ACPE Elects New Officers and Appoints Committee Liaisons

Timothy L. Tucker, John Clay Kirtley, and Anthony Provenzano have been elected as members of the ACPE Executive Committee for the 2017–2018 term of office. Elections were held during the ACPE Board of Directors Meeting, January 19–21, 2017, in Chicago, Illinois.

Timothy L. Tucker, PharmD, was elected as President of ACPE. Dr. Tucker is the Owner of City Drug Company in Huntingdon, Tennessee and a practicing community-based pharmacist. Previously, he served as former president and speaker of the House of Delegates for the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and is also a past national president of Phi Lambda Sigma. Dr. Tucker was appointed to the ACPE Board by APhA. He has previously served as ACPE Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and as the ACPE Board Liaison to the International Services Program Commission.

John Clay Kirtley, PharmD, was elected as Vice-President of ACPE. Dr. Kirtley is the Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy. Currently, he serves on the Arkansas State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board. The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) appointed Dr. Kirtley to the ACPE Board. He has previously served as ACPE Secretary/Treasurer and as ACPE Board Liaison to the Continuing Pharmacy Education Commission.

Anthony Provenzano, PharmD, was elected as Secretary/Treasurer of ACPE. Dr. Provenzano is the Vice President of Pharmacy Compliance and Government Affairs for The Albertsons Companies. He has served on numerous pharmacy association advisory panels and currently serves on two colleges of pharmacy dean’s advisory boards. APhA appointed Dr. Provenzano to the ACPE Board. He has previously served as ACPE Secretary/Treasurer and as ACPE Board Liaison to the Continuing Pharmacy Education Commission and the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission.

ACPE would like to thank Michael A. Moné, BPharm, JD, for his tireless work over the past five years as a member of the ACPE Executive Committee, having served as Secretary/Treasurer for three years, Vice-President and President.

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ACPE has also announced the appointment of three new Commission Liaisons for the 2017–2018 term. They include:

LuGina Mendez-Harper, PharmD, was elected as the Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Commission Liaison. She is the Director of Professional Practices at Prime Therapeutics where she manages activities related to pharmacy regulatory issues. She was appointed to the ACPE Board by NABP.

Martha Rumore, PharmD, JD, MS, LLM, FAPhA, was elected as the International Commission (IC) Liaison. She is an Associate Professor at Touro College of Pharmacy, an Adjunct Professor at the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, and Of Counsel at Sorell, Lenna & Schmidt, LLP. Dr. Rumore is a Fellow and former Trustee of APhA. She was appointed to the ACPE Board by APhA.

Michael A. Moné, BPharm, JD, was elected as the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) Liaison. He is the Vice President, Associate General Counsel-Regulatory for Cardinal Health. Mr. Moné has held leadership roles within many industry associations, including APhA, NABP, US Pharmacopeia, and the Florida Pharmacy Association. He was appointed to the ACPE Board by NABP.

“ACPE would like to recognize the service of Lori Duke, PharmD, the 2015–2016 CPE Commissioner, Victoria F. Roche, PharmD, the 2015–2016 International Commissioner and Anthony Provenzano, PharmD, the 2015-2016 Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commissioner,” expressed Peter H. Vlasses, PharmD, DSc (Hon), FCCP, Executive Director of ACPE. “The dedication and guidance provided by these leaders helps ACPE stay true to its mission of assuring and advancing excellence in education for the profession of pharmacy.”

Pictured above is ACPE’s Board of Directors. Back row from left to right: Martha Rumore, PharmD, JD, MS, LLM, FAPhA; Anthony Provenzano, PharmD; John Clay Kirtley, PharmD; Timothy L. Tucker, PharmD; Michael A. Moné, BPharm, JD. Front row from left to right: Lori Duke, PharmD; LuGina Mendez-Harper, PharmD; Marie A. Chisholm-Burms, PharmD, MPH, MBA, FCCP, FASHP; Sharon Hahs, PhD; Victoria Roche, PhD.
Readers,

Included elsewhere in this issue of ACPE Update is an article about the Pharmacy Technician Stakeholder Consensus Conference (PTSCC) held February 14–16, 2017. My colleague and co-editor of the ACPE Update, Patti Manolakis, PharmD, served as a workshop facilitator at the conference. Based on our discussions, during and after the conference, I asked her to share her feelings in place of my column.

