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Chicago, IL – The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) announces that John Kirtley, Reza Karimi and Amy Seybert have been elected as members of the ACPE Executive Committee for the 2021–2022 term of office. Elections were held during the ACPE Board of Directors Meeting in January 20-23, 2021.



Pictured from left to right: John Clay Kirtley, Reza Karimi, and Amy Seybert

- **John Clay Kirtley, PharmD**, was elected President of ACPE. He is the Executive Director of the Arkansas Board of Pharmacy. He has served on the Board of Trustees for the American Pharmacists Association and is the current President of MALTAGON, a Professional Association of Boards of Pharmacy across the Southeast. Dr. Kirtley was appointed to the ACPE Board by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).
- **Reza Karimi, PharmD, PhD**, was elected Vice President of ACPE. He is a licensed pharmacist and preceptor in the state of Oregon. He joined Pacific University School of Pharmacy in Oregon in 2006 and has assumed various leadership positions, including Assistant Dean, Associate Dean, and currently Dean. Dr. Karimi was appointed to the Board by American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP).
- **Amy Seybert, BS, PharmD, FASHP, FCCP, CHSE**, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of ACPE. She is a Professor and the Chair of the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. She is the Pharmacy Residency Administrator at UPMC and the University of Pittsburgh, where she oversees clinical pharmacy faculty services at UPMC's flagship hospital and its affiliates. Dr. Seybert was appointed to the ACPE Board by American Pharmacists Association (APhA).

The ACPE Board of Directors appointed a new Public Interest Panel (PIP) member:



Mary Donnelly is an Assistant Professor at the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago. Dr. Donnelly holds degrees in Bioethics, Health Policy, Law, and Nursing. The PIP provides the necessary perspectives of the general public to ACPE.

ACPE announces the election of Commission Liaisons for the 2021-2022 term. They are:

- **Marie A. Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, MPH, MBA, FCCP, FASHP**, was re-elected as the Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Commission Liaison.
- **Winnie A. Landis, BS Pharm, CDE, FAPhA**, was re-elected as the International Commission (IC) Liaison.
- **Kimberly S. Croley, PharmD, BCGP, FASCP, FAPhA**, was elected as the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation (PTAC) Liaison.

ACPE also announces two new appointments to the Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Commission:



Crystal Carter, MPA is a Client Strategist, Louisiana Pharmacists Association (LPA); Vice President, Association Management Strategies. Her work with LPA includes the role of ACPE administrator, as well as management of membership services, digital and printed publications, meetings and events, as well as website and social media content. She serves as Secretary of the Louisiana Pharmacy Congress, a collaboration of educational, business, and regulatory organizations within the pharmacy profession. Mrs. Carter is also the Vice President of Association Management Strategies, an association management company, which manages multiple trade and professional associations. In addition to ACPE accreditation, she oversees educational programming for different industries, including a federally approved Registered Apprenticeship Program. Mrs. Carter received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Centenary College of Louisiana and a Master of Public Administration degree from Louisiana State University's E.J. Ourso College of Business.



Kathy Schott, PhD received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. After a number of years in regulatory, marketing, and communication positions, Kathy completed a master's degree in Adult Learning and Organizational Performance at Drake University. For more than 12 years, she served in various roles as a member of the experiential education team at Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, with an emphasis on student and preceptor professional development. During the last four years of that period, Kathy earned a Ph.D. in Education from Drake University and completed a dissertation focused on the role of co-curricular engagement in student professional development. She currently serves as Vice President, Operations for CEimpact, a pharmacy education company. Her professional interests include assessment, continuing professional development, and enhancing learner experience.

A new Chair and Vice Chair have also been elected for the CPE Commission:

- **JoAnn Francis, BSP Pharm, MBA, CHCP**, Senior Director, Continuing Education, Office of Professional Development, ASHP, was elected Chair of the CPE Commission.
- **Ginger Scott, RPh, MS, PhD**, Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy and Director of Continuing Education at the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy, was elected Vice Chair of the CPE Commission.

