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**CPFI Educational Affairs Committee Report
November 19, 2021**

The Educational Affairs Committee met on November 3, 2021. Discussions in this meeting primarily focused on programming for the June 2022 In-Person Annual Conference where committee members reviewed proposed speakers and topics. Extensive comments and feedback shared by previous conference attendees was strongly considered in preparing the draft program.

The committee approved the proposed conference schedule (attached). In the current format, a maximum of 13.25 credits could be earned by participants attending all CE sessions. To accommodate requests from previous conference attendee feedback, a focus on offering at least one hour each of Law, Pain, and Medication Safety is currently planned. A few contemporary topics were proposed including an apolitical session with two hours of follow-up education to help address Christian medical ethics, a very important topic in the field of pharmacy today. This topic is seen as one that only CPFI is likely to offer attendees.

The committee also discussed several other considerations facing pharmacy continuing education such as remote learning, remote teaching, etc. The group felt that as much as possible, remote learning and teaching should be reserved for a possible mid-year virtual program, which is still under discussion. As mentioned in previous reports, the committee is concerned about moving the entire conference to an online option which is likely to dramatically decrease in-person attendance as well as the camaraderie and engagement which is a hallmark of the CPFI conferences. There is some momentum, however, on recording a few sessions this June and making them available (for additional fees) as CE and/or to help promote future conferences.

Plans are in place to again ask Campbell University to manage the CE credit portion of the upcoming June conference. Though a few minor concerns have been raised (primarily with the perceived non-user-friendly approach at Campbell) this organization has served CPFI very faithfully and at a financially-friendly cost. It is our recommendation that the partnership with Campbell University be continued for the foreseeable future.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ and our members through the Educational Affairs Committee and very much look forward to an in-person 2022 Annual Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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