



## MEMORANDUM

*To: Delegates & Alternate Delegates to the APhA House of Delegates*  
*From: Michael D. Hogue, Speaker of the APhA House of Delegates*  
*Date: May 18, 2018*  
*Subject: First Report of the APhA House of Delegates*

I want to start off by thanking all of you for your exceptional preparation and participation in the 2018 House of Delegates (HOD) in Nashville. Your willingness to serve and the input you offered are much appreciated. Each time I attend the House and open hearings I leave impressed and inspired by the caliber of the discussions and challenges we face to better the profession. I'm sure that many of you will agree that this year, in particular, the House was filled with emotion and passion resulting from our love and care for our patients, profession and wellbeing.

**CALL TO ACTION:** As was announced during the second House session, we will be engaging in House business related to policy topics prior to the 2019 House of Delegates meeting in Seattle. There is more to come about the process we will use this year in a separate notice to delegates coming soon. These changes mean that it is critical that recognized national and affiliated state associations appoint their 2019 delegates NOW, and no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> so that the business of the House can commence. Note that service to the House of Delegates is a 1-year commitment beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Delegates, PLEASE, alert your state pharmacy association executives or national association staff if you plan to attend the APhA Annual Meeting in March 2019 in Seattle that you are willing and able to serve as a delegate. All appointments must come through the affiliated and recognized organizations. Members of the APhA Academies will receive instruction on how to volunteer to serve for the next year via Academy communication.

**Introducing the Speaker-Elect:** It is my honor and privilege to introduce your new Speaker-elect T. Joseph "Joey" Mattingly II, PharmD, MBA of Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Mattingly will assume the role of Speaker at the conclusion of the March 2019 House in Seattle and will serve through the 2021 House. To get to know your speaker-elect, please see our recent [press release](#).

### Activity from the 2018 House of Delegates

In March 2018, the House of Delegates (HOD) adopted a number of important policy statements related to:

- Pharmacist Workplace Environment and Patient Safety;
- Use of Genomic Data within Pharmacy Practice;
- Proactive Immunization Assessment and Immunization Information Systems;
- Pharmacy Schools' Curriculum and Contemporary Pharmacy Needs;
- Revisions to the Medication and Medical Device Classification System;

- Direct and Indirect Remuneration Fees;
- Efforts to Reduce the Stigma Associated with Mental Health Disorders or Diseases;
- Gluten Content and Labeling in Medications, and;
- Pharmacists Electronic Referral Tracking.

In addition, the House 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 [2018 House Actions Report](#).

The 2018-2019 House Rules Review Committee is scheduled to meet in early June to evaluate the proceedings in Nashville, 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.

#### Policy Implementation Progress and Proposed Policy Topics for 2018

In April, the Joint APhA-APPM/APRS/ASP Policy Standing Committee met to review the 2018 APhA House actions and made recommendations for the implementation of the adopted policies that will be presented to the APhA Board of Trustees during its June 2018 meeting. This group also evaluated 22 proposed policy topics suggested by delegates and members and they made recommendations regarding the topics most important for deliberation by the 2019 House of Delegates. The Board of Trustees will meet in June to review the committee's recommendations and assign policy topics for statement development to the 2018-2019 Policy Committee for consideration of the 2019 House.

#### Save the Date

Plan ahead for APhA2019! APhA House of Delegates will meet during the Annual Meeting & Exposition, March 22-25, in Seattle, Washington.

Over the course of the 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. Additionally, Speaker-elect Mattingly and I are planning to utilize social media and brief video messages to keep Delegates and members of APhA informed of activities and actions of the House. Be sure you've Twitter feed. If you have any suggestions or questions regarding the House of Delegates policy development process, please feel free to contact me at [mdhogue@samford.edu](mailto:mdhogue@samford.edu) or APhA staff directly at [hod@aphanet.org](mailto: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 course of the year!friended APhA's Facebook Page, subscribed to the APhA YouTube channel, and have liked the APhA

Sincerely,



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