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A Special Message from the Chair of the House of Delegates January 23, 2012

This is a first-of-its-kind special message to last year's ASHP delegates. That's right, for reasons that will become apparent, this message is being distributed to you despite the fact that your 2011 term has expired and you technically have no more responsibilities. If statistics from previous years hold, about 75% of you will be delegates again in 2012. Returning (and new) delegates will begin receiving this year's messages very soon, but this particular message is intended for last year's delegates.



Gerry Meyer, Chair
ASHP House of Delegates

And that message is: change is upon us!

Change #1

The ASHP Board of Directors has approved the use of electronic voting for policy votes. Independent of the amount of time this may (or may not) save us, electronic voting represents a step toward the future. This year, we will be using "clickers." I imagine that, before long, we'll be voting directly from our personal devices. For now, we have moved toward that future. It's a change that many delegates have been requesting for a number of years. Thank you for being persistent.

Change #2

The Board of Directors has also agreed to permit the Chair to rearrange the order of the items on the House's agenda. You will recall that the Sunday session of the House traditionally began with reports from the President, the Treasurer, and the Executive Vice President—Chief Executive Officer. Discussion on the policy recommendations often did not start until an hour after the opening gavel. This year, we will move directly to the action items after some opening formalities, so discussion should begin within about 20 minutes. (That extra time will likely be a good thing. At last count, there were 35 to 40 policy recommendations on the 2012 House agenda.) It is important and appropriate that we receive the three reports from ASHP leadership and, as necessary, discuss and vote to accept them. The re-ordered agenda will provide us the latitude to do so at the Tuesday session if necessary.

Change #3

The Chair of the House is limited to three successive terms, so I am therefore officially a lame duck! It has been a privilege to work with so many exceptionally talented professionals these past three years. As many of you know, I had been a delegate for quite a few years before being presented with the opportunity to run for Chair. In doing so, I sought counsel from those who

came before me. I am deliberately directing this message to past delegates because I believe the Chair should have experience as a delegate. Should any of you be considering filling my (relatively small, size 8) shoes, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you have – in total confidence – at the phone number or personal e-mail address below.

Thanks!

That's it! If your term as a delegate ended in 2011, thank you! If your term continues into 2012, I look forward to working with you again. You can expect a 2012 Message from the Chair fairly soon. Thank you again for your service to ASHP.

Sincerely,

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