The Continuing Pharmacy Education Commission (CPEC) was established in January 2007 to better serve the CPE program and to support the achievement of ACPE's mission to assure and advance the quality of pharmacy education. The duties of the CPEC include: recommending policies and procedures for the ACPE CPE Provider Accreditation program; assisting in strategic planning; integrating principles of Continuing Professional Development; contributing to the planning of ACPE's CPE educational workshops and conferences; reviewing ACPE accredited providers' comprehensive reports; and recommending accreditation actions to the ACPE Board of Directors.

ACPE would also like to recognize and congratulate outgoing members Tammie Armeni, RPh, PharmD, Senior Director of Continuing Education, Therapeutic Research Center, home of Pharmacist's Letter and Pharmacy Technician's Letter, Aaron Reich, PharmD, President, TRINU Healthcare, and Trish Wegner, BSP Pharm, PharmD, FASHP, Vice-President, Professional Services, Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists for their hard work and dedication to the objectives of the CPE Commission.

ACPE announces a new appointment to the International Commission:



Shailendra Saraf is a Professor of Pharmacy in Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, and the Vice-President of Pharmacy Council of India. He has a career of over three decades in academics fulfilling his passion for teaching and research and has had diverse responsibilities in quality assurance of pharmacy education, accreditation of programs, and institutions. In addition, he had a two decades long association with the National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) and National Board of Accreditation (NBA) and was involved in the development of standards and the instruments for assessment.

Prof. Saraf was closely involved in the development of new standards and regulations at the Pharmacy Council of India, specifically the PharmD, Regulation, post-graduate, and undergraduate regulations and Pharmacy Practice regulations. Previously, he worked as Principal of a College (7 years), Director of University Institute (11 years), and Dean of the Faculty of Technology (12 years). He was also the Vice-Chancellor of one of the State Universities in the Chhattisgarh state. Prof. Saraf has completed several funded research projects and has more than 200 publications with 29 SCOPUS H-index and over 3800 citations, besides several books and chapters to his credit. He has received several national and international awards and nominated members of different international statutory and professional bodies.

A new Chair and Vice Chair/Chair-Elect have also been elected for the IC:

- **Jannet M. Carmichael, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, FAPhA**, President of Pharm Consult NV, LLC, Reno, NV, was elected Chair of the IC.
- **Michael D. Katz, PharmD**, Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, and Director, College of Pharmacy International Programs and Residency Programs, University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy, Tucson, AZ, was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the IC.

The IC was established in January 2011 to better serve the international community and to support the achievement of ACPE's mission to assure and advance the quality of pharmacy education. The duties of the IC include: recommending policies and procedures for the ACPE International Services Program (ISP) Certification Program; assisting in strategic planning; reviewing ACPE certified program reports; and recommending certification actions to the ACPE Board of Directors.

At the January 2021 Board Meeting, Abeer Alghananeem and Jannet Carmichael were appointed for a second three-year term. ACPE would also like to recognize and thank outgoing members **Suresh Bhojraj, PhD, Pro Chancellor of JSS Academy of Higher**

Education and Research, Mysuru, India; Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, BCPS, FAPhA, Associate Dean for Clinical Services and Practice Transformation, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD; and YenHuei (Tony) Tarn, MS, PhD, Director, Health Technology Assessment Center, ZTE Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan, for their excellent service, hard work, and dedication to the objectives of the IC.

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About the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

ACPE is the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. In collaboration with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, ACPE accredits pharmacy technician education and training programs. ACPE also offers evaluation and certification of professional degree programs internationally. The mission of ACPE is to assure and advance excellence in education for the profession of pharmacy. ACPE is an autonomous and independent agency whose Board of Directors is derived through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), and the American Council on Education (ACE). To learn more about ACPE, visit www.acpe-accredit.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).

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