



# 2021 Virtual House of Delegates Open Forum

Thursday, October 14, 2021  
5:30pm – 7:00pm ET

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# Objectives

1. Briefly review House activities leading up to the 11/5/21 Virtual House Session
2. Review the 2021-2022 House Rules Review Committee Report
3. Review the 2021-2022 Policy Review Committee Report
4. Review the Referred Business Item from March 2021 House Session
5. Briefly discuss next steps in the process

Webinar scheduled for 90 minutes.  
(10 mins for intro/overview, 25 mins per topic,  
and 10-15 mins for final comments/questions and next steps)

# Webinar Process

To request to speak during the webinar, click on the **raise hand** button. You will be placed in the queue and recognized by the moderator.

Provide written questions/comments through the **question panel** or send an email to **HOD@aphanet.org**. Written comments may be limited due to time but will be made available to the Policy Committee.

The moderator, chairs, and APhA Staff will clarify issues but will not engage in debate. Be courteous to your colleagues in your communications.

We want your perspective to ensure other delegates are better informed on policies and proposals up for review and debate during the November 5, 2021, House session.

# APhA Antitrust Statement

The American Pharmacists Association complies with all Federal and State Antitrust laws, rules and regulations. Therefore:

- 1) Meetings will follow a formal, pre-approved agenda which will be provided to each attendee. Participants at meetings should adhere strictly to the agenda. Subjects not included on the agenda should generally not be considered at the meeting.
- 2) The agenda will be specific and will prohibit discussions or recommendations regarding topics that may cause antitrust problems, such as prices or price levels. In addition, no discussion is permitted of any elements of a company's operations which might influence price such as:
  - 1) Cost of operations, supplies, labor or services;
  - 2) Allowance for discounts;
  - 3) Terms of sale including credit arrangements; and,
  - 4) Profit margins and mark ups, provided this limitation shall not extend to discussions of methods of operation, maintenance, and similar matters in which cost, or efficiency is merely incidental.
- 3) It is a violation of Antitrust laws to agree not to compete, therefore, discussions of division of territories or customers or limitations on the nature of business carried on or products sold are not permitted.
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- 5) Whenever discussion borders on an area of antitrust sensitivity, the Association's representative should request that the discussion be stopped and ask that the request be made a part of the minutes of the meeting being attended. If others continue such discussion, the webinar will be terminated.



# House Activities Since March 2021

- House Rules Review Committee
- Policy Review Committee
- Virtual House Agenda

# HOD Activity Since March 2021

- House Rules Review Committee
  - In depth review of House operations
  - Recommended the Board of Trustees approve a Fall Virtual House in November 2021 (pull statement from report [here](#))
- Policy Review Committee
  - Retain – 38
  - Archive – 2
  - Amend – 3
  - Rescind – 0

# Nov. 5 - Virtual House of Delegates

## DRAFT Agenda – 1:00pm – 4:00pm ET

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Virtual Head Table
3. Review Voting Procedures and Virtual House Process
4. Speaker Update
5. Credentials Report\*
6. Adoption of Agenda and Rules\*
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11. Recommendations from APhA Members
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*Please note: (\*) asterisk indicates potential opportunities to cast votes.*



# 2021-2022 House Rules Review Committee Recommendations

- Report for Nov. 5, 2021, Virtual House Session



# House Rules Review Committee Report

## 2021-2022 House Rules Review Committee Members

- Cynthia Boyle, Chair
- Lauren Bode
- Matthew Lacroix
- Ann McManis
- Frank North
- Rajan Vaidya

# House Rules Review Committee Report

## Proposed Guidance

- Unfilled Delegate Seats
- Fall 2021 Virtual House Session
- Unfinished Business & Referred Business
- Policy Review Committee
- Use of a Ballot
- Virtual House Processes
- New Business Item Development
- Consideration of Urgent New Business Items
- Rights of the Speaker to Limit Debate
- General House Operations

# House Rules Review Committee Report

## Unfinished Business & Referred Business Items

- Virtual House engagement has resulted in an increase in unfinished or referred House business.
- The Speaker should maintain the authority to assign any unfinished or referred business, if a separate motion does not dictate this information.
- After reviewing *Rule 6 – Consideration of Committee Reports*, the committee proposes a new *Rule 17 – Unfinished and Referred Business Items* to the House Rules of Procedure to clarify the process for handling this type of business
- Additionally, part of existing *Rule 6* is recommended to be moved into the new *Rule 17*

# House Rules Review Committee Report

## Rule 6 – Proposed Modifications

### **Rule 6 Consideration of Committee Reports**

The order for consideration of Committee Reports and recommendations in any House of Delegates session agenda shall be determined by the Speaker in consultation with the Secretary of the House. The House shall receive any Committee Reports prior to Committee open forums or webinars and any session where debate on a Committee Report would occur. The Policy Reference Committee and New Business Review Committee shall consider delegate input received through open forums, webinars, and other communication means and will develop recommendations for consideration by the House on each whole-numbered statement or recommendation. During House sessions, the Committee chair will recommend adoption of policy statements and recommendations and preside over the debate. Action on the report will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (current edition).

