



Educational Affairs Committee Report November 2016

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The program for the 2017 Annual Conference has been completed. The theme for the 2017 program is 'Stand Your Ground' and the Bible verse is Ephesians 6:13, "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." Our CE speakers will be Jeff Copeland, Alan Spies, Fred Eckel (moderator for a panel discussion), Cathy Rosenbaum, Dan Hussar, Nancy Stoehr, Jeff Bates, Virgil Van Dusen, Elias Chahine, and Barry Ewy. Since Glen Eyrie is an expensive location we decided to forego having a concurrent session.

We must address a transition in the leadership of this committee at this meeting. I have played a major role in planning every CPFI Annual Meeting. I know I could keep doing this but frankly a new perspective and even some change might be in order. Over the years we have attempted to bring more of an integration of the spiritual with the professional. Attendees seem to favor this although our overall attendance hasn't grown as much as I would have hoped as we made this meeting unique from other pharmacy meetings. Of course, the meeting itself has become more expensive to attend and I think we need to address this issue again. Where do we hold the meeting, do we continue as a stand-alone meeting, how long should the meeting be, should we stabilize our venue to one or two sites, should we revise the whole format, etc. are the types of questions to address. Perhaps we don't have to change what we do in 2018 so that the new CPFI leadership can have a year to work on what to do. I do feel that it is time for me to no longer chair or co-chair this committee. As I transition out of the Presidency I plan to be around and can certainly work with the next chair to help plan the 2018 meeting.

I must express thanks to all the speakers who have voluntarily accept my request to speak at our meeting at their own expense. Our Annual meetings have really been outstanding. I know this sounds like I am tooting my own horn but I really believe they are unique because God has lead me in the contacts and ideas. So I am really Praising Him and the speakers.

Let's enjoy Glen Eyrie again in June and see if we can grow the attendance to make this meeting as rewarding financially as it will be spiritually and professionally.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fred M. Eckel'.

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