The four new appointees to the ACPE Board of Directors began their orientation during the ACPE Board meeting in January 2016. These individuals will serve their official term of office from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2022.

Marie Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, MPH, MBA, FCCP, FASHP, is the Dean at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy. She is known nationally and internationally for improving health care and outcomes through increasing solid-organ transplant recipients’ adherence to medication protocols, health literacy, and access to medical care. Dr. Chisholm-Burns was appointed by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP).

Sharon Hahs, PhD, is the President of Northeastern Illinois University. She is actively involved in various projects at the university, including strategic planning initiatives, the establishment of councils and programs, and the dedication of buildings on campus. Dr. Hahs was appointed by the American Council of Education (ACE).

LuGina Mendez-Harper, PharmD, is the Manager of Professional Practices at Prime Therapeutics in Phoenix, Arizona. Her responsibilities include activities related to monitoring pharmacy regulatory issues; interfacing with stakeholders to ensure key safety, quality, and compliance issues are addressed; and overseeing pharmacy accreditations. Dr. Mendez-Harper was appointed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).

Martha Rumore, PharmD, JD, MS, LLM, FAPhA, is an Associate Professor at Touro College of Pharmacy where she teaches pharmaceutical law and drug information. She is also currently an oncology pharmacist at Beth Israel Medical Center in Mt. Sinai, NY and is of counsel at the law firm of Sorell, Lenna & Schmidt. Dr. Rumore was appointed to the ACPE Board by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA).

Members of the ACPE Board are responsible for implementing ACPE’s mission and purpose and ensuring effective organizational planning. Board members make all accreditation and certification decisions; establish, prioritize and evaluate ACPE programs; and promote the organization’s public image.
ACPE Elects New Officers

Elections for members of the ACPE Executive Committee were held during the ACPE Board of Directors meeting, January 21–23, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Congratulations to the new ACPE Executive Committee members who will serve for the 2016–2017 term of office:

Michael A. Moné, BPharm, JD, was elected as President of ACPE. Moné is the Vice President Associate General Counsel-Regulatory for Cardinal Health in Dublin, Ohio. He also serves as a member of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. Moné was appointed to the ACPE Board by NABP.

Timothy L. Tucker, PharmD, was elected as Vice-President of ACPE. Dr. Tucker is the Owner of City Drug Company in Huntingdon, TN and a practicing community pharmacist. He is a former president and speaker of the House of Delegates for APhA and is also a past national president of Phi Lambda Sigma. Dr. Tucker was appointed to the ACPE Board by APhA.

John C. Kirtley, PharmD, was elected as Secretary/Treasurer of ACPE. Dr. Kirtley is the Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy. He currently serves on the Arkansas State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board. Dr. Kirtley was appointed to the ACPE Board by NABP.

ACPE would like to extend their gratitude to Bruce Canaday, PharmD, FASHP, FAPhA, for his service on the ACPE Board and Executive Committee and leadership to advance excellence in pharmacy education. His term of service on the ACPE Board will expire in June 2016.

Elected to service as commission liaisons for 2016–2017 term are:

Lori Duke, PharmD, Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Commission Liaison. Duke is Assistant Dean, Experience Programs, University of Georgia, College of Pharmacy.

Anthony Provenzano, PharmD, Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) Liaison. Provenzano is Vice President, Pharmacy Compliance and Government Affairs, Albertsons Companies.

Victoria F. Roche, PhD, International Commission Liaison. Dr. Roche is Senior Associate Dean, Creighton University, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

ACPE would also like to express its appreciation to John C. Kirtley, PharmD, the 2015–2016 CPE Commission Board Liaison and Lori Duke, PharmD, 2015–2016 International Commission Board Liaison, for their service and efforts to ensure quality in pharmacy education.