~~Debate in any session of the House may be time limited, as designated by the Speaker. If the Speaker, the Committee chair, or any delegates feel additional debate on the policy statement is warranted, the item may be carried over to an open hearing or a future session of the House. The remaining items requiring action will be brought back for final consideration at the next House session as "Unfinished Business."~~

# House Rules Review Committee Report

## Rule 17 – Proposed New Rule

### **New Rule 17 Unfinished and Referred Business Items**

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Upon confirmation of an “Unfinished Business Item”, the Speaker must clearly identify within the “Actions of the House Report” how Unfinished Business Items will receive further action. Unless defined within a motion from a Delegate, the Speaker, in consultation with the Secretary of the House, has the authority to assign “Unfinished Business Items” to an appropriate House Committee, the Board of Trustees, or a future session of House business for further action.

An update on “Unfinished Business Items” or any “Referred Business Items” from any prior House session should be provided by the Speaker at future House sessions until action has been taken by the House or no further action is recommended on the item.

# House Rules Review Committee Report

## Use of a Ballot to Accomplish House Business

- Ballots have been used for the 2020 and 2021 House of Delegate Sessions due to limited available discussion time within virtual sessions
- Delegate survey feedback noted confusion on how to reconsider a motion due action taken through a ballot process.
- To simplify this process, the Committee proposes that any ballot could be used to develop a consent agenda for a full vote by the Delegates during the House session.
- This means that a ballot vote would **NOT** be a final action by the voting Delegate and instead streamlines how agenda content is presented during the House session.

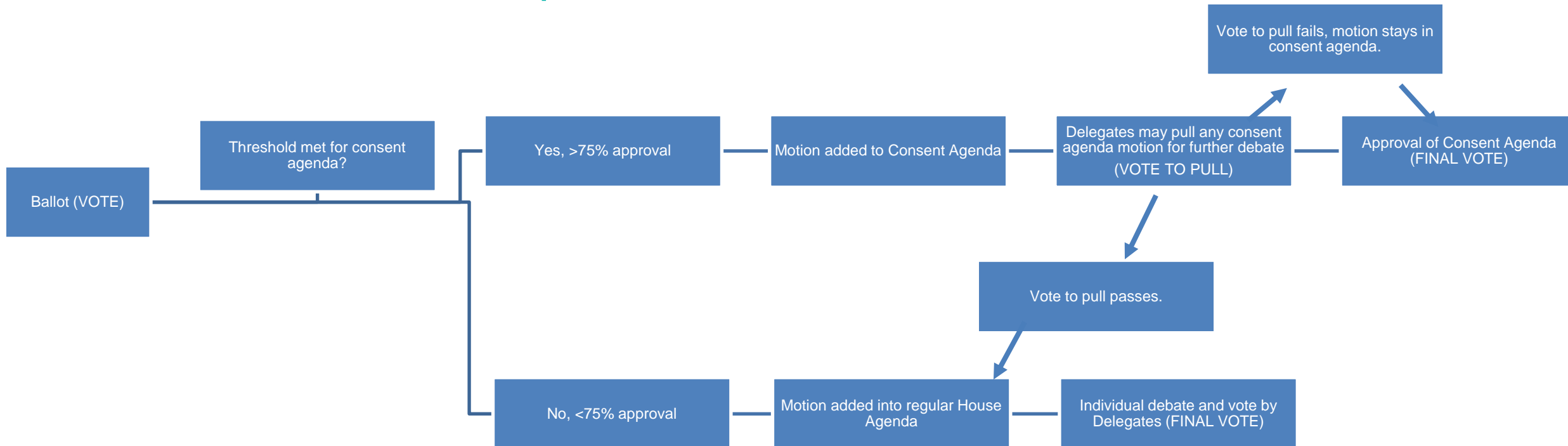
# House Rules Review Committee Report

## Use of a Ballot to Accomplish House Business

- Ballot Consent Agenda Process
  - Delegates vote on individual motions through an electronic ballot
  - Motions that receive **at least 75%** approval are added into a consent agenda
    - Consent agenda is handled with a singular motion
    - Delegates can pull any item from the consent agenda for separate debate and voting
  - Motions that receive **less than 75%** approval are added into the regular House agenda for individual action

