Center. Voting will be open until noon EDT on May 13, 2019.

“Meet the Candidates” on Saturday, March 23 from 11:00am-11:45am in the Washington State Convention Center Exhibit Hall EF. Meet in-person with the Board of Trustee, Academy, or Special Interest Group (SIG) Candidates or, go to www.pharmacist.com/apha-elections to learn about the candidates running for office.

Engage in Committee Open Hearings

The House Committees will hold the following Open Hearings prior to determining their recommendations to be presented to the APhA House of Delegates. This is an opportunity for any APhA meeting attendee to provide their feedback.

New Business Review Committee Open Hearing

Saturday, March 23 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Room 201

Policy Committee Open Hearing

Sunday, March 24 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Room 201

Final Session of the House

Monday, March 25 from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Ballroom 6BC.

- Delegate check-in **begins at 11:00 am outside the Ballroom and in front of the House Office, Room 610**
- **Please be seated by 1:15 pm**

House of Delegates Office Hours – Room 610

Saturday, March 23 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 24 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Monday, March 25 7:30 am – 1:00 pm