It’s Time!

“The heritage of our past is the seed that brings forth the harvest for our future.”

These words, engraved on the main entrance stairs of the National Archives building, provide wisdom as our profession wrestles with addressing the growing public health and patient safety demands of defining and equipping a solid workforce of pharmacy technicians. This workforce is required to provide a strong foundation for pharmacists to provide care to patients in our nation.

What can we learn by looking to the heritage of our past?

Patient safety, quality, and advancing technology have long been drivers of improvements in health care education, training, and credentialing for members of the health care team. When ACPE was founded in 1932, pharmacy and health care looked very different, and passage of the U.S. Food Drug and Cosmetic Act was still six years away. Change is not easy. Sometimes it is forced by tragedies, such as the laws around drug safety and efficacy. Other times, change is proactively implemented to enable progress, such as the advancement of entry-level education for pharmacists to the doctor of pharmacy degree in the 1990s. Those of us in practice then, remember it was not an easy time for the profession, with a period of division, fear, and uncertainty among many. Although heated and tumultuous, the challenges were temporary, and student pharmacists modeled the leadership that encouraged the profession to embrace this change and enable growth and advancement.

History suggests that we should honestly assess the extent to which quality is assured throughout the present system of pharmacy technician education, accreditation, practice, certification, and monitoring as it has evolved and how well pharmacy practice is positioned to grow forward. Are we positioned to provide care within our patient-centered health care system that is focused to enable high quality care, grounded in evidence-based medicine, integrated through the use of informatics and technology, and delivered by teams of health care providers working together? As we deliberate the advantages, disadvantages, barriers, and benefits of defining and aligning the assurance and expectations for baseline educational and practice competence of pharmacy technicians, we find that the landscape is similar to 27 years ago, when change in entry-level pharmacy education was necessary.

Medications and related technology have advanced health care and life expectancy tremendously, and they have lessened the impact of many diseases and conditions that once killed individuals in childhood and early adulthood. Every individual that has a hand in prescribing, procuring, preparing, distributing, and administering medications must possess and demonstrate a defined set of knowledge and skills. These knowledge and skills provide a baseline for their role in the medication use process and help ensure the quality of care and prevent patient harm. As a pharmacist in practice, I had to know that the physician writing the prescription had a foundation for diagnosing and treating the patient’s condition, and I still used my professional knowledge and judgment to ensure accuracy and safety. Likewise, before we can delegate tasks of pharmacy practice to another, we need to know and trust that the individual engaging in every part of the prescription fill process is equipped, alert to similarities and differences in medications, instructions, and appropriate preparation — whether reconstituting an antibiotic, pulling the bottle from the shelf, or entering the prescription into the computer. Delegation requires confidence and trust.
One father has broadly shared the painful story of the loss of his 2-year-old daughter who had overcome her battle with cancer; however, on her last infusion, she was mistakenly given a hypertonic solution that tragically and painfully ended her life. The IV was prepared in error by a pharmacy technician and not caught by the supervising pharmacist. There are examples of harmful and fatal medication errors occurring in pharmacy practice in every setting when incorrect drugs are mistakenly dispensed, when instructions are erroneously labeled, or other errors are made. We know that no human is perfect, so we must rely on baseline safeguards for education and demonstrated competency of all who engage in health care in our society.

Education and Credentialing of Others Within Health Care

Many different individuals are part of the delivery of quality health care in the U.S. Beyond physicians, pharmacists, nurses, physician assistants, dentists, and nurse practitioners are many others who engage in and enable the care of patients, including dieticians, laboratory technicians, medical assistants, dental hygienists, optometrists, and support staff, among others. Public assurance of the education and skills of all individuals practicing and contributing to health care is vital. Most of these professions have clearly defined entry-level education requirements, as well as registration, certification and/or licensure, and ongoing requirements to maintain competency. Outside of health care, professionals such as hair stylists and barbers are required to complete minimum education and obtain and maintain a license to perform the tasks that are part of their everyday work. Why would we continue to allow a lower, variable standard to persist for pharmacy technicians, who are integral to pharmacy practice and engage directly in the processing and preparation of prescription medications for patients?

