



**Christian Pharmacists
Fellowship International**
Serving Christ and the World Through Pharmacy

**CPFI Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 30, 2025
Epworth by the Sea Conference Center – St. Simons Island, GA**

Opening Remarks and Invocation

The annual business meeting of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) was called to order by President Jeff Copeland at 4:26pm. Jeff Copeland opened in prayer provided the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made (Bates, Herman) to suspend the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes from the May 2024 annual business meeting.

Announcements and New Business

President Jeff Copeland welcomed members attending for the first time. Reminder provided to save the date for next year's conference in Lake Junaluska.

A summary document provided to attendees regarding Executive Director impact report (see attached). This document included items such as membership, journals, prayer gatherings, outreach efforts, etc. Ambassador program and student outreach efforts were highlighted as well. RightNow Media access for CPFI members as well as their family and friends, was discussed by President Copeland.

New Officer Installation

The following individuals were installed:

Executive Director – Jeff Copeland

President – Jeff Bates

Vice President – Marjorie Hayes (second term)

Secretary – Susan Smith (appointed)

Directors – Stephen Canaday and Erin Ballentine

Outgoing board members, Keith Allhands and Dan Spadaro as well as Ron Herman as executive director were all thanked for their service.

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Bylaws Updates

The Board of Directors has approved updated Bylaws. The changes largely reflect the move to more electronic communication, clarifying processes that have been in place but were not clearly defined in the Bylaws (ie: historical precedence regarding time that Officers must sit off the board), and clarifying elections procedures (steps in the case of a tie vote and requiring the student Director to undergo the same review as a professional Director). The proposed Bylaws changes will be distributed electronically for review and comment prior to an electronic vote by the membership.

Finance Update

“We are in the best financial position in CPFI history”. Seeking the Lord to decipher what the best approach to using these funds might be. Moved investments to Edward Jones co. Great Christian advisor at Edward Jones is helping to direct funds into faith-based investments.

Donated funds have expanded the ambassador program, social media program, student support, hands and feet grants, etc.

Annual Meeting

President Copeland reminded attendees of the 2026 Annual Meeting will be held at Lake Junaluska, NC on June 3 through 7th.

Membership and Marketing

New efforts in regarding social media campaign was highlighted.

General Announcements

Members were notified that they may contact the office if interested in more detailed financial reports.

A suggestion was offered to offer CPFI branded clothing as a form of marketing.

An attendee acknowledged “excellent webinar” that was offered in April.

Benediction and Adjournment

Dr. Ron Herman offered the closing prayer and President Jeff Copeland adjourned the meeting at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Bates, Secretary