



## 2022 AIHP Member Survey: Summary of Results

### INTRODUCTION

In December 2022, AIHP members were invited to complete an online survey form designed to provide insight into such things as:

- Members' reasons for choosing to support the Institute;
- Which Institute programs and activities members value most; and
- The kinds of programmatic changes or initiatives members would support if AIHP had the resources to expand current activities.

The survey form was distributed to the 393 current AIHP members for whom we have email addresses. A total of 85 members (approximately 22 percent of recipients) completed and submitted the survey form. (Additional information about the demographics of the respondents is included below.)

This report summarizes the aggregated results of responses to the survey.

### SURVEY RESULTS

**Survey Question No. 1: Members choose to support the mission of AIHP for many reasons. Why do you support AIHP? Below is a listing of possible reasons. Please indicate how important these reasons are for you.**

The survey form listed the following reasons for supporting AIHP:

1. I want to receive a subscription to AIHP's academic journal History of Pharmacy & Pharmaceuticals.
2. I want to receive AIHP's newsletter, e-Scripts, for updates on news and activities at AIHP and developments in the pharmacy history community.
3. I want to support AIHP's efforts to collect and preserve pharmacy-related documents and artifacts and make them accessible to researchers.
4. I want to support and receive invitations to AIHP's online educational programs and webinars on topics related to the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.
5. I want to support AIHP's efforts to promote research and to recognize achievements in the field of the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.

6. I want to be part of a community of people who share a deep interest in the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.
7. I want to learn more about the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.
8. Write-in other reasons for supporting AIHP.

Respondents were asked to rank each reason using the following scale:

- Not at all important
- Slightly important
- Moderately important
- Very important
- Extremely important

The survey results are summarized in the following table. The reasons are listed in the order of respondents' ranking of their importance (based on mean score).

**Table 1: Summary of Question No. 1 Results**

Rank	Reason	Mean Score	High Support Percentage
1	I want to support AIHP's efforts to collect and preserve pharmacy-related documents and artifacts and make them accessible to researchers.	4.29	86%
2	I want to learn more about the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.	4.25	82%
3	I want to be part of a community of people who share a deep interest in the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.	4.05	73%
4	I want to receive a subscription to AIHP's academic journal <i>History of Pharmacy &amp; Pharmaceuticals</i> .	4.04	72%
5	I want to support AIHP's efforts to promote research and to recognize achievements in the field of the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.	3.96	74%
6	I want to receive AIHP's newsletter, <i>e-Scripts</i> , for updates on news and activities at AIHP and developments in the pharmacy history community.	3.78	60%
7	I want to support and receive invitations to AIHP's online educational programs and webinars on topics related to the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.	3.57	52%

“Mean Score” is the arithmetic average of all respondents’ ranking scores. The calculated mean serves as a measure of the relative importance members ascribed to the reason. (Thus, for example, in Question No. 1, a mean score between 4.00 and 4.99 translates to a rank in the range of “very important.”)

“High Support Percentage” is the percentage of respondents who ranked the reason as either “very important” or “extremely important.”

Respondents identified the following additional reasons for supporting AIHP:

- Representing the interests associated with history of pharmacy. (extremely important).
- Good professional organization. (extremely important).
- It's the only organized effort in our profession devoted to our history.
- The Calendar!!! (extremely important)
- I am in Assisted Living and no longer active, but I want to support AIHP to the extent that I can. (extremely important)
- Love the calendar!
- Is the only entity promoting the legacy of pharmacy which is important for the integrity of the profession.
- Interested in pharmacy related documents & artifacts
- Understanding the past can prevent repeated errors in the present and future. (very important)
- The fantastic annual calendars! (extremely important)
- The wonderful annual calendar! (extremely important)
- To review or learn new info. (extremely important)

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**Survey Question No. 2: Indicate whether you disagree or agree with each of the following statements.**

The survey question asked respondents to score their level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements:

1. It is important that AIHP publish a journal that features scholarly, peer-reviewed articles on topics related to the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.
2. AIHP should devote more resources to promoting and supporting the teaching of the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.
3. AIHP should publish its e-newsletter, *e-Scripts*, more frequently.
4. A main focus of AIHP’s work should be on the history of the practice of pharmacy.

5. AIHP should do more to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as it pursues its mission.
6. AIHP's membership dues are priced at the right level.
7. AIHP's mission should encompass all aspects (i.e., scientific, social, cultural, etc.) of the history of pharmacy and medicines.
8. I read *e-Scripts* and other e-mail communications I receive from AIHP.

Respondents were asked to rank each statement using the following scale:

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

The results are summarized in the following table. The statements are listed in the order of respondents' relative degree of agreement with the statement (based on mean score).