During the recent Pharmacy Technician Stakeholder Consensus Conference (PTSCC), participants explored variability among state practice laws, certification and education, licensure, and registration requirements for pharmacy technicians. Accreditation of pharmacy technician education programs has been available for well over 30 years, in part to help assure a level of quality and consistency and reduce variability across education programs. However, there is wide variability among unaccredited programs and requirements by states and other entities for program accreditation. Conference attendees discussed issues around the tremendous variation in education programs — some of which do not effectively prepare individuals to obtain pharmacy technician certification. Students who are not assured of the quality of their educational program may be left with the educational debt and without an ability to pursue their chosen path in health care. With ASHP, ACPE has specifically engaged through the joint formation of the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Council (PTAC). PTAC advises both the ASHP and ACPE boards of directors prior to their decisions on the accreditation pharmacy technician education programs.

The time has come for the profession of pharmacy to unite and ensure that entry-level pharmacy technician practice is clearly defined. Pharmacy technicians, and all who rely on them, should have confidence in the quality of education programs and a clear path to certification and accountability for their contributions to pharmacy practice and patient care within their states. As pharmacists advance their direct patient care roles, and as practices ultimately receive more compensation for care in medication use, pharmacists must be confident in the baseline, entry-level foundational knowledge and skills of the technicians who help support their practice. Patients and society must be assured that every person who has a hand in preparing and providing medications has the baseline knowledge and skills to do so, is credentialed, and is regulated and monitored as necessary — and certainly not less than the hard-working professional who cuts their hair.

The PTSCC provided a great step forward, finding important common ground within dozens of specific statements. Let’s continue to come together and work to remove barriers that prevent our profession from implementing what we know is needed to support and enhance the role of pharmacy technicians. History tells us that these advancements are necessary to ensure quality in pharmacy practice teams in all settings, in the medication use process, and to support pharmacists’ provision of high quality care to patients as a core member of the health care team.
ACPE Staff Participates in Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) 2017 Annual Conference

The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) held its Annual Conference, *Quality Assurance and Accreditation: Moving into the Future*, in Washington, DC, from January 30 – February 1, 2017. ACPE’s Assistant Executive Director and Director of Professional Degree Program Accreditation, J. Gregory Boyer, served as a panelist discussing the value programmatic accreditation brings to institutions.

The following individuals served alongside J. Gregory Boyer on the panel:

- **Joseph Vibert (Moderator),** Executive Director, Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA)
- **Crystal Calarusse,** Chief Accreditation Officer, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration, Commission of Peer Review and Accreditation
- **Barry Eckert,** Dean, School of Health Professions, Long Island University
- **Earl Seaver,** Principal Partner, Academy Solutions

_Pictured above: Attendees of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Annual Conference in Washington, DC, January 30 – February 1, 2017._

Program Evaluator Training Resumes

After a brief hiatus triggered by the implementation of Standards 2016, the first workshop to train site team members for college and school accreditation site visit evaluations was held on February 16–17, 2017. A full class of 35 faculty members from colleges and schools of pharmacy and one practitioner was held in Chicago. After a brief didactic learning session, the workshop employed active learning components that simulated discussions of a typical site visit. All participants, organized into teams, were involved in role-playing activities that varied from a program’s curriculum committee to a group of diverse pharmacy students. Using an actual self-study helped solidify understanding of the exercises and learning.

The next scheduled workshop for fall 2017 is booked to capacity; however, an individual can be added to the notification list. Participation as a program evaluator requires five or more years of academic/practice experience, submission of a curriculum vitae, and a letter of recommendation from the dean. Individuals who meet these criteria and are interested in being considered for this training, please email Lauren Donnelly (ldonnelly@acpe-accredit.org) to be notified of future workshops.
CPE Commission Announces New Chair, Vice Chair and Member

ACPE has appointed Dennis Brierton, PharmD, BCPS, FASHP, Director for Clinical Pharmacy Services at Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the 2017 Chair of the CPE Commission. Aaron Reich, PharmD, President of TRINU Healthcare has been named as Vice Chair of the Commission. ACPE would also like to extend their gratitude to Tian Merren Owens, MS, PharmD, Director of Continuing Pharmacy Education for the Florida Pharmacy Association, for her service as the 2016 Chair of the CPE Commission.

Joe Fontenot, RPh, Assistant Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy has been appointed as a new Commission member, with a term extending through December 2019. ACPE would like to thank and congratulate outgoing member Kevin Mitchell, RPh, for his dedicated service and hard work in achieving the objectives of the CPE Commission.

