AACP report

Minutes of the 2023 House of Delegates Sessions

July 23–25, 2023
Aurora, Colorado

First Session
Sunday, July 23, 2023

1. Speaker of the House of Delegates Gloria Grice called the House of Delegates (HOD) to order at 10:30 a.m.
Speaker Grice introduced the head table and announced Lawrence M. Brown would serve as the 2023 Parliamentarian and that the Speaker, Parliamentarian, and House Secretary Lee Vermeulen were available for consultation on matters coming before the House throughout the meeting.

2. Credentials Committee Chair W. Tommy Smith reported the presence of a quorum in the report of the Credentials Committee. Two hundred and twenty-two (222) of the 284 authorized delegates were seated.

3. Speaker Grice noted that sessions would be conducted according to the current House Rules of Procedure and agenda contained in the Rules with the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order. She called for a motion and a second to adopt the agenda for both sessions of the 2023 House of Delegates, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

4. Speaker Grice introduced representatives from other associations to deliver greetings to the House.
Michael Wysong, Chair of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) presented remarks on behalf of the NACDS Foundation.
Carlie Traylor, Director, Strategic Initiatives and Student Affairs for the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), announced the finalists for the 2023 Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition. Teams of pharmacy students from the University of Georgia, University of South Carolina, and the University of Texas at Austin have been named finalists in the 2023 competition.

5. Speaker Grice announced the passing of the following pharmacy educators and called for a moment of silence in their memory.
Charles DeWitt Blanton, Jr
University of Georgia

Charles K. Born
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Lance Jerry Brunner
The University of Texas at Tyler

Jack Burke
University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis

Kevin Clauson
Lipscomb University

Nicholas Ference
Wingate University

William R. Francis
The University of Georgia

Donald R. Gerecke
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

William D. Hardigan
Nova Southeastern College

Changdeng Hu
Purdue University

William Ben Ijirian
The University of Georgia

William J. Kinnard Jr
University of Maryland

Laura Mandos
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, St. Joseph’s University

Jerry Loren McLaughlin
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

Kenneth W. Miller
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Thomas F. Patton
University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis

Richard Reuning
The Ohio State University

Sheila Roberson
The University of Georgia

Gerald Rosen
University of Maryland

Lee Schrann
The University of Georgia

Kenneth Richard Scott
Howard University

Richard Shough
The University of Oklahoma

Kimberly Tallian
University of California, San Diego

Jeanne VanTyle
Butler University

Adelbert Wade
The University of Georgia

Patrick Roland Wells
Texas Southern University

6. Speaker Grice recognized the following colleagues who had been appointed CEO or interim deans of member institutions, or former senior CEO deans who had been appointed to new leadership positions at their institutions since the last annual meeting, commenting that many have participated in the AACP Academic Leadership Fellows Program as fellows, facilitators, or in both roles.

Michael L. Adams
Provost
Campbell University

Oluwaranti "Ranti" Akiyode
Dean
Howard University

Donna Beall
Interim Dean
Skaggs School of Pharmacy at the University of Montana

David Bearden
CEO Dean
Oregon State University

Stuart Beatty
Dean
Ohio Northern University

Erin M. Behnen
Interim Dean
Belmont University

Paul Belliveau
Dean
MCPHS University-Worcester/Manchester

Brookie Best
Dean
University of California, San Diego

Kimberly K. Daughtery
Vice President, Provost
Sullivan University

Charles DeWitt Blanton, Jr
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Speaker Grice introduced AACP’s incoming President, Craig Cox, for-}

ward to present his address and to outline his priorities for the coming year.

Speaker Grice called for Sibu Ramamurthy, AACP Chief Financial Officer, to present a report on behalf of AACP Treasurer David Holdford regarding the financial status of AACP.

Speaker Grice introduced Gayle Brazeau, Editor in Chief of the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education (AJPE), to present a report on the activities of the journal.

Speaker Grice noted that there would be no report from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) due to travel conflicts.

Speaker Grice noted that there would be no report from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE), but that the 2023 AFPE Mentor of the Year, Carol Lim, would be recognized during the session the following morning, “Research, Health Science and Policy in Academic Pharmacy.”

Speaker Grice recognized volunteers on AACP’s standing committees and task forces. Speaker Grice noted that the reports of the standing committees had been posted to the HOD Connect Community several weeks ago and encouraged delegates to attend the session the following morning during which those reports would be discussed.

