



National Diamondback Pharmacy Alumni Council (NDPAC) 2018-19 Midyear Executive Council Update

From Your President - Greetings and Happy New Year Fellow NDPAC Faithful!



It was truly an honor to be selected as your 2018-19 NDPAC President. Also elected were outstanding Executive Committee members: Nicketris Mandela, Vice-President; Maui Umar, Treasurer; Karen Powell, Secretary; Jaffice Donaldson, Sergeant-at-arms/Chaplain; John Seay, Parliamentarian; and Charlie Colquitt, Immediate Past President. Since the 2018 Convention, we have held three working Executive Committee meetings. The following is a brief report of our activities.

Short & Long-Term Priorities:

- Continue efforts and develop new strategies to increase membership
- Strengthen existing chapters and organize new chapters
- Enhance fundraising activities and develop new initiatives
- Develop goal and time line for major donations
- Increase direct communication with COPPS administration
- Ensure current and accurate information on the NDPAC website

Accomplishments and actions include the following:

- **Membership:** Through communication with recent graduates by Sharon White, Chair of the Membership Committee, and phone calls to former paid members, paid membership has increased from a low of 51 to 67 at last count.
- **Waiver of membership:** Dues for Structured Giving Donors: The waiver policy was officially approved for donors who donate \$500 or more during a given year to have dues waived during the subsequent year. The waived dues amount will be transferred from the fundraising/structured giving account to the Council operations account. Sixteen members were eligible for waivers for the current fiscal year.



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- **Communications/Website Management:** Maui Umar agreed to facilitate management of social media and Nicketris Mandela agreed to manage the website. The updated website is near completion and will be rolled out within the next couple of weeks. Our website is nationaldpac.com.
- **Assessment of endowment funds and expenditures:** Requested reports revealed expenditures of \$20,225 (from 2016 \$100K donation) to support NAPLEX review and preparation for 92 students; two students received travel expense support for attendance to the 2018 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting to compete in the Clinical Skills Competition as representatives for COPPS; one \$500 scholarship award from the John Scrivens Community Service Scholarship Fund; \$7,277 in scholarships and grants from the \$100K endowment. Updated foundation reports for all funds are expected from the College within the next several weeks.

Financial Update

At the time of the September meeting, \$13,864 was in the Operating Account; \$17,294 in the Fundraising/Structured Giving Account. Available funds for expenditures from the endowment were approximately \$24,000.

2019 Alumni Convention

After considerations and negotiations with hotels in Orlando and Tallahassee, the final selection site for the 2019 Convention is the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa.





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Presidential Activity

Meeting/Visit with South Florida Chapter Members and Friends



Meeting/Meet & Greet Reception with Tampa Bay Chapter (Goal to reactivate the chapter)





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Other Contact and Communication:

Dr. Debora Taylor, Director, Student Success and Academic Retention – Explored means to increase student awareness of NDPAC and expand opportunities to provide academic support of matriculating students in need.

COPPS Dean's Office – Plans to explore opportunities with Dean Early and interested alumni with a goal to re-establish an Orlando NDPAC Chapter.

Plans to meet with the Dean in a one-on-one meeting are in the works to discuss mutual priorities.

These and other efforts will be continued in order to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Council and I look forward to working with the officers, chapter presidents, and committee chairs for the remainder of my tenure as your president. I wish to offer a great deal of gratitude to my fellow officers for the great work that they are doing.

For further information and/or details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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