CPE Commission Meets with Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy

On November 16, 2016, the Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy (CCCEP) Board and the ACPE CPE Commission convened for two days in Chicago, Illinois, during ACPE’s fall commission meeting. Led by Dimitra Travlos, ACPE Director of the Continuing Pharmacy Education Provider Accreditation and Art Whetstone, CCCEP Executive Director, the meeting consisted of discussions and presentations regarding international collaboration in accreditation. Dimitra Travlos gave an overview of ACPE and its processes. Jennifer Baumgartner, ACPE Assistant Director of the Continuing Pharmacy Education Provider Accreditation Program provided an overview of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program and its mission. Mike Rouse, ACPE Assistant Executive Director, Professional Affairs and Director, International Services, shared his experience in the international arena and attempt

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to push CPD abroad and into a working global CE framework. Art Whetstone gave a comprehensive overview of CCCEP and its processes and history. The meeting was then divided into five working groups, with each group comprised of a mix of ACPE and CCCEP members assigned to brainstorm on a specific question and report back. Once the break-out sessions were concluded, next steps were discussed, with interest from both ACPE and CCCEP members to further conversations and communication between the two organizations.

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**Update on Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™**

**Providers Receive Accreditation**

At the ACPE Board of Directors Meeting in January, five continuing education providers received Joint Accreditation status with a 6-year term, and three providers received Joint Accreditation status with a 4-year term. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the partnering organizations that collectively award the distinction of Joint Accreditation, have also ratified these decisions. A complete list of all 42 Jointly Accredited providers can be accessed at www.jointaccreditation.org/accredited-providers. If you have any questions regarding Joint Accreditation, please contact Anna Treudt, CE and Joint Accreditation Coordinator, at info@jointaccreditation.org.

**Upcoming Joint Accreditation Educational Opportunities**

The Joint Accreditation Leadership Summit: Research and the Continuum of Health Professions Education is scheduled for June 9, 2017, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM CST at the ACCME office: 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1850, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The program is geared toward Jointly Accredited Providers or organizations in the process of applying for Joint Accreditation. Getting Started in Joint Accreditation is scheduled for September 19, 2017, and is applicable to organizations interested in applying for Joint Accreditation. Additional program details will be published on www.jointaccreditation.org as they become available.
International Commission Convenes

The International Commission (IC) Meeting took place November 20–22, 2016, in Chicago, Illinois. Commissioners and staff were in attendance. Additionally, Yousif Abdu Asiri, Commissioner-elect, and LuGina Mendez-Harper, Martha Rumore, and Sharon Hahs, ACPE’s newest Board Members, attended the meeting for orientation purposes. The IC made recommendations to the ACPE Board regarding Qassim University's application for initial Certification, Al Ain University of Science and Technology’s Two-Year Post-Certification Focused Visit, and King Saud University’s Interim Report. A variety of other topics were discussed at the meeting, including renewing and advancing the strategic partnerships and memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with various organizations around the world and ISP's strategic plan. Additionally, Michael Diamond was invited to present, “Health is Everybody's Business” and “Pharmacists are at the Heart of Health.” Mr. Diamond is a Professional Lecturer at DePaul University School of Public Service and lectures at Northwestern University on global health, management of civil society organizations, and the reduction of health disparities.

ISP 2nd Annual Report

ACPE's International Services Program (ISP) published its second Annual Report, which provides an overview of ISP activities from February 1, 2016, to January 31, 2017. The report includes the following:

- Visual representations of ISP activities via two electronic maps
- Vision and Mission
- Leadership team
- ACPE Certified Pharmacy Programs
- On-site evaluation visits
- Collaborations
- Communications
- List of presentations, conferences and workshops members of the ISP Staff/IC/ISPAG attended over the last year

The complete annual report can be found here.
Global Conference on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Education in Nanjing, China

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) organized the Global Conference on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Education. It was held November 7–8, 2016, in Nanjing, China. The objective of the conference was to join pharmacy leaders from various countries to implement a distinctive global vision with specific goals to improve pharmacy education and the pharmacy workforce. ACPE’s Executive Director, Peter Vlasses, and Mike Rouse, Assistant Executive Director, Professional Affairs and Director, International Services, attended. Mr. Rouse conducted a workshop at the conference on quality assurance of pharmacy education. To learn more about the conference, click here.