Upcoming ACPE Activities

APRIL 14–15, 2016
Spring 2016 CPE Administrator’s Workshop
Chicago, Illinois

MAY 8–10, 2016
International Services Program Commission Meeting
Chicago, Illinois

MAY 10–12, 2016
CPE Commission Meeting
Chicago, Illinois

JUNE 22–25, 2016
ACPE Board of Directors Meeting
Chicago, Illinois
ACPE's Invitational Stakeholder Conference, “CPE 40 Years Later—Current and Future Opportunities and Challenges in Continuing Pharmacy Education,” was held on October 29–30, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois. The conference attracted over 60 leaders from across the continuum of pharmacy practice, academia, industry, state boards of pharmacy, and health care organizations. Nationally recognized speakers shared the history of CPE accreditation and reviewed the results of a CPE/CPD survey to gather perspectives from all stakeholders related to the current and future states of CPE/CPD. The survey results clearly indicated that ACPE does assure the quality of CE for the pharmacy profession.

Expert panelists challenged participants to think deeply about the needs of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians for continuing education in the next 10–15 years and the ways in which the marketplace and the regulatory framework should ensure practitioner competence. Panelists also encouraged attendees to consider what pharmacists and pharmacy technicians will need from their continuing education in the next 10–15 years, as well as the factors that will ensure ongoing practitioner competence in the future.

The focus and design of the meeting engaged attendees to identify the optimal future state of accredited CPE, including its relationship to CPD practices, practitioner privileging in health care delivery organizations, and interprofessional education (IPE) and practice. Attendees also assessed current conditions with respect to accredited CPE, taking into account the diversity of educational needs among practitioners; the status of CPD; and the perspectives of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy owners, health care delivery organizations, CPE providers, regulators, the public, and accreditors (ACPE and others). Most importantly, attendees identified viable options for moving from current conditions to the optimal future state of accredited CPE.

During their November meeting, the CPE Commission vetted all of the “high impact” recommendations and forwarded their recommendations to the ACPE Board for discussion during the January board meeting. The board approved their recommendations, which are outlined in Table 1 below. Several manuscripts are also being prepared for submission for publication.

### TABLE 1: Recommendations from the CPE Invitational Stakeholder Conference

| What next steps should the profession take to ensure practitioner competence based on marketplace and regulatory changes in the next 10–15 years? | ▪ Develop internal education and/or credentialing requirements for practitioners that align with organizational goals to advance team delivered patient care  
▪ Develop a CPD portfolio that will support lifelong learning and competency throughout the career of a pharmacist and pharmacy technician  
  ○ Lead the development and implementation (through CPE Monitor™ enhancements) of:  
    ▪ Competency-based, self-assessment instruments to assist pharmacists and technicians in identifying their education gaps  
    ▪ Storage of documentation of CPE, non-CPE, CPD activities (adult learning transcript/CV) to be available to be viewed by employers, payers, Joint Commission and other regulatory agencies, etc. (as approved by practitioner) |
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| How can the value of CPE be optimized over the next 10–15 years? | ▪ Encourage development of a hybrid CPE/CPD model for maintaining practitioner competence that takes into account the diversity of professional roles and the relative effect of various activities on patient safety and outcomes  
▪ Collaborate with AACP, colleges and schools of pharmacy, and ASHP to educate students and residents in lifelong learning skills/CPD for faculty and students in professional degree programs and residency programs  
▪ Support research on assessing the value of CPD portfolios in maintaining pharmacy practitioner competence  
▪ Develop a culture of voluntary life-long learning that both accommodate individualization and practice specific needs  
▪ Study the current types of CPE activities (Knowledge, Application, and Practice) and hour requirements for enhancements |
These recommendations will require the engagement of many stakeholders within the profession, and ACPE will work diligently, with these stakeholders, to advance the contribution of CPE and CPD to patient care. In the face of tremendous changes in our profession and health care, the conference outcomes will be extremely important to "shine a light on the path" ACPE and our profession should take in furthering CE quality improvement. Many other countries have seen the benefits of CPE in a CPD framework. It is time for U.S. pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, employers and practice site accreditors to embrace a new model of professional development for improved patient care. ACPE looks forward to helping our profession better understand and adopt the CPE/CPD model, guided by the recommendations from our stakeholder conference.

