



First Call to the 2010 Meeting of the United States Pharmacopeial Convention

TO: All members of The United States Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention and all organizations eligible to appoint a delegate, including:

- Colleges and Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy in the United States;
- State Medical and Pharmacy Associations and Societies;
- National and State Professional and Scientific Organizations;
- Governmental Bodies;
- Health Science and Other Foreign Organizations and Pharmacopeias;
- Consumer Organizations and Individuals Representing Public Interests;
- Domestic, Foreign, and International Manufacturers, Trade and Affiliated Associations;
- Official Observers; and
- Others

The Meeting of the United States Pharmacopeial Convention will be held:

**Wednesday, April 21 through Saturday, April 24, 2010
Grand Hyatt Washington
1000 H Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001**

The Membership will be considering significant changes in its Constitution and Bylaws that affect Convention governance, membership, and Convention Committees. In addition, members will consider resolutions that give direction to USP on its programs in the United States and throughout the world. These resolutions will have significant effects on the organization and within the health care community. During the meeting delegates also will elect new officers, trustees, and the Council of Experts for the 2010-2015 cycle.

Any member-eligible organization without current representation should appoint an individual as soon as possible to serve as the USP delegate. If you are unsure about the status of your delegate, please contact Member and Professional Relations at membership@usp.org.

For the first time, Official Observers to the USP Convention will be welcomed to the Membership Meeting. Official Observer organizations and representatives will receive information about the meeting and are encouraged to make plans to attend.

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In October 2009, a second notice of the meeting will be sent to all delegates and member-eligible organizations. At that time, all member organizations will be asked to appoint an *alternate delegate*, in the event the delegate is unable to attend. Organizations without a named delegate at that time should appoint a delegate as well as an alternate delegate.

The scope of USP public health programs encompasses:

- Quality standards for manufactured drug and biological products used throughout the world, as well as standards for botanicals, dietary supplements, compounded preparations, and other articles used to treat disease;
- Quality standards for food ingredients;
- Education programs that assist manufacturers, compounding professionals, practitioners, regulators, patients, and consumers;
- Rigorous, scientific-based verification programs for dietary supplements and their ingredients as well as pharmaceutical ingredients;
- Technical assistance, training, and other initiatives that provide drug quality and information education and capacity building in developing and least developed countries; and
- Anti-counterfeiting measures that help assure the quality and safety of medicines and foods in commerce in the US and in countries around the world

USP's legally recognized standards and public health programs contribute to the health of people worldwide. USP Convention members, through their judgment and perspectives, will help to focus future USP efforts in the areas of public standards and global health.

Should you have any questions, please contact: USP Convention Secretary, Susan S. de Mars or Member and Professional Affairs Director, Arline M. Bilbo, at Membership@usp.org.



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USP Convention
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