Pictured above: Workshop facilitators and presenters at the Global Conference on Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences Education with FIP’s President Carmen Peña.

Pictured below (left to right): Mike Rouse, Pete Vlasses and Richard Ye (University of Macau) at Nanjing Conference.
International Commission Announces New Officers

The International Commission has announced newly elected officers. Yousif Abdu Asiri was named the new International Commissioner; Anthony K. Wutoh was elected as Chair of the International Commission; Bhojraj Suresh and Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner were elected as International Commission’s Vice-Chair and Chair Elect for 2017–18 and 2018–19 respectively, and Martha Rumore was elected as the ACPE Board Liaison to the International Commission.

Yousif Abdu Asiri, PhD, MS, is Vice Rector for Planning and Development, Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at King Saud University College of Pharmacy in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Currently, he serves as a member of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority’s Board of Directors. Dr. Asiri’s three-year term as International Commissioner began February 1, 2017.

Anthony K. Wutoh, PhD, RPh, is Provost and Chief Academic Officer at Howard University in Washington, DC. He has led and participated in international programs with various organizations, including the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). Dr. Wutoh will serve as Chair of the International Commission from February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

Bhojraj Suresh, PhD, is Vice-Chancellor of JSS University College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, Republic of India. He pioneered the promotion of the Pharmacy Practice concept in India, introduced a postgraduate program in Pharmacy Practice and PharmD programs in India, and continues to uplift this facet of the pharmacy profession by working with other global leaders. Dr. Suresh will serve as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of the International Commission from February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, BCPS, FAPhA, is Associate Dean for Clinical Services and Practice Transformation at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore, Maryland. She is a member of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Academic Pharmacy Section and currently serves as a member of the FIP Advisory Committee on Pharmacy Education. Dr. Rodriguez de Bittner will serve as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of the International Commission from February 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019.

Martha M. Rumore, PharmD, JD, MS, LLM, FAPHA, is Associate Professor at Touro College of Pharmacy, an Adjunct Professor at Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, and Of Counsel at Sorell, Lenna & Schmidt, LLP in New York. She is a pharmacist and attorney admitted to the NY, NJ, and DC bars. Dr. Rumore will serve as the ACPE Board Liaison to the International Commission from February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

ACPE would like to recognize the tremendous contributions of Azza M. Agha, MSc, PhD, during her service to the International Commission from 2012–2017.

SMART Project in Egypt and Kuwait

Mike Rouse, Assistant Executive Director, Professional Affairs and Director, International Services, and Arijana Meštrović, ISPAG member, have initiated their work with the Life Sciences Academy (Kuwait) and Children’s Cancer Hospital Foundation 57357 (Egypt). Rouse and Meštrović travelled to Egypt and Kuwait in February to provide workshops and training for both organizations.
ACPE Leadership Jointly Convenes National Pharmacy Technician Stakeholder Consensus Conference

Almost 100 leaders from across the continuum of pharmacy and pharmacy technician practice and public representatives gathered in-person for the Pharmacy Technician Stakeholder Consensus Conference on February 14–16, 2017, in Irving, Texas. The PTSCC sponsored by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) was planned and conducted jointly by ACPE, PTCB, and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Hundreds of additional stakeholders joined the plenary sessions via webinar over the three-day meeting. Discussions were centered on building a road map that supports the evolution and advancement of pharmacy technicians. The aim of the conference was to explore consensus on the following:

- The necessity of public confidence in pharmacy’s process for ensuring the competency of pharmacy technicians.
- An optimal level of basic (“generalist”) knowledge, skills, and abilities that pharmacy technicians should have regardless of practice site.
- An optimal definition of entry-level (“generalist”) pharmacy technician practice with respect to (a) legally recognized scope of practice; (b) educational requirements; (c) training requirements; (d) certification requirements; and (e) state board of pharmacy registration or licensure.
- The desirability and feasibility of developing a process for recognizing competencies of pharmacy technicians beyond entry-level practice.
- The desirability and feasibility of minimizing variability among the states in the definition and regulation of pharmacy technicians.
- The entities that potentially could take responsibility for any changes in pharmacy’s process for ensuring the competency of pharmacy technicians.

