

Chair Report of the Council of Deans

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Prior to my installation to this office, AACP conducted a leadership retreat in Spring of 1997 in Leesburg, Virginia. Participation in this retreat provided an overview of the organization, its function and activities as well as a review of the duties and responsibilities of the office of Chair of the Council of Deans (COD). In compliance with AACP bylaws, COD standing committees, including Nominations and Resolutions, were appointed and chaired by Deans Bill Bourne, (Northeast Louisiana) and Danny Lattin, (South Dakota State), respectively. Additionally, following concerns expressed by various Council members, an ad hoc committee was appointed to address budgeting and accountability, that was chaired by Dean Joe Dean (Samford). At the 1997 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, the Board of Directors met and President Rutledge appointed subcommittees within the Board. I was an appointed member and chaired the Subcommittee to Recommend the AACP Appointment to the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. Additionally, the President appointed a Subcommittee on Implementation of Goal 3 of the AACP Strategic Plan to which I was appointed and, by virtue of the office, served on the Program Planning Committee. As Chair-elect, I participated in the COD Administrative Board Meeting at the 1997 Annual Meeting. The installation of officers was conducted at the concluding House of Delegates meeting at this annual meeting.

In September, the COD Program Planning Committee met in Washington to recommend programming for the 1998 Interim

Meeting. In October, the Board of Directors met in Washington, DC at which time I represented the Council of Deans. An update was provided of COD committee activities. Meetings of the subcommittees and the Annual Program Planning Committee were held and the Board addressed the affairs of the organization.

During the fall, I conferred with Dr. Gary Isom, Chair of the Subcommittee on Implementation of Goal 3 of the AACP Strategic Plan, which directs AACP to provide education for deans to enhance their advocacy in national and state forums. The charge to the subcommittee was to develop a proactive federal liaison/action plan which would increase recognition and support for pharmaceutical education. A final report from the subcommittee was presented to the Board of Directors at the February meeting. Prior to the February Board meeting, the Subcommittee to Recommend the AACP Appointment to the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education met by conference call and prepared its recommendation to the Board.

The 1998 Interim Meeting was held in Savannah, Georgia. Preceding the programming sessions, the Board met at which time I once again represented the Council of Deans. An update was provided of COD committee activities. Meetings of the subcommittees and the Annual Program Planning Committee were held and the Board addressed the affairs of the organization. The subcommittees submitted reports and recommendations. The COD Administrative Board meeting was held in advance of the business

meeting of the COD. The business meeting included reports from the COD standing committees and ad hoc committee on Budgeting and Accountability. Plans for COD activities at the 1998 Annual Meeting were prepared.

In April 1998, I represented AACP at the grand opening of the national headquarters of the American College of Apothecaries in Memphis. Additionally, I participated in the Second Annual Conference of the National Health Service Corps in Washington, DC with the specific purpose to determine why pharmacy students are not included as eligible as prospective pri-

mary care health professionals for the Federal Loan Forgiveness Program and/or National Health Service Corps Scholarships in exchange for service in federally designated underserved areas.

To the date of this report, I have prepared two articles for the *American Journal for Pharmaceutical Education* entitled "Raising the Bar" and "The Right Things to Do" with a third in process. It has been a pleasure to serve the Council and the general membership in this capacity.

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