



Greetings from the New AIP Chairman

Dear AIP Investors,

I would like to introduce myself as your new 2009-10 AIP Executive Committee Chairman. The AIP Executive Committee had its first meeting at the 2009 Rxperts Conference & Expo in San Antonio.

Some of the topics discussed were:

- ▶ The very successful legislative session we had due to the collaboration and coordination of independent pharmacy lobbying through the Texas Pharmacy Business Council (TPBC);
- ▶ A collaboration with PharmPAC, AIP and TPBC in coordinating legislative funds;
- ▶ A continued agreement between AIP and American Pharmacies to continue the Texas Pharmacy Business Council; and
- ▶ An approval by the TPA Board of Directors to allow AIP to act independently in continuing an advocacy alliance with American pharmacies.

As your chairman of AIP-Texas, I will always act in the best interest of our patients and the practice of independent pharmacy. I believe that we can be unified only through a continued coordinated and collaborative effort that includes all independent groups. It is critical that independent pharmacy have a voice on the state and federal levels. DEMOPOS accreditation, SIGIS certification and possible CMS-induced Medicaid reductions are just some of the issues that threaten our independent practices.

I will always keep an open-door approach and be available at any time. I am honored to be able to serve you as Chairman of AIP-Texas and will work in that spirit of unity.

Sincerely,

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