Speaker Grice called upon Stuart Haines, Immediate Past President and Chair of the AACP Nominations Committee, to present the slate of candidates for AACP elected offices. Chair Haines announced that the committee had slated the following candidates:

President-elect:
- Kerry Fierke, University of Minnesota
- Robin Zavod, Midwestern University - Chicago

Council of Deans Chair-elect:
- Jennifer Adams, Idaho State University
- Julie Sease, University of South Carolina

Council of Faculties Chair-elect:
- Jeff Cain, University of Kentucky
- Judith DeLuca, Wilkes University

Council of Sections Chair-elect:
- Rucha Bond, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Omathnau Perumal, South Dakota State University

Speaker of the House of Delegates:
- Gloria Grice, St. Louis College of Pharmacy - University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy in St. Louis
- Laura Waite, Saint Joseph University, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy

Both candidates for Speaker of the House delivered brief introductory remarks to the House.

There was no other business before the House of Delegates. Speaker Grice reminded delegates of the necessity of checking in before the Final Session of the House of Delegates on Tuesday, July 25, then adjourned the first session of the House of Delegates at 12:00 p.m.

Second Session
Tuesday, July 25, 2022
Speaker of the House of Delegates, Gloria Grice called the House to order at 2:30 p.m. and reintroduced Parliamentarian Lawrence M. Brown and Secretary Lee Vermeulen, as well as Staff Liaison Adam Jackson.

1. Credentials Committee Chair W. Tommy Smith reported the presence of a quorum in the report of the Committee. Two hundred and thirty-three (233) of the 284 authorized delegates were seated.

2. Speaker Grice invited the Chairs of the Councils of Deans, Faculties, and sections to present brief summaries of their Council reports. Toyin Tofade, Chair of the Council of Deans, Margarita DiVall, Chair of the Council of Faculties, and Timothy Bloom, Chair-elect of the Council of Sections, came forward to present their respective reports.

3. Chair Bloom then moved approval of all three Council reports. The delegates unanimously approved the motion.
4. Lee Vermeulen, Executive Vice President and CEO of AACP, presented the report of the Executive Vice President to the House of Delegates. The text of his remarks can be found in AJPE.

5. BPDC Chair Laura Waite came forward to present the final report of the Committee. The House took the following actions on the recommendations of the BPDC.

**Policy Statements and Resolutions**

The following policy statement and resolution were recommended for approval by BPDC and were approved as below.

**Policy Statement #1:** (Source: 2022–2023 Academic Affairs Committee)

Laws, executive orders, and policies opposing diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, justice, and antiracism are contrary to the principles of equitable and just education, health care outcomes, and current policies of AACP. Therefore, AACP strongly urges ACPE to ensure accreditation standards are not influenced by federal and state laws, executive orders, or policies of this nature.

**Resolution #1:** (Source: 2022–2023 Women Faculty SIG)

AACP acknowledges that pharmacy faculty, preceptors, staff, and students may experience work-related stress, burnout, and mental health challenges as well as a stigma associated with these conditions. AACP supports efforts, plans, strategies, and resource allocation to remove barriers to seeking mental health care. AACP encourages schools and colleges of pharmacy to create a culture where faculty, preceptors, staff, and students feel safe and supported.

**Amendments to Current Policies**

The following amendments to current policies were recommended for approval by the BPDC and were approved as below.

**Amendment #1:** (Source: 2022–2023 Academic Affairs Committee)

**ORIGINAL POLICY**

Members of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy support the Association’s commitment to “…fostering an inclusive community” and “…affirming our commitment to racial equality, equity and justice”; and as educators, researchers, and health care professionals, members of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy are committed to the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, justice and antiracism; and will seek opportunities to eradicate structural and systemic racism to address social determinants of health, diminish health disparities, and promote racial equity. (Source: Social and Administrative Sciences Section, 2020)

Approved Amended Policy

**Amendment #2:** (Source: 2022–2023 Professional Affairs Committee)

**ORIGINAL POLICY**

AACP strongly supports the work of colleges and schools of pharmacy with practice partners and payors to promote and advocate for the inclusion, reimbursement, and sustainability of pharmacist services as a required element of patient-centered care in all settings, including mutually beneficial financial models between colleges and schools of pharmacy and practice partners. (Source: 2021–2022 Professional Affairs Committee, 2019; Original Source: Professional Affairs Committee, 2011)

Approved Amended Policy

**Amendment #3:** (Source: 2022–2023 Professional Affairs Committee)

**ORIGINAL POLICY**

AACP supports residencies, certificate programs, and other postgraduate training opportunities that develop advanced clinical and administrative knowledge and skills in the delivery of comprehensive pharmacy services in all health care practice settings. (Source: Professional Affairs Committee, 2020; Original Source: Professional Affairs Committee, 1989)

Approved Amended Policy

**Amendment #4:** (Source: 2022–2023 Professional Affairs Committee)

AACP supports residencies, fellowships, certificate programs, and other postgraduate training opportunities that develop advanced clinical and administrative knowledge and skills in the delivery of comprehensive pharmacists’ services in all health care practice settings.

