



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

CPFI Annual Summer Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 5, 2026
Time: 4:15 pm
Lake Junaluska, NC
Terrace Auditorium

Opening Remarks and Invocation of the Annual Business Meeting of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International

Invocation delivered by Dr. Fred Eckel

Meeting called to order at 4:25 pm by President Jeff Bates

Minutes – May 2025 annual business meeting

Motion made and approved to suspend reading of minutes - all members in attendance approved.

Welcome members

President Bates extended a welcome to all members, both returning and first-time attenders

New Business

Reminder of CPFI Mission: “Serving Christ and the World Through Pharmacy”

CPFI 2026-27 Goals stemming from BOD Meeting on Thursday include these top strategic priorities:

- Membership growth, visibility, and student-to-professional retention
- Member engagement, leadership development, and succession planning
 - Member engagement - making sure people are getting more involved to be about the work
 - Leadership development - at the board level and at the membership level
 - Webinars
 - Professional development
 - Succession planning - as each BOD is term limited, we need to make sure the next generation of leaders is being developed to lead this organization. It may be that we develop an internship; all ideas are welcome - more to come!
- Financial sustainability, fundraising, and long-term stewardship
 - What would it look like if in perpetuity members only needed to worry about transportation?

- o If we were more intentional about fundraising, could we spin off enough money to pay for these conferences?
- o This is an idea, not a plan! We do not want to overpromise! But we do want to be in prayer.
- o Long-term stewardship - we don't know exactly what that will look like; but is exciting to see this organization go from surviving to thriving!

Special Reports

Finance Update (Jordan Daniel)

- Treasurer Jordan Daniel provided Finance update - [LINK](#) to presentation

Annual Meeting (Keith Allhands)

- June 2 - June 6, 2027 - We will be at a new venue in 2027 - The ARK Encounter in Williamstown, KY (1 Ark Encounter Drive, Williamstown, KY 41097)
- 2028 - The venue for 2028 is still to be determined; we may be back at Lake Junaluska or Epworth by the Sea or some other venue. More to come!
- Thank you Nena for all the work you did to help put the annual conference on this year!
- Thank you Jeff Bates and the Education Committee for all the great programming this year!

Membership and Marketing (Margie Copeland)

- We have membership challenges but are developing plans to address, specifically our student to pharmacist conversion rate
- We are present on Social media - Instagram and FaceBook. All CPFI members are encouraged to follow and "like" the content that has been posted. This helps increase our visibility.
- We are all encouraged to make CPFI known within our circles
- All CPFI members are encouraged to look for ways to get involved

Member benefits and engagement - (Jeff Bates, Board Member)

- Webinars - we hope to host ~ 4 webinars annually. Look for more information to follow.
- CPFI is involved with "Ambassador Events" - if you attend any of the following pharmacy organization meetings, be sure to attend a CPFI prayer breakfast during that conference. Invite other Christian pharmacists.
 - o AACP, ACCP, APhA, ASHP
- Board Members are visiting Schools/Colleges of Pharmacy to increase student engagement among the chapters.
- CPFI is pursuing a partnership with Samaritan's Purse to participate in Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART)

CPFI Current Issues and Ethical Position Statements (Rick Hess, et al)

- Several ethical position statements are currently available on the CPFI website. This past year, several Board Members began a comprehensive review of several position statements. The End of Life position statements were approved by the Board at the Board Meeting on June 4th. These included Pain Management, Suicide, and Medically-Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia (this has become 1 statement; they previously existed as 2 separate statements). Additionally a 4th statement was approved by the Board and will be added to the Healthcare section: Gender Affirming Care.
 - o Discussion ensued regarding the titles of the statements. It was clarified that the statement titles are such that they reflect CPFI's Position on _____ (topic).
- Another set of position statements will be reviewed over the next year with the ultimate goal to have all reviewed on a periodic basis, approximately every 3 to 5 years.

Presentation form

- With the number of CPFI educational opportunities available at the annual conference and webinars, we now have a standard background for all powerpoint presentations that was in use at this annual meeting. Jeff Bates thanked Logan Grove for his work on developing this template!

New Officer Installation

The following individuals were installed:

Secretary – Susan Smith

Treasurer – Greg Carlson

Directors – Jill Boone (second term) and Lucy Malmberg (second term)

Recognition of outgoing board member, Treasurer Jordan Daniel. Jordan was thanked for his dedicated and excellent service to CPFI in the role of Treasurer for 2 terms.

Recognition of all board members: Erin Ballentine, Stephen Canady, Jeff Copeland, Margie Copeland, Logan Grove, Rick Hess, Nena Lindrose

General Announcements

Save the date for next year's conference at [The Ark Encounter](#) on June 2 - 6th, 2027

Williamstown, KY 41097

Members attending the Business Meeting thanked the generous donor who made it possible for all to attend this conference without incurring financial obligations. Of note, if members wish to make a monetary donation, they may click a box in the registration form to give back to CPFI.

In the future, it may be possible to bring back the Spouse/Children program.

The current membership of CPFI (as of June 2026) is: 298 pharmacists, 326 student pharmacists, 3 associate members.

Benediction and Adjournment

Closing prayer (Lucy Malmberg)

Adjourned 5:18 pm

Officer and committee reports available upon request and will be posted on the website after the conference concludes.