

2023 APhA-ASP REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The APhA-ASP Reference Committee met in closed session from 7:30 am – 8:30 am on Saturday, March 25, 2023. The members of the 2023 APhA-ASP Reference Committee are as follows:

Chair: Ronald Levinson, 2022-2023 APhA-ASP Speaker of the House

Region 1: Janette Wadolowski, University of Connecticut

Region 2: Hailey Roup, University of Pittsburgh

Region 3: Nancy Henin, Belmont University

Region 4: Maria Nguyen, Ohio Northern University

Region 5: Emily Weyenberg, University of Iowa

Region 6: William Tondre, University of Incarnate Word

Region 7: Shaye Fowler, Washington State University

Region 8: Kendall McKenzie, University of New Mexico

2023 REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The APhA-ASP Reference Committee considered the testimony presented during the APhA-ASP Open Hearing on Proposed Resolutions and New Business on the Report of the 2023 APhA-ASP Resolutions Committee.

2023.1 - Call for Further Mental Health Research to Improve Patient Care

APhA-ASP advocates for peer-reviewed research on mental health challenges in pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy personnel to identify gaps in supportive resources and the potential impact of these gaps on patient care.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2023.1 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2023.2 – Upholding and Awareness of Antitrust Laws

1. APhA-ASP calls upon federal agencies to use their authority to strictly apply antitrust laws which exist to limit excessive market power and anticompetitive conduct to ensure patient access to affordable medical goods and pharmacy services.
2. APhA-ASP encourages APhA and other pharmacy healthcare organizations to provide public and healthcare professional education on the impact of mergers within healthcare.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT AS AMENDED Issue 2023.2 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2023.3 – Reproductive Health

1. APhA-ASP supports protecting patients' reproductive health care rights and advocates for equitable access to reproductive health services.
2. APhA-ASP calls for the implementation of programs to educate pharmacists and student pharmacists on abortifacient and contraceptive medications, including but not limited to applicable State and Federal laws, safe abortion care practices, and patient access to reproductive health services.
3. APhA-ASP advocates for laws and regulations to enable pharmacists to prescribe contraceptives, resulting in increased patient access to healthcare.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2023.3 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2023.4 – Opioid Education within Pharmacy Curriculum

APhA-ASP encourages all schools and colleges of pharmacy to enhance didactic and experiential education on opioid counseling in order to build student confidence, promote patient interactions, decrease stigma, and improve safe opioid usage.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2023.4 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2023.5 – Safe Staffing Practices and Elimination of Quotas and Performance Metrics in Pharmacies

1. APhA-ASP advocates for the implementation of staffing measures across all pharmacy practice settings that are appropriate for that institution in order to optimize patient care and safety.
2. APhA-ASP supports the elimination of quotas and performance metrics that have a negative impact on the safety and well-being of patients, pharmacists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other pharmacy personnel.
3. APhA-ASP advocates for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to establish adequate staffing guidelines for state boards of pharmacy to refer to when developing state-specific staffing requirements.

4. APhA-ASP advocates for state boards of pharmacy to develop requirements that hold pharmacies ~~within their jurisdiction~~ accountable for implementing and maintaining adequate staffing levels at each practice site.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT AS AMENDED Issue 2023.5 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2023 APhA-ASP NEW BUSINESS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

The APhA-ASP New Business Review Committee met in closed session from 7:30 am – 8:30 am on Saturday, March 25, 2023. The members of the 2023 APhA-ASP New Business Review Committee are as follows:

Ex-Officio Chair: Brooke Kulusich, PharmD, Immediate 2021-2022 APhA-ASP Speaker of the House

Region 1: Serena Roberts, University at Buffalo

Region 2: Edgardo Rodriguez, Notre Dame of Maryland

Region 3: Elaina Vitale, University of Mississippi

Region 4: Bryce Mortera, University of Cincinnati

Region 5: McCaffery Townsend, The University of Iowa

Region 6: Alanna Shittu, University of Arkansas
for Medical Sciences

Region 7: Bobby Christodouloupoulos, Pacific University

Region 8: Miranda Montoya, University of New Mexico

2023 NEW BUSINESS REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The APhA-ASP New Business Review Committee considered the testimony presented during the APhA-ASP Open Hearing on Proposed Resolutions and New Business on the following topic:

NBI – 2023.1 – Geriatric Public Health

APhA-ASP encourages initiatives centered around supporting Geriatric public health in Pharmacies by raising awareness of the harm in Polypharmacy practice.

The New Business Review Committee recommends to REFER New Business Item 2023.1 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

NBI – 2023.2 – Amendment to Resolution 2021.1: Sustainability in Pharmacy

1. APhA-ASP recognizes climate change as a real and significant human-caused threat that endangers both the practice and profession of pharmacy and the health and well-being of global patient populations.
2. APhA-ASP recognizes that a holistic approach to sustainability requires environmental, economic, and social considerations.
3. APhA-ASP calls on local, state, and national governments, policymakers, agencies, health systems, pharmacy organizations, and pharmacy personnel to develop, adopt, and implement pharmacy practices and policies that are economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable.
4. APhA-ASP strongly encourages use of the United Nation's most up-to-date Sustainable Development Goals as a framework for developing sustainable pharmacy practices and as guidance in prioritizing sustainability initiatives.
5. APhA-ASP recommends that schools and colleges of pharmacy incorporate education related to sustainability and the development of sustainable pharmacy practices into their curricula.
6. APhA-ASP demands that, by December 31, 2025, APhA
 - a. complete a comprehensive assessment of sustainability practices within APhA and identify core areas of improvement;
 - b. develop a strategic plan to improve the sustainability of APhA, with an emphasis on actions that APhA can take to reduce its collective carbon footprint;
 - c. and commit to reevaluating APhA's sustainability practices, plans, and progress on an annual or more regular basis.

The New Business Review Committee recommends to REFER New Business Item 2023.2 of the Committee Report, and I so move.