



MEMORANDUM

To: Delegates & Alternate Delegates to the APhA House of Delegates
From: Joey Mattingly, Speaker of the APhA House of Delegates
Date: July 17, 2020
Subject: Second Report of the APhA House of Delegates

Let me first thank all of you who continue to work on the front lines to care for patients during the Coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19). Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and all our colleagues who put their own health and that of their families at risk while caring for those in need.

As the House prepares to move ahead with APhA2021, please know that this is an incredibly busy time for all of us as we navigate these unprecedented times and the impact it has on the House and its Members and staff. We have different, but connected, areas of responsibility in relation to this, but know that we continue to work tirelessly and constructively to develop solutions to keep you up to speed on the activities of the House that have occurred and the events that will occur going forward.

On June 1, Melissa (Missy) Skelton Duke, PharmD, MS, BCPS, FAPhA was sworn in as the Speaker-elect of the House of Delegates. She is a long-serving member of APhA and the House and has Chaired and served on many of its committees throughout the years. Missy is a passionate and experienced leader; we welcome Missy in her new role. For more information on the APhA Speaker-elect please read, [press release](#).

Policy Implementation Progress and Proposed Policy Topics for 2021

Over the past year and specifically over the past few months, the Board of Trustees and APhA staff have been working hard to implement adopted policies from the 2019 and 2020 House sessions.

In April and May, the Joint APhA-APPM/APRS/ASP Policy Standing Committee met virtually to make recommendations for implementation of adopted policies from the March 20, 2020 Special Session of the House. These recommendations were presented to and approved by the APhA Board of Trustees during its June meeting.

The policy topics deliberated and ultimately passed by the House have been utilized by APhA staff and leadership in our advocacy activities on your behalf during COVID-19. In addition to these items, the action of the House on all adopted statements has been communicated to identified stakeholders as part of the approved implementation plan. Additionally, prior APhA policy related to pharmacist well-being has been used to guide APhA's efforts to address Pharmacist burnout and the development of resources and an online tool to assess a pharmacist's level of stress, [Well-being Index Online Survey](#). If you have not taken this online assessment, then I encourage you to do so today.

The committee also evaluated 22 proposed policy topics most important for deliberation by the 2021 House of Delegates. These policy topics were derived from member comments and questions received

leading up to and following the virtual Special House Session in March. After much discussion and debate, the Board of Trustees approved the following topics for consideration by the APhA Policy Committee and the 2021 House of Delegates.

1. *Multiple State Practice of Pharmacy*
2. *Continuity of Care and the Role of Pharmacists During Public Health Emergencies*

Committee Appointments and Activities

House leadership are currently in the process of making committee appointments. Over the past few months and during the coming months, our Committee members and Chairs will be hard at work carefully deliberating the viewpoint of our peers, their patients, and the profession when writing their respective reports.

The 2020-2021 House Rules Review Committee met virtually to evaluate the House proceedings and to discuss survey feedback from delegates, and offer suggestions for improving the processes and procedures of future House sessions. Included in their deliberations is an incorporation of policies and procedures related to conducting the House activities in a live, hybrid, or totally virtual format, providing flexibility depending upon the situation. The committee's full report will be available later in the year.

The Policy Review Committee is collaboratively reviewing and providing recommendations to existing policy statements related to the newly adopted policy statements from the 2020 virtual House. They are also reviewing the Proposed Amendments received from the electronic ballots process regarding the policy adopted via ballot in the 2020 virtual House process. Delegates who introduced New Business items that did not make the cut-point for ballot adoption, and were not deliberated in the virtual House, can resubmit as a New Business Item for consideration by the 2021 House. The Policy Review Committee will finalize their report by the end of August.

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. 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 as we near the meeting.

Sincerely,



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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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