**Amendment #5:** (Source: 2022–2023 Professional Affairs Committee)

**ORIGINAL POLICY**

AACP strongly supports the work of colleges and schools of pharmacy with practice partners and payors to promote and advocate for the inclusion, appropriate reimbursement, and sustainability of pharmacist services as a required element of patient-centered care in all settings, including mutually beneficial financial models between colleges and schools of pharmacy and practice partners. (Source: 2021–2022 Professional Affairs Committee, 2019; Original Source: Professional Affairs Committee, 2011)

Approved Amended Policy

**Amendment #6:** (Source: 2022–2023 Professional Affairs Committee)

**ORIGINAL POLICY**

Administrators, faculty members, and student pharmacists at all colleges and schools of pharmacy share responsibility for stimulating change in pharmacy practice consistent with the JCPP Vision for Pharmacy and the Pharmacist Patient Care Process. (Source: Professional Affairs Committee, 2020; Revised Source: Professional Affairs Committee, 2015; Original Source: Argus Commission, 2009)

Approved Amended Policy

Administrators, faculty members, and student pharmacists at all colleges and schools of pharmacy share responsibility for fostering change in pharmacy practice consistent with the JCPP Vision for Pharmacy and the Pharmacist Patient Care Process.

**Amendments to the Bylaws**
Nine amendments to the Bylaws as proposed by the Board of Directors were recommended for approval by the BPDC and were approved as below.

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SECTION 6.5  
Duties of the House of Delegates.  
The duties of the House shall be:  
1. to determine the educational policies of the Association’s policies as expressions of positions, values, and beliefs consistent with AACP’s vision and mission, [...]  
5. to review programs established by the Board of Directors to ensure alignment with and progress toward strategic plan priorities, goals, and objectives, [...]  
9. The Board of Directors shall appoint three individuals to serve on the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), each to serve for a term of six years.
years. These appointments shall be made on the termination of office of the incumbents, one every two years. Only persons who are actively engaged in pharmacy education at a pharmacy program accredited by ACPE shall be eligible for appointment to the Council. In case of a vacancy due to death, resignation, or other cause, the appointment shall be made for the length of the unexpired term of the individual whose position is vacated.

ARTICLE XI
Nominations and Elections.

Two candidates for Speaker will be nominated every three years by the Nominating Committee for AACP Officers. Nominations from the floor will be accepted for Speaker only from those candidates whose credentials have been reviewed in advance by the Nominations Committee. With the exception of officers in the Council of Sections and SIG Cabinet, no member of the Association may hold more than one office concurrently. Councils and Sections shall also appoint nominating committees as required by their respective standing rules of procedure. All Association nominating committees shall advance two candidates for each office. Nominations may be received from the floor with supportive biographical materials.

SECTION 12.18
Standing Committee: Bylaws and Policy Development Committee.

The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee may consist of seven members, at least two from each of the Councils of the Association, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Members from the Councils will usually serve for two years with appointments staggered so that only one new member from each Council is appointed in any year. The charge of the Committee will be to ensure that resolutions, position papers and similar proposals to the House of Delegates which seek to establish Association policy or action are made appropriate to and ready for consideration by the House. The Bylaws and Policy Development Committee also serves as the House of Delegates Rules Committee and as the designated committee to receive all House of Delegates proposed business.

ARTICLE XIV
American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education.

Delegates proposed business.

The American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education shall be the official publication of the Association. All papers presented to the Association, to the House of Delegates, to any Council, or to any of the Academic Sections shall become the property of the Association with the understanding that they are not to be submitted to any other publication unless and until released by the Editor of the Journal who has the authority to determine whether or not they will be published in the Journal. The Journal shall have an Editorial Board, appointed by the Board of Trustees, to help the Journal meet its responsibilities to the Association and the needs of its membership. The Editorial Board shall consist of sufficient numbers to be representative of the academic disciplines, who will serve in an advisory capacity to the Editor and shall meet annually to review the publishing activity of the Journal.