Nationally recognized speakers and panelists provided insights on how the contributions of technicians in pharmacy practice can be recognized, the way in which the pharmacy technician workforce is currently being utilized, what might be the optimal requirements for pharmacy technicians in entry-level practice, the opportunities related to advanced technician practice, and models for moving forward on pharmacy technician issues.

On-site participants also engaged through in-depth workgroup sessions and developed statements regarding the development of uniform national standards related to the competencies/credentials of entry-level pharmacy technicians, opportunities to support and develop pharmacy technicians in advanced practice, and the importance of working to achieve a higher level of state-to-state consistency in the regulation of pharmacy technicians’ scope of practice, education, training, certification, and licensure or registration.

Conference participants engaged in a process of seeking consensus on the key findings and recommendations by providing feedback on each specific recommendation and finding. Detailed proceedings of the meeting outcomes will be submitted for publication.
ACPE and ASHP Boards Approve Changes to PTAC

The ACPE and ASHP Boards of Directors recently approved the following changes to the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission. John Smith was reappointed as Chair, and Donna Wall was appointed as Vice Chair. Michael Diamond was reappointed as a public member, and Mario Gomez was newly appointed to the Commission.

- John Smith, EdD, is Director of Secondary Programs and Alternative Education for East San Gabriel Valley Regional Occupational Program and Technical Center. He has more than 25 years of leadership experience in Secondary and Post-Secondary Education. Dr. Smith currently serves as an ASHP accreditation surveyor of pharmacy technician training programs. He has held several leadership positions for the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

- Donna Wall, PharmD, is Clinical Pharmacist at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. Previously, she worked as a PGY1 Residency Director and Pharmacy and Therapeutics Secretary and Drug Information Director at Indiana University Hospital, as well as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at Purdue and Butler Universities. She is currently a member of Indiana's Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Wall served as the Vice President of ACPE’s Board of Directors and was President of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Board.

- Michael Diamond, MA, is President of World Resources Chicago where his primary focus is to improve health outcomes in resource challenged communities. He worked with global health, refugee, rehabilitation, and social and economic development programs in over 100 countries. Mr. Diamond is also a Professional Lecturer at DePaul University School of Public Service and lectures on global health, management of civil society organizations, and the reduction of health disparities at Northwestern University. Previously, he served on ACPE’s Public Interest Panel.

- Mario Gomez, CPhT, is Program Director and Clinical Liaison for the San Jacinto Community College District and serves as an ASHP co-surveyor for PTAC Accreditation. He conducts site surveys, oversees student placement, and maintains affiliate documentation as a Clinical Liaison for the pharmacy technician department. Mr. Gomez earned a BS in Biological/Physical Science from the University of Houston and an Associate of Science from the University of South Carolina.

ACPE and ASHP would like to thank Jan Keresztes, PharmD, outgoing member, for her contributions to PTAC.
ACPE Staff Highlight

Dimitra V. Travlos, PharmD  
Assistant Executive Director and Director, Continuing Pharmacy Education Provider Accreditation

Dr. Travlos provides leadership and oversight over all ACPE activities and services in the area of continuing pharmacy education and accreditation. Her responsibilities include administration of evaluative processes in continuing pharmacy education, provision of staff support, and consultative guidance on activities and issues relating to continuing education providers, provision of educational support for the ACPE standards, and support for a quality assurance process of continuing pharmacy education. She also is responsible for the Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™ pathway, a collaboration with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Prior to joining ACPE, Dr. Travlos was an Associate Professor in the Division of Pharmacy Practice at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Dr. Travlos received her PharmD degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. Dr. Travlos lives with her husband and two sons in Glenview. Her husband, Jerry, is a Chicago Public School Principal for a K-8 school. Her son, John, is a high school sophomore and plays football and basketball; Anthony is an 8th grader who enjoys playing football, basketball, and baseball.

Upcoming ACPE Activities

June Board Meeting  

ACPE CPE Modified Administrator Workshop and CPD in Pharmacy Education: Engagement in Self-Directed Lifelong Learning  
July 15, 2017

AACP Annual Meeting, Nashville Tennessee

Professional Degree Program – Self-Study Workshop #1  
August 5–6, 2017, Chicago, Illinois

Professional Degree Program – Self-Study Workshop #2  

September Evaluator Site Training Workshop  

November International Commission Meeting  

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