# House Rules Review Committee Report

## Use of a Ballot to Accomplish House Business





# House Rules Review Committee Report

## New Business Item Development

- The Committee recommends amending *Rule 13 – New Business* to change the deadline for submission of New Business items from 30 days to 60 days.
- Over the past 3-5 years there have been an increase in New Business Item submissions
- This increase in submissions has led to limited time for review and debate by delegates.
- The deadline change to 60 days is to allow or additional time for review by Delegates, APhA staff, and the New Business Review Committee.

# House Rules Review Committee Report

## Rule 13 – Proposed Modifications

### **Rule 13 New Business**

New Business Items are due to the Speaker of the House no later than ~~30~~ 60 days before the start of any House session where regular action on New Business Items (not urgent items) are scheduled to take place.



# Opportunity for Discussion

- **House Rules Review Committee Report**

# House Rules Review Committee Report

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## Proposed Rule Changes

- **Rule 6** – Consideration of Committee Reports
- **Rule 13** – New Business
- **New Rule 17** – Unfinished and Referred Business Items

***Time for Discussion***



# 2021-2022 Policy Review Committee Recommendations

- Report for Nov. 5, 2021, Virtual House Session

# Policy Review Committee Report

## 2021-2022 Policy Review Committee Members

- Andrew Bzowyckyj, Chair
- Grace Baek
- Gigi Davidson
- Bin Deng
- Jason Gaines
- Rawan Latif
- May Woo

# Policy Review Committee Report

## Potential Recommendations

- Retain
- Amend
- Archive
- Rescind

## Policy Review Committee Report

### 43 Total Recommendations for Action by the House

Reviewed 42 policy statements related to newly adopted policy from the March 2021 House of Delegates.

- Recommend to Retain – **38**
- Recommend to Amend – **3**
- Recommend to Archive – **2**
- Recommend to Rescind – **0**



## Policy Review Committee - Archive

### Recommend to Archive – Item #39

#### **2016,2011,2002,1963 Role of the Pharmacist in National Defense**

1. Pharmacists, by their education and training as medication experts, should be involved intimately in all elements of the procurement, storage, handling, compounding, and dispensing of drugs and supplies in planning for as well as during any national emergency.
2. Pharmacists, by their education in anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology, are readily adaptable to assist in the emergency medical treatment of patients and for training the public in medical self-help.
3. Pharmacists, by their constant contact with the members of the health team, as well as a significant portion of their communities, provide the potential for coordinating preparedness measures, and establishing meaningful standby emergency operational plans.

## Policy Review Committee - Archive

### Recommend to Archive – Item #40

#### **2015 Disaster Preparedness**

APhA encourages pharmacist involvement in surveillance, mitigation, preparedness, planning, response, and recovery related to terrorism and infectious diseases.

## Policy Review Committee - Archive

Recommend to Archive

**2016,2011,2002,1963 Role of the Pharmacist in National Defense**

**2015 Disaster Preparedness**

***Time for Discussion***

# Policy Review Committee - Amend

## Recommend to Amend – Item #41

### 2014 Use of Social Media

1. APhA encourages the use of social media in ways that advance patient care and uphold pharmacists as trusted and accessible health care providers.
2. APhA supports the use of social media as a mechanism for the delivery of patient-specific care in a platform that allows for appropriate patient and provider protections and access to necessary health care information.
3. APhA supports the inclusion of social media education, including but not limited to appropriate use and professionalism, as a component of pharmacy education and continuing professional development.
4. APhA affirms that the patient's right to privacy and confidentiality shall not be compromised through the use of social media.
5. APhA urges pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists to self-monitor their social media presence for professionalism and that posted clinical information is accurate and appropriate.
6. APhA advocates for continued development and utilization of social media by pharmacists and other health care professionals during public health emergencies.

## Policy Review Committee - Amend

### Recommend to Amend – Item #42

#### **2004,1988 Pharmacists' Relationship to Veterinarians**

APhA encourages pharmacists, ~~and~~ student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians to become more knowledgeable about veterinary drugs and their usage.

