MEMORANDUM

To: Delegates & Alternate Delegates to the APhA House of Delegates
From: Theresa Tolle, Speaker of the APhA House of Delegates
Date: May 13, 2015
Subject: First Report to the APhA House of Delegates

Thank you for serving as a delegate or alternate delegate during the 2015 APhA House of Delegates. As always, the collective wisdom of delegates guided the thoughtful discussions and energetic debate that took place this year.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your Speaker for 2015-2017. I was sworn in officially in San Diego and, as you will read below, we have hit the ground running. I look forward to serving with you and developing policy that will shape our profession. It is my goal for our process to be open, thoughtful, and efficient. Please feel free to share any ideas or suggestions you have as we move forward.

This update presents a recap of the actions of the 2015 House of Delegates and provides an update of activities currently underway in preparation for the 2015-2016 policy development process.

**Recap from the 2015 House of Delegates**
The 2015 House of Delegates adopted a number of forward-thinking and important policy statements related to Interoperability of Communications among Health Care Providers to Improve Quality of Patient Care, Integrated Nationwide Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Role of the Pharmacist in the Care of Patients Using Cannabis, Pharmacist Participation in Executions, Disaster Preparedness, Pharmacists’ Role in Promoting Medication Adherence, Prenatal and Perinatal Care and Maternal Health, and Antimicrobial Stewardship. In addition, the House amended and archived 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 [2015 House Actions Report](#).

The 2015-2016 House Rules Review Committee has already completed one conference call to evaluate the proceedings in San Diego, discuss feedback from delegates, and offer suggestions for improving the processes and procedures of future House sessions. A full report from the 2015-2016 House Rules Review Committee will be available later this year.
Update from the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) House of Delegates


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 the Academy.

The APhA-ASP House also elected the 2015-2016 National Executive Committee. Congratulations to the following student pharmacists: Lucianne West (Northeastern University), President; Kelsea Gallegos (The University of New Mexico), President-elect; Stephanie Garza (The University of Texas at Austin) and Jeffrey Van Liew (University of the Incarnate Word), Members-at-large; and Lauren Bode (The University of Tennessee Health Science Center), Speaker of the APhA-ASP House of Delegates.

Policy Implementation Progress and Proposed Policy Topics for 2016

In April, the Joint APhA-APPM/APRS/ASP Policy Standing Committee met to review the 2015 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 2015 meeting. This group also evaluated the 27 proposed policy topics suggested by delegates and members and made recommendations regarding the topics most important for deliberation by the 2016 House of Delegates. The Board of Trustees will meet in June to review the committee’s recommendations and assign policy topics for statement development that will be considered by the 2015-2016 Policy Committee and the 2016 House.

Year-Long Delegates

Delegates are appointed for a one-year term (June 1 – May 31) and will have numerous opportunities to be involved in policy-related activities, such as participating in webinars, serving on House committees, and commenting on topics and statements throughout the year. State pharmacy associations will be notified of their delegate apportionment for the 2016 House in the coming weeks. If you are interested in representing your delegation in the House, I encourage you to contact your state pharmacy association or recognized national organization as soon as possible.

Call for Committee Volunteers

Help chart the course for your profession! In preparation for the 2016 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 2016 APhA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

For specific information regarding the various House of Delegates committees, please see the following: http://www.pharmacist.com/node/26135. If you are interested in serving on one of the House committees, complete the application process at http://fs3.formsite.com/apha/form217/index.html by 5pm (eastern) on July 24, 2015. The pool of interested candidates will be reviewed by me for potential committee appointment.

In preparation for APhA2016, we are 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. For more information on this important position, see http://www.pharmacist.com/house-of-delegates or contact me at hod@aphanet.org.
Save the Date!
Get ready for APhA2016! APhA will celebrate its 162nd Annual Meeting & Exposition, March 4-7, 2016, in Baltimore, Maryland.

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 or questions regarding the House of Delegates 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 year!

Sincerely,

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