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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents and Executives of Affiliated State Societies
Delegates - 2008 House of Delegates
Executive Committees of Sections and Forums
Fellows of ASHP
ASHP Past Presidents

FROM: Henri R. Manasse, Jr., Ph.D., Sc.D. 
Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Request for Agenda Items for Policy Committees

I am writing to request your suggestions for agenda items for ASHP councils and the Commission on Affiliate Relations, which meet in September. Agendas are composed of material referred from the ASHP House of Delegates, Board of Directors, appointees, affiliated state societies, and individual members. If you have items you wish to have considered, please send them to the Secretary listed below. Attached is a form for submitting items. You may send suggestions via e-mail (see below), fax (301-634-5768), or regular mail.

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As you think about potential issues for these groups to address, the Board of Directors encourages you to reflect broadly and deeply on the major issues facing pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems. **Ask yourself, what important practice issues or controversies lend themselves to influence or clarification by virtue of ASHP expressing a position on the matter?** Before submitting an agenda suggestion, you may want to explore if ASHP has any existing policy on the subject. You can do that by going to www.ashp.org/bestpractices and doing a "quick search" for the topic. The House of Delegates "Virtual Talk" Web page has information on the policy issues that are being addressed by the House of Delegates this month in Seattle.

The purview of each of the five ASHP councils and the Commission on Affiliate Relations is noted in the attached document. Please send us your suggestions by **July 1, 2008**. These groups are scheduled to meet September 21-23, 2008.

cc: Board of Directors
Committee Chairs
Committee Secretaries

TO: Secretary of _____
(enter Committee above)

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SUGGESTION FOR AGENDA ITEM

Submitted by: _____

Business address: _____

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Subject: _____

Background: _____

Suggested Outcomes: _____



Purview of ASHP Councils and Commission on Affiliate Relations

June 30, 2005

Council on Education and Workforce Development

(1) Student education, (2) postgraduate education and training, (3) specialization, (4) assessment and maintenance of competence, (5) credentialing, (6) balance between workforce supply and demand, (7) development of technicians, and (8) related matters.

Council on Pharmacy Management

(1) Development and deployment of resources, (2) fostering cost-effective use of medicines, (3) payment for services and products, (4) applications of technology in the medication-use process, (5) efficiency and safety of medication-use systems, (6) continuity of care, and (7) related matters.

Council on Pharmacy Practice

(1) Practitioner care for individual patients, (2) practitioner activities in public health, (3) pharmacy practice standards and quality, (4) professional ethics, (5) interprofessional and public relations, and (6) related matters.

Council on Public Policy

(1) Federal laws and regulations, (2) state laws and regulations, (3) analysis of public policy proposals that are designed to address important health issues, (4) professional liability as defined by the courts, and (5) related matters.

Council on Therapeutics

(1) The benefits and risks of drug products, (2) evidence-based use of medicines, (3) the application of drug information in practice, and (4) related matters.

Commission on Affiliate Relations

(1) Standards for affiliation, (2) implementation of the standards, (3) methods of strengthening affiliates, and (4) methods of building affiliate relationships that help advance ASHP's objectives.

Note: ASHP policy committees make recommendations within the overall purview of ASHP, as expressed in the mission of the organization:

ASHP believes that the **mission of pharmacists** is to help people make the best use of medications.

The **mission of ASHP** is to advance and support the professional practice of pharmacists in hospitals and health systems and serve as their collective voice on issues related to medication use and public health.

