



MEMORANDUM

To: Delegates & Alternate Delegates to the APhA House of Delegates
From: Theresa Tolle, Speaker of the APhA House of Delegates
Date: June 10, 2016
Subject: First Report of the APhA House of Delegates

Thank you for serving as a delegate or alternate delegate during the 2016 APhA House of Delegates in Baltimore. Over the past year, the House of Delegates has worked closely with staff and committee volunteers to ensure that the work of the organization is reflective of the ever changing health care environment and to assure that our work is at the forefront of the issues affecting the profession.

We accomplished a lot at our meeting in Baltimore. The House had some lively and passionate debate and, in the end, advanced the profession of pharmacy for future generations of pharmacists to benefit from.

In regards to the collective assembly of the House, we heard some great speeches from speaker-elect candidates but when all the votes were casted, the House voted Michael Hogue from Alabama as the new Speaker of the House, and I know he will do a great job!

This communication serves as a review of the actions of the 2016 House and provides an update of activities currently underway in preparation for the 2016-2017 policy development process.

Activity from the 2016 House of Delegates

The 2016 House of Delegates was again energized and thoughtful. Thank you for your spirited debate and participation in the House sessions, caucuses, and open hearings! The 2016 House of Delegates adopted a number of important policy statements: Biologic, Biosimilar, and Interchangeable Biologic Drug Products, Point-of-Care Testing, Substance Use and Disorder Education, Substance Use Disorder, Legalization or Decriminalization of Illicit Drugs, Medication Assisted Treatment, Opioid Overdose Prevention, Labeling and Measurement of Oral Liquid Medications. 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 [2016 House Actions Report](#).

The 2016-17 House Rules Review Committee recently completed three conference calls to evaluate the House proceedings in Baltimore, discuss survey feedback from delegates, and offer suggestions for improving the processes and procedures of future House sessions. A full report from the 2016-17 House Rules Review Committee will be available later this year.

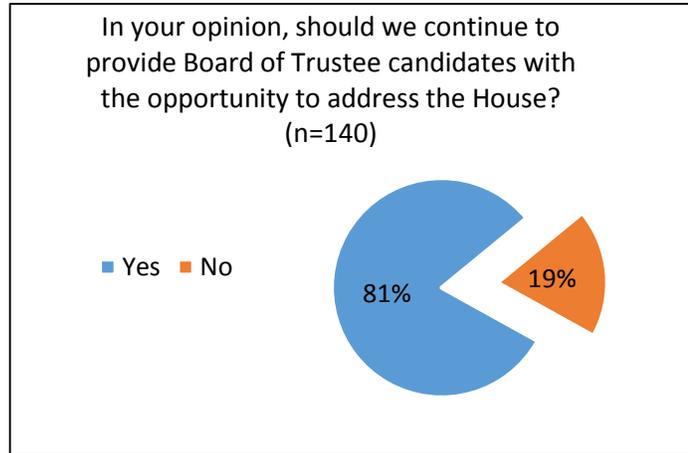
You responded and we have listened! Thank you to everyone who completed the House of Delegates Survey. Your input was specifically used to inform the discussion of the House Rules Review Committee

and will help improve future processes for House activities. APhA staff are looking at the room structure and setup for APhA2017's House session to optimize delegate experience. We will also continue to offer webinars to obtain feedback and explain policy topic issues. If you have any other suggestions for improvement to the House of Delegates please email me at hod@aphanet.org

Did you know....

The pie chart to the right is information from the HOD Survey after APhA2016. The majority of respondents (81%) replied that Board of Trustee speeches should continue to occur during the HOD.

APhA staff and I used your responses to improve future HOD activities so thank you to everyone who responded!



Update from the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) House of Delegates

The 2016 APhA-ASP House of Delegates adopted resolutions in the following areas:

- Increasing the Security of Pharmacies
- Pharmacist Administration of Injectable Medications
- Establishing Immunization Requirements
- Increasing Patient Access to Pharmacist-Prescribed Medications

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 2016-2017 National Executive Committee. Congratulations to the following student pharmacists: Kelsea Gallegos (University of New Mexico), President; Michael Murphy (Ohio State University), President-elect; Scott Brewster (East Tennessee State University) and Elissa Lechtenstein (University of Maryland), Members-at-large; and Dylan Atkinson (University of Pittsburgh), Speaker of the APhA-ASP House of Delegates. Our students are the future, it's through their involvement that we find and grow the future leaders of the profession.

Policy Implementation Progress and Proposed Policy Topics for 2017

In April, the Joint APhA-APPM/APRS/ASP Policy Standing Committee met to review the 2016 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 2016 meeting. This group also evaluated 26 proposed policy topics suggested by delegates and members and made recommendations regarding the topics most important for deliberation by the 2017 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 be considered by the 2016-2017 Policy Committee and the 2017 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 providing input on policy topics and statements throughout the year. If you are interested in representing your delegation in the House, I encourage you to contact your state pharmacy association representative or recognized national organization as soon as possible. For information on the role of the delegate, I encourage you to review this [toolkit](#) as it provides information that will orient you to the APhA House of Delegates.

Call for Committee Volunteers

Make an impact on your profession! In preparation for the 2017 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 2017 APhA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California.

For specific information regarding the various House committees, please visit 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 June 19, 2016**. The pool of interested candidates will be reviewed by me for potential committee appointment.

Save the Date!

Get ready for APhA2017! APhA will celebrate its 163rd Annual Meeting & Exposition, March 24-27, 2017, in San Francisco, California.

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 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 or APhA staff directly at hod@aphanet.org. Thanks again for your participation and interest in the House of Delegates, I look forward to working with you over the next year!

Sincerely,



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