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Dear OCCP Members,

Seasons Greetings! I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season!

It is that time of year to reflect on our accomplishments and plan for the future. Both the Spring and Fall Meetings were very successful with excellent presentations and member participation. Thanks go out to Michelle Cudnik, Pharm.D. for planning and coordinating the Fall Meeting. Furthermore, I would like to thank all the residents and fellows who presented at the Fall Meeting and specifically congratulate Matthew Campbell, Pharm.D., (MetroHealth Medical Center) and Julie Williamson, Pharm.D. (Cleveland Clinic) for winning the *Best Research Abstract Presentations*. Last but not least, I'd like to take this opportunity to once again to congratulate Mike Reed, Pharm.D., the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, for his years of dedication to the mission of the college.

Other News

2007 ACCP Fall Meeting Notes of Interest:

- Chapter Officer Meeting
 - ACCP Student Initiatives
 - National StuNet Advisory Committee Members appointed
 - Student travel awards program
 - On-line CV review service
 - ACCP Advocates Program
 - John McGlew, ACCP Asst. Director, Government Affairs
 - Strategic advocacy objectives are consistent with ACCP's strategic plan and needs of membership as expressed through the Board of Regents.
- ACCP Position Paper
 - Pharmacists and Industry: Guidelines for ethical Interactions
 - “. . . ACCP recognizes certain relationships between industry and pharmacists are ethically appropriate, often beneficial, and unavoidable. The challenge for pharmacists is to ensure those

relationships remain within acceptable boundaries and to avoid inappropriate interactions that have the potential to impact negatively on each of us, as well as our profession and most importantly our patients. . . ”

2008 ACCP Meetings:

- The ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum will be held in Phoenix, Arizona; April 5 – 9, 2008.
- The ACCP Annual Meeting will be held in Louisville, Kentucky; October 19 – 22, 2008.

2008 OCCP Spring Meeting:

The meeting will be held on May 16, 2008 at the Hilton Cleveland East/Beachwood, and the Spring Chairperson is Mary Hailer, Pharm.D. Please contact Mary (hailerm@summa-health.org) if you are interested in participating on the Spring Meeting Planning Committee. Once again, there will be a resident/fellow poster session at the Spring Meeting with abstracts due in April. Additional information regarding the meeting will be available in the near future, please stay tuned.

Membership:

Now is the time to renew your membership to OCCP. Membership Forms are available on the OCCP website at www.occpweb.org.

At the Fall Meeting, the amount of membership dues was discussed at length. For the history of the organization, dues have only been \$20. However, due to more rigorous industry guidelines for financial support, it has become increasingly challenging to obtain funding for our meetings. Therefore, a motion was made and a vote carried to increase membership dues to \$50 per year. This increase will assist in funding future meetings. Your 2008 Membership is for the calendar year (January to December). Please send form and check to:

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It is important to renew your membership by January 31, 2008 because if you are also an ACCP member, our Chapter receives money back for every OCCP member that is also an ACCP member. If you are not a member of ACCP, here is the link to their registration form (www.accp.com/member).

Awards:

The eligibility criteria and applications for OCCP awards are available on the website at www.occpweb.org.

If you are interested in applying for the **2008 BCPS Award** (\$1000), please send

your materials to the following OCCP member as soon as possible, but no later than March 31, 2008:

Mandy Leonard, Pharm.D.
Manager, Drug Information Center
Department of Pharmacy/Hb-03
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
9500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44195

I hope to see you at the Spring Meeting!

Sincerely,

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