MEMORANDUM

To: Delegates & Alternate Delegates to the APhA House of Delegates

From: Brad Tice, PharmD, PMP, FAPhA, Speaker of the APhA House of Delegates
William Riffee, BSPharm, PhD, Speaker-Elect of the APhA House of Delegates
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Date: July 10, 2012

Subject: Report to Delegates of the 2012 APhA House of Delegates

This memo will serve as the first update since APhA2012 in New Orleans, LA. It is meant to provide a recap of the activities and actions of the House during the APhA Annual Meeting and provide an update of activities currently under way. We encourage you to actively participate in discussions that will occur over the next year related to policy under consideration by the association.

Recap from APhA2012

To all of you who served as a Delegate, your participation demonstrates your commitment to making a difference in the profession and the direction of APhA. The APhA House of Delegates is a place where you are able to voice your position and impact APhA’s policy and the care we provide to our patients. Thank you for your commitment and for your voice – continue to represent the profession.

Election of the Speaker-elect
The APhA 2012 House of Delegates elected William Riffee, BSPharm, PhD as our next Speaker-elect of the House of Delegates for 2013-2015. He will take over the reins as Speaker at the end of APhA2013 in Los Angeles, CA. APhA is truly fortunate to have Bill on board.

Policies adopted by the House
As you are aware, the APhA 2012 House of Delegates adopted a number of forward thinking and thought provoking policy statements and referred new business items to the APhA Board of Trustees for consideration. Additionally, the House amended, archived, and rescinded existing policy statements according to House of Delegates Rules of Procedure. The 2012 House Actions Report is now available on the House of Delegates website at www.pharmacist.com/hod. The House was exceptional this year. Thank you for your spirited debate during the General Sessions and Open Hearings!

APhA 2012 House of Delegates Committee Reports
Reports of the various House committees are available at www.pharmacist.com/hod. Depending on the time of year, the website will also include a Call for Committee Volunteers, a Call for Delegate Volunteers, New Business Items received, announcements about commenting on proposed policy statements, and a schedule of House events and activities.
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Additionally, please make sure to join the House of Delegates e-Community where periodic House-related updates and on-line discussions occur. Contact the APhA Member Services at infocenter@pharmacist.com to obtain your password.

Lastly, on the Member-Only side of the website is where you will find all prior active policies of APhA since 1963 which have been combined into a comprehensive “Policy Manual.”

APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Elect 2012-2013 National Officers
APhA-ASP held its House of Delegates during APhA2012 where it adopted a number of resolutions. A report from the APhA-ASP House can be found here.

It is important to note that APhA-ASP adopted resolutions are not official policy of APhA, but do take the pulse of what is important to today’s student pharmacists and set the direction for APhA-ASP. During their meeting, the APhA-ASP House elected its National Officers for 2012-2013 - David R. Steeb (North Carolina), President; Brandi Hamilton (Arkansas), President-elect; Justin Redding (Texas) and Sarah Riley (Missouri-Kansas City Members At-large; and, Athena Brand (Texas), Speaker of the APhA-ASP House of Delegates.

The formation of APhA policy begins with its member. Through committee appointments, webinars, recommendations, and “Calls for policy topic ideas,” APhA members have many opportunities to identify topics for policy development.

Policy Implementation and 2013 Policy Topics
Over a weekend in April, the Joint Academies Policy Standing Committee met to review the 2012 APhA House actions and made recommendations for implementation and suggested topics for the APhA Board of Trustees to assign to the Policy Committee. The APhA Board of Trustees reviewed these recommendations at its June meeting. Below are the Policy topics to be assigned the 2012-13 APhA House Policy Committee:

1. Expanding Access to Pharmaceuticals
2. Ensuring Access to Pharmacists’ Services (Role of payers and providers in Patient Care)
3. Medication Take Back/Disposal Programs

Thanks to all who submitted policy topic ideas. APhA staff and the Academies Policy Standing Committee received more than 43 proposed topics to consider. We will continue the process of gathering proposed policy topics for APhA2013 in Los Angeles and want to remind delegates that they can also utilize the New Business submission process to have topics considered by the house.

Upcoming Webinars for Policy Topic Review

The House of Delegates will conduct a series of webinars throughout the year to keep delegates and APhA members abreast of potential issues for House debate and consideration.

The first of the series of 1.5 hour webinars will present policy topics assigned to the Policy Committee which is charged with developing policy language for consideration by the APhA 2013 House of Delegates. All sessions will include 30 minutes at the end for Q&A.

Presenter: Brad Tice, Speaker of the House of Delegates – Policy Topic Discussion
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When: The first webinar will be held on Monday, July 30, 2012 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm ET
     The second webinar will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2012 from Noon – 1:30pm ET

We hope to have you join us on one of these scheduled webinars. All webinars are free; however, registration will be required to participate. (Click on one of the above links to register!)

Additionally, with the Annual Meeting occurring earlier than usual, March 1-4, in 2013, look for webinars and information to be released earlier than in typical years.

Do you have additional House issues that you are interested in seeing presented in this type of format? Contact us to share your thoughts. We look forward to hearing from you!

House of Delegates Survey Results
Shortly after the Annual Meeting, you were emailed a survey to gather feedback on your perception of the 2012 House of Delegates operations and future plans. We appreciate your responses to the survey which will aid the Parliamentarian, staff, and House officers to meet the goals and objectives established for the House. Review the 2012 House of Delegates Survey Results.

Looking Ahead to 2013
As always, I genuinely appreciate your help and your continued efforts to ensure a successful House of Delegates. In the coming months, we will have a variety of opportunities to dialogue about APhA2013. Please watch your email boxes as we will be forwarding you more information soon.

APhA House of Delegates Seeks Committee Volunteers
Help chart the course for your profession! The House of Delegates seeks APhA members to be considered for appointments to the various APhA policy and House of Delegates- related committees. These committees help shape APhA policy on a wide range of subjects. Committee members will participate on conference calls and/or meetings leading up to and during APhA2013.

Individuals interested in the Policy Committee or any other House-related committees should review and complete the online nominations application. In addition, please submit a resume/CV online to www.pharmacist.com/hod by 5:00 pm (EDT) Wednesday, July 27, 2012. The pool of interested candidates will be reviewed.

For additional information, please send your inquiries to hod@aphanet.org.

As members and delegates, you are encouraged to voice your opinions through the upcoming on-line forum where members can discuss the options being considered for the House.

Stay tuned for dates and related announcements.

Save the Date!
Get ready for APhA2013! APhA will celebrate its 159th Annual Meeting & Exposition, March 1-4, in Los Angeles, CA, and we are looking forward to seeing you! We hope you will include APhA2013 in your planning calendar once again. Serve your profession by being a Delegate to the APhA House.

The APhA House works with the APhA Academies and the affiliated state associations to appoint a full complement of Delegates. Your interest in serving will be shared with the Academies and APhA’s state affiliates.
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To keep up-to-date on issues of importance, check www.aphameeting.org for the latest information on registration, housing, events, and CE!

Over the course of the next year, periodic reports will be posted on the House of Delegates webpage to update you on the implementation of policy and related activities associated with the actions of the House. As your Speaker, I am excited about the upcoming year. I appreciate your continued support and ideas for improvement concerning House of Delegates operations and suggested topics for consideration. Please feel free to contact me or the House directly (hod@aphanet.org) with future House-related suggestions. We are interested in hearing what it is you want to discuss regarding future House issues!

Thank You

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