ACPE would like to sincerely thank all of the individuals who contributed to the success of the conference, particularly William A. Zellmer, ACPE Conference Advisor and Dr. Kristin Janke of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy who conducted the CE/CPD survey and served as a speaker. ACPE also deeply appreciates the support of the Community Pharmacy Foundation and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation whose grants funded the work of the conference.

ACPE Staff Participates in AACP/NABP District Meetings

Over the last half of 2015, ACPE Staff participated in all five AACP/NABP District Meetings across the country, covering all eight of the districts. These meetings engaged faculty from schools and colleges of pharmacy and members of state boards of pharmacy to discuss regional issues of mutual concern as well as national issues affecting the districts. Attendees also addressed professional issues affecting pharmacy practice and educational matters influencing tomorrow's pharmacists.

Jeffrey W. Wadelin, PhD, ACPE Associate Executive Director and Peter H. Vlasses, PharmD, DSc (Hon.), BCPS, FCCP, ACPE Executive Director, attended these meetings to present on behalf of ACPE. Attendees learned updated information about ACPE programs, including a detailed overview of progress toward implementation of the revised degree accreditation standards (Standards 2016). Participants were very engaged, asking important questions and showing interest in how the Standards revision will impact their schools, their states, and the status of the ASHP/ACPE collaboration in the accreditation of pharmacy technician education and training programs. ACPE appreciated the invitations to engage in these discussions.

Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission Update

Commissioners for the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC) met on October 14–15, 2015, at the Headquarters of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists in Bethesda, Maryland. PTAC, a joint initiative between ACPE and ASHP, is tasked with promoting, assuring, and advancing the quality of pharmacy technician education and training programs in the United States and recommending accreditation decisions to the ASHP and ACPE boards.

PTAC recommended that the Accreditation Standards for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs be revised. The ASHP and ACPE boards accepted the PTAC recommendations. The update expands the flexibility of training programs to meet requirements regarding the number and types of student experiential activities that must be completed, requiring at least one and encouraging two different contemporary pharmacy practice experiences. Accredited pharmacy technician education and training programs include didactic education in sterile and nonsterile compounding; accredited programs, however, may now determine whether they provide hands-on training in sterile compounding, nonsterile compounding, or both. These changes took effect on January 1, 2016.

The transition to the changes in the standards are complete and PTAC continues to engage stakeholders and others of interest to create a highly trained technician workforce, improve patient safety, and maintain greater consistency in the technician workforce.
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

DUSSeldorf, Germany

ACPE ISP at 2015 FIP World Congress

The 75th International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences convened September 29 – October 3, 2015, in Düsseldorf, Germany. ACPE’s presence was evident during the Congress through the exhibition program, networking and strategic meetings, as well as numerous presentations throughout the Congress. ISP exhibited in collaboration with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy to disseminate information and answer questions. ISP Director, Mike Rouse, presented during four podium sessions and one poster presentation. Content for these programs centered on quality assurance (QA) in pharmacy education — from basic programs intended to introduce stakeholders to ISP — to in-depth sessions on global applications for developing QA frameworks and related to broad QA Domain initiatives of FIP. In addition, the presented poster summarized global efforts to harmonize pharmacy education and quality and to advance the pharmacist workforce throughout the world.