## Policy Review Committee - Amend

### Recommend to Amend – Item #43

#### **2008 Billing and Documentation of Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Services**

1. APhA encourages the development and use of a system for billing of MTM services that:
  - (a) includes a standardized data set for transmission of billing claims;
  - (b) utilizes a standardized process that is consistent with claim billing by other healthcare providers;
  - (c) utilizes a billing platform that is accepted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
2. APhA supports the pharmacist's or pharmacy's choice of a documentation system that allows for transmission of any MTM billing claim and interfaces with the billing platform used by the insurer or payer.
3. APhA encourages pharmacists to use the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for billing of MTM services.
4. APhA supports efforts to further develop CPT codes for billing of pharmacists' services, through the work of the Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC) [and Pharmacy e-HIT Collaborative](#).

## Policy Review Committee - Amend

### Recommend to Amend

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**2004,1988 Pharmacists' Relationship to Veterinarians**

**2008 Billing and Documentation of Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Services**

***Time for Discussion***



# Opportunity for Discussion

- Other items from the Policy Review Committee Report





# Process for Handling Reports



# Referred Business Item

- Increasing Awareness and Accountability to End Harassment, Intimidation, Abuse of Power, Position, or Authority in Pharmacy Practice

## Referred Business Item

### Timeline

- March 2021
  - Topic referred to APhA Joint Policy Standing Committee during March 2021 House Session
- April/May 2021
  - Joint Policy Standing Committee reviewed the proposed statement and provided guidance to the Board of Trustees
- June 2021
  - APhA Board of Trustees reviewed guidance and decided to introduce policy language during November Virtual House Session

## Referred Business Item

### Proposed Language

#### **Increasing Awareness and Accountability to End Harassment, Intimidation, Abuse of Power, Position, or Authority in Pharmacy Practice**

APhA recommends that all pharmacy organizations develop processes for attestation and evaluation to determine eligibility of individuals considered for any award, recognition, or leadership position consistent with the organization's policy on harassment, intimidation, or abuse of power or position.

## Referred Business Item

### Background

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# House-keeping & Next Steps

**Reminder:** Sign-up as a delegate if you have not already done so!

Contact your state pharmacy association, APhA Academy, or affiliated organization.

## Friday, November 5, 2021, Special Session of the House

1:00pm – 4:00pm ET

Second Open Forum on Oct 14 to review the items being acted upon

- House Rules Review Committee Recommendations
- Policy Review Committee Recommendations
- Referred New Business Item –
  - Increasing Awareness and Accountability to End Harassment, Intimidation, Abuse of Power, Position or Authority in Pharmacy Practice
- Any Urgent New Business Items

Multiple Webinar Technology Test sessions scheduled

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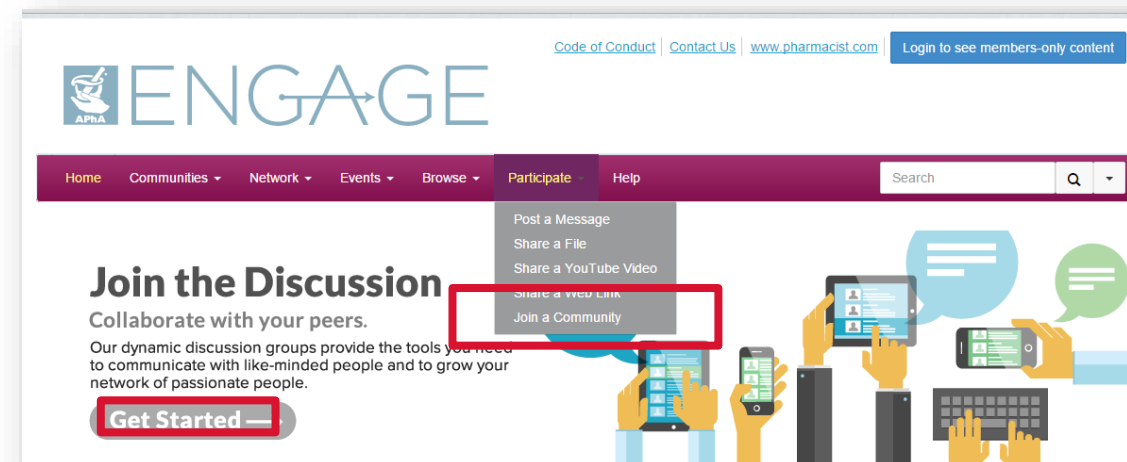
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3. Click “Participate” then “Join a Community”
4. Find one of the three the “HOD Issue” communities
5. Click “Join” and follow the prompts on your screen





# Thank you!

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