

**IPhA Professional Affairs Committee  
Annual Report 2017-2018**

**Membership**

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Garth Reynolds (ex-officio)  
Jenny Rosselli (chair)

**Summary of Activities**

The Committee met six times during the 2017-2018 year.

1. December 14, 2017
2. February 1, 2018
3. March 22, 2018
4. May 24, 2018
5. August 9, 2018
6. September 6, 2018

**Bylaws Charges**

The Professional Affairs Committee shall be responsible for professional and scientific matters, including development and research of the professional practice of pharmacy, development of standards and guidelines, and other related issues promoting the practice of pharmacy.

**Wildly Important Goals**

1. Act on requests to review House of Delegate (HOD) policies.
2. Promote growth and sustainability of Professional Enhancement Program.
3. Review and comment on the annual Educational Needs Assessment Survey.
4. Identify topics and or existing continuing education or training programs for pharmacy technicians.
5. Review and comment on the self-assessment report in preparation for ACPE re-accreditation survey.

**Policy review**

- House of Delegates referred 14 policies to this committee for review.
- Seven policies discussed by Committee. Completed full review of three policies resulting in submitted recommendations to HOD.

Policy		Lead Reviewer(s)	Status
1-A-12	Prescription Drug Sampling	Jay	Recommend HOD retain policy for time being and request HOD to provide additional guidance for revising policy.

1-A-17	Pharmacy Only Category for Rx to OTC Switch Products - 1984	Jay	Pending committee discussion.
1-A-18	Pharmacist-Only Class of OTC Medications – 1990	Jay	
1-A-25	Illinois Prescription Form – 1988	TBD	Tabled
1-A-29	Pharmacy Dedicated Fund	Garth	Pending committee discussion
1-A-30	Dispense as Written – 1994	TBD	Tabled
1-B-4	Supportive Personnel - 1979	Bedrija	<p>Recommend revision. Pending final review by committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate term “pharmacist extender” instead of “pharmacy technician”</li> <li>• Consider not recommending mandatory passing of PTCB exam. Exam content tests on variety of hospital and community pharmacy concepts that even the most experienced technician in only one area of pharmacy may struggle with.</li> <li>• Policy to include verbiage that IPhA will connect pharmacist extenders with CE and/or training programs.</li> <li>• Incorporate language that pharmacists must be available when dispensing or direct patient care activities are occurring.</li> </ul>
1-B-5	National Drug Code (NDC) – 1975	TBD	Tabled
1-B-8	Standards for Enteral/Parenteral Compounding	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received input from Compounding Practitioner’s Section</li> <li>• Committee tabled review of this policy until new compounding rules that are currently under final review by the Board of Pharmacy are implemented by JCAR.</li> </ul>
1-B-16	Drug Use Control – 1988	Jenny	<p>Recommend revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove statement that prescribing authority is not supported</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add language that IPhA supports pharmacists working at top of license</li> <li>• Obtained Idaho Pharmacy Practice Act and adapted language for use in this policy revision.</li> </ul>
1-B-17	Manufacturer Price Increases – 1988	N/A	Deferred to Independent Practitioner's Section for review/recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to new APhA policy recently passed for language.</li> </ul>
3-2	Patient Package Inserts (PPIs) – 1979	TBD	Tabled
3-8	Use of Tobacco-related Products – 1990	Jenny and Starlin	Recommend revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include e-cigarettes, vaping, and non-therapeutic sources of nicotine to encompass nicotine sources other than smoking cigarettes.</li> <li>• Omit “b”, out of date. Update to include that IPhA does not support the sale of tobacco products and non-therapeutic sources of nicotine.</li> </ul>
3-14	Hypodermic Needles/ Syringe Exchange Program – 1994/1997	Julie	Recommend revision. Awaiting input from the Legislative and Regulatory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove items “c” and “d” of policy, keep item “b”.</li> <li>• Unsure if there is a needle exchange law in IL (doesn't seem to be).</li> <li>• Sent suggested edits to Policy Committee and requested their recommendation for item “a”.</li> </ul>

### Professional Enhancement Program (PEP)

- The Committee is in favor of supporting and helping expand the PEP to provide a value-added benefit to IPhA members.
- Program goals
  - Offer 5-6 hours of programming per year.
  - Develop a Speaker Exchange. A process that encourages faculty to collaborate with 1-2 co-presenters in differing regions on a single program that can be presented at multiple venues. This will allow for each presenter to deliver a live session locally while minimizing burdens of travel and time commitment.
- Strategies for moving the initiative forward.

- Target November to May as peak times to offer sessions through the PEP to avoid overlap with Annual Conference preparations. This will avoid overburdening IPhA office staff responsible for processing CPE applications and materials.
- Offer advanced programming that could benefit individuals preparing for specialty certification exams.
- Categorize CPE programs by level of mastery expected such as basic or general, intermediate, and advanced so learner can select appropriate CPE for their individual needs.
  - Recommendation put forth to the Conference and Education Committee
- Compile a list of CPE topics presented at affiliate organizations over the past couple of years. Identify any topics that could be repeated for other audiences or updated.
  - Jenny is compiling list and has reached out to all affiliate leaders
- Reach out to APhA-ASP advisors at regional pharmacy schools to solicit volunteers willing to serve as CPE faculty for 2019.
  - Jenny to send out email after Annual Conference.
- Utilize a variety of formats for delivering CPE such as live in-person, live webinar, recorded webinar, TED Talks style, and written; and explore use of social media as a vehicle to provide programming.
- Committee members can help provide contacts for potential Speaker Exchange faculty, peer review of CPE sessions and/or reach out to colleagues for peer review volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,  
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 Chair