



MEMORANDUM

To: Delegates & Alternate Delegates to the APhA House of Delegates
From: Joey Mattingly, Speaker of the APhA House of Delegates
Date: April 10, 2020
Subject: Report of the APhA House of Delegate - April 2020

First, I want to start off by saying “WOW” – your engagement in the Association’s first ever **Virtual** House of Delegates was incredible. Your responsiveness to multiple emails leading up to the session, active participation during the session, comments following the session, and overall energy throughout the process has given new life to our policy process. While our members remain stressed and concerned about the current public health crisis and spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), our House’s prioritization of urgent policy items and the resiliency to take action during these difficult times was something we should recognize and applaud.

Given that our 2019-2020 Policy Process charted a new course in response to the Annual Meeting cancellation, each of the 2020-2021 House committees will have modified charges related to the Special Session to ensure that we assess this new process in different ways. If you are interested in serving on one of the House committees, complete the [application form](#) by 5pm (eastern) on April 17, 2020. The pool of interested candidates will be reviewed by me for potential committee appointment. For information related to various committee charges, please go to [House committees](#), to review specific details.

The Special Session of the House of Delegates conducted on March 20, 2020 resulted in a number of newly adopted important policy statements relating to:

- Protecting Pharmaceuticals as a Strategic Asset
- Accountability of Pharmacists
- Specialty Pharmacy and Specialized Pharmacy Services
- E-Prescribing Standardization
- Community-based Pharmacists as Providers of Care
- Integrated Nationwide Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Coordination of the Pharmacy and Medical Benefit
- Pharmacy Technicians Role in Immunization Administration
- Transfer of Schedule III-V Prescriptions for Purposes of Initial Fill as well as Refill
- Increasing Access to and Advocacy for Medications for Opioid (MOUD)
- HIV Testing in Women
- Digital Health Integration in Pharmacy

- Providing Affordable and Comprehensive Pharmacy Services to the Underserved
- Non-Execution Related Use of Pharmaceuticals in Correctional Facilities
- Protecting Pharmacy Personnel During Health Crisis
- Pharmaceutical Safety and Access During Emergencies

In addition, the House retained, amended and archived existing policy statements in its annual review of current policy. For specific information regarding the actions of the House, please see the [2020 House Actions Report](#).

The House Seeks Policy Topic Suggestions

In preparation for the 2020-21 APhA Policy Development Process, we are soliciting input from APhA members and pharmacy organizations for topics the House may consider in the next policy development cycle. Please provide potential policy topics and background information for consideration by the Academies Joint Policy Standing Committee and the Board of Trustees, as this is the first step to the development of policy for the Association. [Submit your ideas electronically](#) for consideration.

House of Delegates Survey Results

You should have received an email survey the week of March 30 to gather feedback on your perception of the 2020 House of Delegates operations and future plans. We appreciate your responses to the survey which will aid the myself, staff, and House officers to meet the goals and objectives established for the House.

The 2020-21 House Rules Review Committee is scheduled to meet late April to evaluate the actions of the Special House proceedings, discuss survey feedback from delegates, and offer suggestions for improving the processes and procedures of future House sessions. The committee's full report will be available later in the year.

Registration for the APhA2021 House of Delegates will open late April!

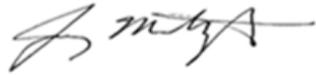
Get an early start, register for the 2021 APhA House of Delegates and see the APhA House in action throughout the 2020-2021 policy development cycle and during the 2021 APhA Annual Meeting (Friday, March 12 and Monday, March 15) and Exposition in Los Angeles, CA. Here's your chance to voice your opinion about what matters to you, share your views on policy proposals and comment on emerging issues. Contact your state delegation, recognized national organization, or APhA Academy today. Delegate term year begins June 1, 2020 and ends May 31, 2021.

2020-2021 Speaker-elect Elections

This year, the 2020-21 House of Delegates Speaker-elect election process will be conducted virtually. The two candidates slated for the position will take questions during a live Open Forum Webinar on Tuesday, April 14th from 5:00pm – 6:00pm ET. Attendees must [register here](#) to participate and submit questions. If you are unable to attend, please submit your questions in advance using the [HOD Engage community](#) platform. Candidate information now available on www.pharmacist.com/hod.

Over the course of the next year, periodic reports will be posted on the House of Delegates web page to highlight associated activities. If you have any suggestions or questions regarding the House of Delegates policy development process, please feel free to contact me (jmattingly@rx.umaryland.edu) 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 throughout year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joey Mattingly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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