Amendments to the House Rules of Procedure

The BPDC recommended amendments to the House Rules of Procedure that were presented to and approved by delegates according to the topic areas in the table below. Please refer to supplemental materials for details on corresponding changes to the Rules of Procedure.

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Emerging Business

The BPDC reviewed two items of emerging business. The following resolution was recommended for approval by BPDC and was approved as below.

Emerging Resolution #1

AACP supports efforts to improve equitable access for trainees to postgraduate showcases in terms of affordable registration, travel costs, and timing flexibility. (Source: 2022–2023 Council of Deans Resolution Committee)
The following policy statement was recommended for approval by BPDC but failed to pass after extensive discussion, one amendment, and a motion to call the question, as presented below.

Emerging Policy Statement #1

AACP believes that college and school of pharmacy ranking systems are inherently flawed and an inappropriate way to evaluate the important qualities of colleges and schools of pharmacy, and disadvantage institutions whose mission is to serve the needs of specific communities. AACP strongly encourages colleges and schools of pharmacy and student applicants to deprioritize rankings for the purpose of comparing or evaluating programs. (Source: 2022–2023 Board of Directors)

Speaker Grice thanked Chair Waite and the members of the BPDC for their extensive work over the past year.


7. Speaker Grice delivered voting instructions to the delegates and asked staff to distribute ballots for the election of the next Speaker of the House.

8. While the votes were being certified by the Credentials Committee, Speaker Grice noted that there was no unfinished business to be addressed by the House.

9. Speaker Grice proceeded to an open forum discussion and invited delegates and other attendees to raise matters of policy or procedure, or substantive suggestions that would enable AACP to better serve members needs. The following suggestions were brought forward:

- The Council of Deans Rankings Taskforce continue to work with US News and World Report to shift from a ranking to a rating or dashboard system, as discussed earlier in the session
- The Board of Directors, BPDC, and other relevant bodies examine AACP’s structure and consider ways the work of SIGs can be more adequately recognized and represented within the Association, including reviewing the process by which SIGs can become Sections and the current limit on membership to only two Sections
- More inclusive membership to extend voting privileges and creating a Section for staff at colleges and schools of Pharmacy who are neither faculty nor administrators

- Consider reinstating the position of Speaker-elect, for the purpose of training and leadership development

[Aaccording to the AACP Bylaws and House of Delegates Rules of Procedure, an election for Speaker of the House takes place one year before the current Speaker’s term ends; the winner of that election serves for that year as Speaker Designate to receive training and development before taking office. The 2020 House of Delegates approved the amendment to Article 6.2 of the Bylaws to extend the term of Speaker to three years and remove the position of Speaker-elect. Refer to the Minutes of the 2020 House of Delegates.]

- Lucinda L. Maine expressed gratitude to AACP and the Board of Directors for granting her the honorary title of Executive Vice President and CEO Emerita, as noted in the present report of the Executive Vice President to the House of Delegates

10. Having completed the certification of the election, Credentials Committee Chair Margarita DiVall delivered the results to House Secretary Lee Vermeulen, who announced that the next House Speaker is Gloria Grice, who will begin her second term in July 2024.

11. Past President Stuart Haines installed the officers and members of the 2023–2024 Board of Directors:

- Craig Cox, President
- Anandi Law, President-Elect
- Russell Melchert, Immediate Past President
- Gloria Grice, Speaker of the House
- David Holdford, Treasurer
- W. Tommy Smith, Chair, Council of Deans
- Toyin Tofade, Immediate Past Chair, Council of Deans
- George MacKinnon, III, Chair-elect, Council of Deans
- Jennifer Danielson, Chair, Council of Faculties
- Margarita DiVall, Immediate Past Chair, Council of Faculties
- Katherine Kelley, Chair-elect, Council of Faculties
- Timothy Bloom, Chair, Council of Sections
- Lakesha Butler, Immediate Past Chair, Council of Sections
- Ana Quiñones-Boex, Chair-elect, Council of Sections
- Lee Vermeulen, Executive Vice President

Haines called Immediate Past President Melchert and President Cox to the podium for the transfer of the presidential office, recognizing the tradition of giving a gift upon the completion of the Presidential Year. Melchert presented a commemorative clock book to past president Haines in recognition for his service on the Board. Melchert then presented newly installed President Cox with a gavel, on behalf of the members of AACP.

Speaker Grice then called for any additional or unfinished business. Hearing none, she adjourned the House of Delegates at 4:23 p.m.

Declaration of Competing Interest

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Appendix A. Supporting information

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