Actions of the ASHP Board of Directors—meeting of September 26, 1997

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This meeting of the Board was held at ASHP headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland. The following members of the Board were present: John E. Murphy, Chair; Bruce R. Canaday, Vice Chair; Marcia B. Gutfeld; Jane S. Henry; Donald T. Kishi; Michael J. Melby; Lois M. Nash; Bruce E. Scott; Steven Sheaffer; Saraj White; David A. Zilz; and Henri R. Manasse, Jr., Secretary. Also present were Daniel M. Ashby, Board member elect; Debra S. Devereaux, Board member elect; Celeste D. Lindley, Chair, Executive Committee, ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists; J. Scott Reid, Chair, Executive Committee, ASHP Section of Home Care Practitioners; Dena B. Askew, Chair, ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum; and various ASHP staff members.

Following is a summary of actions taken by the Board:

- Ratified a ballot memorandum approving the minutes of the June 1, 1997, meeting.
- Reviewed reports from Board members and officers who had represented ASHP at various meetings.
- Reviewed the minutes of the July 18, 1997, meeting of the Committee on Finance.
- Approved the transfer of $100,000 from the Unrestricted Fund to the Reserve for Transition to cover the fiscal requirements of transition expenses projected to year-end 1997; further, agreed to consider another transfer should additional funding be needed before year-end 1997.
- Approved the ASHP preliminary budget for the period January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998, subject to further adjustment of financial projections based on the 1997 experience up to the next meeting of the Committee on Finance, October 17, 1997.
- Ratified a mail ballot regarding selection of a new audit firm.
- Reviewed the minutes of the August 24–26, 1997, meeting of the Commission on Credentialing.
- Approved the ASHP Therapeutic Position Statement on the Safe Use of Niacin in the Management of Dyslipidemias.
- Approved the ASHP Therapeutic Position Statement on Antithrombotic Therapy of Chronic Atrial Fibrillation.
- Agreed to discontinue development of a therapeutic position statement on the treatment of insomnia in the elderly.
- Reviewed plans for follow-up on actions taken at the 1997 session of the House of Delegates.
- Ratified a mail ballot dated August 6, 1997, supporting the procedures and timetable for colleges of pharmacy to implement the newly adopted standards and guidelines for entry-level pharmacy education.
- Ratified a mail ballot dated August 6, 1997, regarding the creation of an ASHP Risk Purchasing Group for the purpose of providing professional liability insurance to ASHP members.
- Ratified a mail ballot dated September 12, 1997, that authorized ASHP to participate in the Pharmacy Quality Council as a collaborative effort among pharmacy organizations and to contribute $5,000 for supporting the work of the Pharmacy Quality Council in 1997.
- Agreed to cancel the following Board Voted from November 1994: “To review and rewrite the ASHP Charter Article Third (Purposes) to reflect pharmaceutical care and other emerging practice activities in the Society”; further, to examine the ASHP Charter for potential changes as part of a comprehensive review of the ASHP policy-development process; further, to request staff to propose a plan (including objectives and timetable) for review of the ASHP policy-development process for consideration by the Board at its November 1997 meeting.
- Appointed the following persons to serve as a Committee on Nominations of the Board for the purpose of screening candidates for the position of Treasurer: Bruce E. Scott, Chair; Donald T. Kishi; and Lois M. Nash.
- Reviewed the minutes of the June 1, 1997, meeting of the ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum.
- Agreed to not approve a recommendation of the ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum, which reads, “To reconsider the student dues increase.”
- Agreed to commend the American Association for the Advancement of Science, upon the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding, for its long record of outstanding service to the public and the scientific community; further, to note with particular appreciation AAAS’s efforts in promot-
ing high ethical standards in the conduct of research and in fostering public understanding of the scientific method; further, to express a strong desire to seek opportunities for ASHP and its health-system pharmacist members to collaborate with AAAS on important scientific issues of mutual interest such as fostering safety in the medication-use process.

- Reviewed the minutes of the July 17, 1997, meeting of the ASHP Research and Education Foundation.
- Reviewed a report on the August 6, 1997, meeting of the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners.
- Reviewed the minutes of the May 31, 1997, meeting of the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists.
- Reviewed the minutes of the May 31, 1997, meeting of the ASHP Section of Home Care Practitioners.
- Reviewed recent activities of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).
- Reviewed oral staff reports on the following subjects: marketing research efforts; update on public relations plan; update on legal impacts of 105th Congress actions; and meetings with Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America executives.
- Discussed the following practice issues: adequacy of the future supply of advanced leaders in practice management; trends related to the formation of integrated health care systems; employment of pharmacists by at-risk physician groups; evidence-based and protocol-based medical practice; and ASHP prompt dissemination of critical drug-product safety information.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 15-16, 1997, in Bethesda, Maryland.