



UPDATE

Assuring and Advancing Quality in Pharmacy Education

At ACPE's January 2008 meeting, the ACPE Board of Directors unanimously elected new officers for 2008.

New Officers and Board Designees

PRESIDENT: George R. Spratto, PhD, Dean Emeritus, West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in Morgantown, West Virginia. This is George's second term as president. George was appointed to the Board by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and his term as a member of the Board is July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2010;

VICE PRESIDENT: William A. Gouveia, MS, FASHP, Director of Pharmacy, Tufts Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts. Bill was appointed to the Board by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and his term as a member of the Board is July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2010;

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Donald H. Williams, RPh, FASHP, retired Executive Director, Washington State Board of Pharmacy, Bellevue, Washington. Don was appointed to the Board by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and his term as a member of the Board is July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2010.

In addition, new board members were appointed by AACP, APhA, and NABP. Their orientation began at the January 2008 meeting and will continue through the June 2008 meeting. Their terms of office will be July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2014.



New Board Members: Wall, Beardsley, and Cinque

The new board members are:

Robert S. Beardsley, RPh, PhD, Professor, Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (AACP appointee)

Michael P. Cinque, PharmD, FAPhA, Chief Pharmaceutical Care Officer, excelleRX, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (APhA appointee)

Donna S. Wall, PharmD, Clinical Pharmacist, Adult Critical Care, Clarian Health Partners, Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana and member, Indiana State Board of Pharmacy (NABP appointee)

Outgoing Officers:

Outgoing officers were thanked for their meritorious service to ACPE. They include: Betty Jean Harris, PharmD, FASCP, FAPhA, Assistant Dean for Experiential Education and Student Services, Nova Southeastern University, Health Professions Division, College of Pharmacy (APhA); and David E. Holmstrom RPh, JD, Retired Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Pharmacy (NABP).

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Peter H. Vlases,
Pharm.D., BCPS
Executive Director

Two Important Events for ACPE in December 2007...

ACPE Review by the NACIQI

The U.S. Department of Education has established criteria for the evaluation and recognition of eligible accrediting agencies for post-secondary education. ACPE has been continually recognized since the criteria were established in 1952. Agencies are reviewed on a 5-year cycle. ACPE submitted the requested response in June 2007 to seven areas in the USDE criteria identified in June 2006 as needing improvement to meet the criteria. At their December 2007 meeting, the USDE National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) reviewed and, under consent agenda, approved the changes implemented by ACPE. The Committee will advise the U.S. Secretary of Education that ACPE is now compliant with all the USDE recognition criteria.

First ACPE “Stakeholders Forum” Held

In January 2007, the ACPE Board of Directors identified a need for more face-to-face communication with other pharmacy-related organizations. Executive officers of many pharmacy-related organizations were invited to meet with the ACPE Executive Committee and members of the ACPE staff at our headquarters to discuss matters of common interest. The first meeting was held in the ACPE office in December 2007. A list of participants is shown at right.

An excellent dialog on matters important to pharmacy education and continuing education took place. Topics discussed included: a vision of present and future pharmacy practice; how ACPE professional degree and continuing education accreditation activities are changing to better assure quality; the present and projected role of residency training; an interest from practitioner organizations in better preceptor development programs and the pursuit of a national standard for preceptor evaluation of students; some of the problems degree programs, preceptors, and students were encountering in addressing the new introductory pharmacy practice experience requirements; the need to develop further mechanisms to ensure standardization and consistency in student capabilities from various degree programs; a need for practitioners to understand the concepts of continuing professional development and what it might mean for them, and other important topics. The concept of ACPE preparing “One-Pagers” for use by the stakeholders was endorsed. That is, stakeholders can identify an ACPE-related issue of interest to their members and ACPE will prepare a one-page summary for submission to the organization for distribution to their members. A number of

“One-Pagers” have been requested and are in preparation by ACPE. In general, the participants, including the APhA-ASP President, felt that the interchange was very valuable, the Forum should be repeated annually, and June would be a preferable time, because of weather problems encountered at this meeting. The group agreed that the next meeting would be held in June 2009, prior to the ACPE Board meeting.

Participants (alphabetical, by organization)

Judith Cahill, Executive Director,
Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

Arlene Flynn, Vice President of Professional Affairs,
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

Michael Maddux, Executive Director,
American College of Clinical Pharmacy

Keith Marciniak, Group Director of Student and New
Practitioner Development, American Pharmacists Association

Mitch Rothholz, Chief of Staff,
American Pharmacists Association

Brandon Patterson, President, American Pharmacists
Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists

John Feather, Executive Director and CEO, American Society of
Consultant Pharmacists and representing the Committee on
Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy

Richard Bertin, Executive Director,
Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties

Edith Rosato, Senior Vice President, Pharmacy Affairs,
National Association of Chain Drug Stores

Rebecca Snead (by phone, due to travel problems),
Executive Vice President and CEO,
National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations

Douglas Hoey, Chief Operating Officer,
National Community Pharmacists Association

Jo Ann Spearman, President,
National Pharmaceutical Association

Melissa Murer (by phone, due to travel problems),
Executive Director, Pharmacy Technician Certification Board

Invited organizations that were unable to send representatives
to the meeting were:

American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists; American
College of the Apothecaries; American Society of Health –
Systems Pharmacists; National Association of Boards of
Pharmacy; Pharmacy Technician Educators Council; and
US Pharmacopeia.



