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NYSCHP Announces Actions Taken at the 2020 House of Delegates

ALBANY NY- The House of Delegates of the New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists held their 47th annual meeting as a virtual event divided between two online sessions, on May 5 and 19, 2020. Approximately 75 delegates representing nine chapters from New York State were present in the first session and 77 delegates were present in the second session. Each session was also attended by the NYSCHP Board of Directors, many Past Presidents, and a student delegate. At the meetings, the following items were reviewed and approved:

- Amendments to the NYSCHP Constitution and Bylaws
- Two policy resolutions submitted by chapters and committees
- End-of-the-year reports from members of the NYSCHP Board of Directors

Noteworthy amendments to the NYSCHP Constitution and Bylaws included the addition of two pharmacy technician delegates as voting members of the House of Delegates beginning in 2021; and changes that shifted the dues setting authority from the House of Delegates to the NYSCHP Board of Directors.

After discussion and amendments, two policy resolutions were adopted as new Position Statements of the NYSCHP:

- The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the development of programs intended at recognition, treatment, and prevention of burnout. In addition, encourage more education on stress, burnout, and overall well-being.
- The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists encourages pharmacist education and training in the field of clinical pharmacogenomics and

supports involvement of pharmacists in the implementation and application of pharmacogenomics practices within their institutions.

The virtual meeting also included the announcement of NYSCHP awards, incoming Presidents of each of the nine chapters, and the installation of NYSCHP board members. The meeting of the NYSCHP House of Delegates concluded after the submission of recommendations by delegates for action to be taken in the coming year and an address by the incoming President, Ms. Heide Christensen. The House of Delegates was chaired by Elizabeth Shlom, with Shaun Flynn as the Executive Secretary and Thomas Lombardi as Parliamentarian. The updated list of all NYSCHP Position Statements can be found on the NYSCHP website at https://www.nyschp.org/position-statements.

Founded in 1958, the New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists is a professional organization of over 2000 pharmacists, pharmacy technical personnel, students, industry personnel and other interested in the advancement of pharmacy as an essential component of health care and medication error reduction. NYSCHP is dedicated to promoting good health through public education, fostering safe and rational drug use; encouraging and assisting in the development of quality, comprehensive pharmaceutical services and serving as a catalyst for practice innovation that enables members to better serve the public interest and the profession.