FIP also provides a strong venue for meetings with leaders of pharmacy education programs across the globe. Over the course of the meeting, members of the ACPE staff and International Commission members met face-to-face with representatives from FIP, the Australian Pharmacy Council and the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

MONTREAL, CANADA

Mailhot Completes Service as ACPE International Commission Leader

Claude Mailhot, BPharm, DPH, PharmD, has served on the ACPE International Commission since its inception and was integral to the development and evolution of the International Services Program. As a former Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Université de Montreal’s (U of M) Faculty of Pharmacy, her interest in the importance of continuing quality assessment and improvement of pharmacy education programs was born from her involvement in the transformation of their university’s Baccalaureate program to an outcome-based PharmD program. Dr. Mailhot served as president of CIDPHARMEF’s evaluation commission (International Association of Francophone Faculties of Pharmacy) and now serves as Associate Vice-Rector for Quality Promotion at U of M.

In reflecting on her service on the ACPE IC, Dr. Mailhot states, “I was impressed by the quality of the work done and can testify to the commitment, rigor, professionalism, knowledge and experience of the members of the Commission. Improvement of pharmacy education and outcomes around the world is a common goal, and we can measure concrete results through the certification process. Sharing common interest with knowledgeable pharmacy educators, practitioners and ACPE staff has been an extremely fruitful experience.” ACPE appreciates Dr. Mailhot’s leadership and guidance in the formative years of the ISP, which has contributed to the strong foundation upon which the program continues to grow and evolve.
ACPE International Services Program Increases Certified Programs and Pharmacy Associations Collaborations

As of June 2015, there are six professional degree programs in pharmacy at five universities and colleges of pharmacy around the world that have obtained ACPE Certification. Consultations and planning for focused follow-up visits will occur throughout the year. Additional programs in other countries are in various stages of consultation, application, and consideration.

Beyond FIP and universities and colleges around the world, the ACPE ISP also engages with professional societies outside the United States on quality in continuing pharmacist education endeavors. The ACPE staff and ISP leadership conducted workshops on pharmacy education team training for staff and leaders from the Turkish Pharmacists Association in Ankara, Turkey, last summer. In addition, Mike Rouse also participated in the Association's Inter-Chamber meeting in Samsun, Turkey.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Universities and Colleges with ACPE Certification of Professional Degree Programs in Pharmacy

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ACPE Hosts Commission Meetings

ACPE was pleased to host members of the International Commission (IC) and the Continuing Pharmacy Education Commission (CPEC) in November of 2015. The IC oversees the programs, activities and services of the International Services Program (ISP) and advises the ACPE Board on international efforts to improve the knowledge and skills of pharmacists around the world. The CPEC was established to guide the CPE program and to support the achievement of ACPE’s mission to assure and advance the quality of pharmacy education.

Members of the CPE Commission

Above, left to right: Kevin Mitchell, RPh, Marion, Ohio; Kathleen McCartney, PharmD, Aurora, Colorado; Richard Artymowicz, PharmD, Cape May Court House, New Jersey (Chair); Tracy Hunter, RPh, MS, PhD, Wingate, North Carolina; Dennis Brierton, PharmD, BCPS, FASHP, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Anita Young, EdD, RPh, Boston, Massachusetts; Aaron D. Reich, PharmD, Arlington, Texas; John C. Kirtley, PharmD, Little Rock, Arkansas (ACPE Board Liaison to the CPE Commission); Tian Merren Owens, MS, PharmD, Tallahassee, Florida (Vice-Chair). Not pictured: Tammie Armeni, RPh, PharmD, Stockton, California and Shelby Englert, BBA, Washington, District of Columbia.

Members of the ISP Commission

Back row, left to right: Indra Reddy, PhD, Kingsville, Texas, USA (Vice-Chair/Chair Elect); Claude Mailhot, BPharm, DPH, PharmD, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Anthony K. Wutoh, PhD, Washington, D.C., USA; Lori Duke, PharmD, Athens, Georgia, USA (ACPE Board Liaison).

Front row, left to right: Azza M. Agha, PhD, Cairo, Egypt; Janet R Engle, PharmD, FAPhA, Chicago, Illinois, USA; Patricia Acuña-Johnson, MSc, Valparaiso, Chile (Chair).