SUMMARY OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES 2007

For the professional degree accreditation program:

Number of accredited program:	106
(90 Full, 10 Candidate, 6 Precandidate)	

Full site visits for continuation of accreditation:	7
(Customary 6-year term, n=5; 2-year term, n=2)	

Precaccreditation site visits:	7
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Focused site visits (for additional monitoring):	18
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Interim reports:	41
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Programs placed on Probation:	2
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Programs having Probation removed:	1
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New program evaluation activities:

Pre-candidate on-site visits authorized:	8
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Pre-candidate status granted:	4
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Candidate status granted:	8
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Continued candidate status:	0
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Full accreditation status granted:	3
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For the continuing education provider accreditation program:

Number of accredited providers:	414
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New Applications:	22
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First Reviews:	16
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Second Reviews:	17
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Petitions:	69
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Interim Reports:	76
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Progress Reports:	17
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Shorter terms of accreditation:	27
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Programs placed on Probation:	2
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Inactive:	1
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Discontinuations:	16
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Certificate Program Providers:	39
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ACPE Holds Training Workshops for Site Team Members

In March, 2007, ACPE staff held the first in a series of new workshops to train both new and experienced site-team members on updated evaluation procedures designed to standardize accreditation reviews and better document how well colleges and schools are meeting ACPE standards. One-hundred seventy-four individuals attended one of six training sessions that took place over a seven-month period in five cities across the country: Baltimore, San Francisco, Orlando, Chicago, and Austin. ACPE was especially grateful to its co-hosts, the University Maryland School of Pharmacy; the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy; the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy; and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy for providing the facilities for several of the workshops.

The workshops were designed for participants with diverse learning styles, allowing them to actively engage and reflect on the content using a self-study report and meetings and interviews like those attended during an actual on-site evaluation. In addition, activities were developed to encourage participants to ask comprehensive questions to help them assess how well a program is meeting the standards. Participants prepared for the workshops by reading a web-based overview of principles of accreditation and how to conduct an on-site review; by reading ACPE's Standards 2007; and by performing a standard-by-standard evaluation of a real self study report whose details were edited in order to protect the identity of the actual program. During the workshop sessions, participants attended meetings and interviews that simulated common problems at on-site reviews; evaluated on-campus educational facilities and experiential sites using a multimedia virtual tour; and completed a standard-by-standard evaluation of the self-study report, meetings and interviews using ACPE's evaluation rubric.

The overall response to the new training has been very favorable and the feedback is being used to improve future workshops. ACPE has scheduled two site team member training workshops for 2008, and will also be offering a new self-study workshop for Deans and self-study chairs who will be going through the accreditation process in the near future. Individuals who wish to register or who would like more information on these workshops should visit ACPE's website or call the ACPE office.

CE Commission Update:

John Clay Kirtley, PharmD, Assistant Director, Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy was welcomed as a new CE Commission member, and Donald H. Williams, RPh, FASHP, retired Executive Director, Washington State Board of Pharmacy, as the new ACPE Board of Directors Liaison to the CE Commission. Outgoing CE Commission member, Malcolm Broussard, Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, was thanked for his meritorious service to ACPE.

ACPE UPCOMING EVENTS

ACPE CE Administrator Workshop

ACPE Office, Chicago, Illinois
March 6-7, 2008

ACPE Site Visitor Training Workshop

Hotel Sofitel O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois
April 6-7, 2008

ACPE CE Administrator Workshop

ACPE Office, Chicago, Illinois
April 3-4, 2008

ACPE CE Administrator Workshop

ACPE Office, Chicago, Illinois
May 1-2, 2008

ACPE CE Commission

ACPE Office, Chicago, Illinois
May 6-7, 2008

ACPE Board of Directors Meeting

ACPE Office, Chicago, Illinois
June 18-22, 2008

ACPE Self-Study Training Workshop

Hotel Sofitel O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois
August 25-26, 2008

ACPE Board of Directors

Strategic Planning Meeting
Chicago, Illinois
September 25-28, 2008

ACPE Site Visitor Training Workshop

Hotel Sofitel O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois
October 16-17, 2008

ACPE CE Commission

ACPE Office, Chicago, Illinois
November 17-18, 2008

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