Not pictured: Bhojraj Suresh, PhD, Mysore, India and Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, BCPS, CDE, FAPhA, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.
Preparing for Implementation of *Standards 2016*

In 2012, when the revision process for the Doctor of Pharmacy program accreditation standards began with the invitational conference, 2016 was years away; however, as this new year begins, we make the final turn toward full implementation of *Standards 2016*. In the past year since *Standards 2016* were finalized, ACPE has been working and collaborating with all stakeholders and ensuring that colleges and schools understand the Standards and accompanying Guidance document and have access to tools and training to assist in clarifying expectations and meeting the standards. *Standards 2016* become effective July 1, 2016.

The table below describes some of the resources and activities underway to prepare deans, faculty, administrators, evaluators, and others involved in preparing for and conducting accreditation reviews. ACPE’s ultimate goal is to help schools successfully document how their programs meet the Standards and to provide consistency in implementing the Standards among evaluators and site visits.

ACPE is also pleased to offer individual consultations to interested schools as desired. For questions, more information, or to schedule a consultation, please contact J. Gregory Boyer, PhD, ACPE Assistant Executive Director and Director, Professional Degree Program Accreditation at gboyer@acpe-accredit.org.

### Standards 2016 Implementation Timeline

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<td><strong>AAMS Update (version 2.0)</strong></td>
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ACPE Participates in White Coat Ceremony at St. Louis College of Pharmacy

ACPE Executive Director, Peter H. Vlasses, PharmD, DSc (Hon), BCPS, FCCP, was honored to accept an invitation from John A. Pieper, PharmD, FCCP, President of St. Louis College of Pharmacy to serve as a keynote speaker for their 2015 White Coat Ceremony. The ceremony symbolizes the students’ entrance into the Doctor of Pharmacy program and the ethical responsibilities they now have as student pharmacists. Dr. Vlasses addressed the class about the importance of depending on peers for guidance. Nearly 250 students were welcomed into the professional degree program and called to the stage to receive their white coat with a message to advance as one and to depend on one another to advance the profession of pharmacy. Congratulations to the class of 2019 from St. Louis College of Pharmacy! ■

John A. Pieper and Peter H. Vlasses congratulate an incoming professional degree program student on receipt of his White Coat.

Staff Highlight: Anna Treudt

Anna Treudt is the newest member of the ACPE staff, joining as the Joint Accreditation Coordinator for ACCME, ACPE, and ANCC. Anna became familiar with ACPE through assisting with program tasks during college breaks, and she began a full-time position at ACPE in April. In her new role, Anna coordinates all Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™ materials for accredited providers and new applicants through their application cycle and accreditation term, coordinates reviews and meetings within the program, manages ACPE’s Provider Web Tool and CPE Monitor™ tools, and assists ACPE providers with any technical issues or questions that may emerge.

In her position, she is most excited to interact with a variety of professionals and organizations, all striving to ensure quality education, while supporting ACPE’s mission to assure and advance excellence in education for the profession of pharmacy. Anna is also very appreciative of ACPE’s staff who have welcomed and supported her as she transitioned into this position.

Anna graduated from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in 2013, earning Bachelor of Arts degrees in Classical Archeology and German. She studied in Munich, Germany, for 6 months and lived in Israel for 5 weeks excavating a Roman Temple. Anna was an avid travel softball player and recently began the role of pitching coach. Having grown up in the Chicago suburbs, she thoroughly enjoys being back in the city. ■

Accreditation and Certification Statistics

- 135 Colleges and Schools with Accreditation Status
  - 125 Colleges and Schools with Full Accreditation
  - 7 Colleges and Schools with Candidate status
  - 3 Colleges and Schools with Precandidate status
- 353 Continuing Education Providers with Accreditation Status
- 4 Continuing Education Providers have inactive status
- 3 Continuing Education Providers have probation status
- 5 Pharmacy degree programs outside the USA with Certification
- 1 Pharmacy degree program outside the USA with Provisional Certification

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