**Table 2: Summary of Question No. 2 Results**

Rank	Statement	Mean Score	High Support Percentage
1	It is important that AIHP publish a journal that features scholarly, peer-reviewed articles on topics related to the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.	4.67	95%
2	AIHP's mission should encompass all aspects (i.e., scientific, social, cultural, etc.) of the history of pharmacy and medicines.	4.44	91%
3	AIHP should devote more resources to promoting and supporting the teaching of the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.	4.27	84%
4	I read <i>e-Scripts</i> and other e-mail communications I receive from AIHP.	4.17	81%
5	AIHP's membership dues are priced at the right level.	3.9	70%
6	A main focus of AIHP's work should be on the history of the practice of pharmacy.	3.73	65%
7	AIHP should do more to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as it pursues its mission.	3.41	49%
8	AIHP should publish its e-newsletter, <i>e-Scripts</i> , more frequently.	3.27	32%

“Mean Score” is the arithmetic average of all respondents’ ranking scores. The calculated mean serves as a measure of the relative degree of agreement with the ascribed statement.

“High Support Percentage” is the percentage of respondents who indicated they “somewhat agree” or “strongly agree” with the statement.

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**Survey Question No.3: We would like to know which of the Institute’s current activities and programs our members value most. Please indicate how important each of the following are to you.**

The survey form listed the following AIHP programs and activities:

1. Publication of AIHP’s journal, *History of Pharmacy & Pharmaceuticals*, offering scholarly articles on the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.
2. Publication of AIHP’s newsletter, *e-Scripts*, offering updates on news and activities at AIHP and developments in the pharmacy history community.
3. Publication of the *Points* blog, a joint effort of AIHP and the Alcohol & Drugs History Society.
4. Collecting and preserving pharmacy-related documents and artifacts and making them accessible to researchers.
5. Offering online educational programs and webinars on pharmacy history-related topics.
6. Sponsoring awards programs to recognize achievements in the field of the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.
7. Offering grants to support the work of graduate students conducting research in the field of the history of pharmacy and medicines.
8. Publishing an annual pharmacy-themed calendar for members.

Respondents were asked to rank each program or activity using the following scale:

- Not at all important
- Slightly important
- Moderately important
- Very important
- Extremely important

The results are summarized in the following table. The programs/activities are listed in the order of respondents’ cumulative ranking of their importance (based on mean score).

**Table 3: Summary of Question No. 3 Results**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Program/Activity</b>	<b>Mean Score</b>	<b>High Support Percentage</b>
1	Collecting and preserving pharmacy-related documents and artifacts and making them accessible to researchers.	4.4	88%
2	Publication of AIHP’s journal, <i>History of Pharmacy &amp; Pharmaceuticals</i> , offering scholarly articles on the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.	4.3	81%
3	Offering online educational programs and webinars on pharmacy history-related topics.	4	71%
4	Offering grants to support the work of graduate students conducting research in the field of the history of pharmacy and medicines.	3.86	68%
5	Publication of AIHP’s newsletter, <i>e-Scripts</i> , offering updates on news and activities at AIHP and developments in the pharmacy history community.	3.79	63%
6	Sponsoring awards programs to recognize achievements in the field of the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals.	3.7	59%
7	Publishing an annual pharmacy-themed calendar for members.	3.17	44%
8	Publication of the <i>Points</i> blog, a joint effort of AIHP and the Alcohol & Drugs History Society.	2.86	25%

“Mean Score” is the arithmetic average of all respondents’ ranking scores. The calculated mean serves as a measure of the relative degree of importance or value that respondents ascribed to the program or activity.

“High Support Percentage” is the percentage of respondents who ranked the program or activity as either “very important” or “extremely important.”

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**Survey Question No. 4: If AIHP had the resources to expand its current work, in what area(s) would you like the Institute to increase its work or services? Indicate your preference among the following choices.**

The survey form identified the following options:

1. Expanding AIHP's historical collections with new or additional pharmacy-related documents, artifacts, and other materials.
2. Providing a better description of AIHP's existing historical collections and making digital images of items in the collection accessible online.
3. Publishing more "popular history" content on AIHP's website or in e-Scripts (i.e., historical accounts of pharmacy history that complement scholarly or academic work).
4. Expanding efforts to promote interest in the history of pharmacy among students in pharmacy schools and colleges.
5. Increasing programming and other activities aimed at promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.
6. Increasing efforts to promote the teaching of the history of pharmacy in pharmacy schools and colleges, including providing more teaching resources.
7. Increasing support for graduate students and young scholars through research grants or offering fellowships.
8. Increasing AIHP's membership.
9. Other suggestions.

Respondents were asked to rank each option using the following scale:

- Strongly against
- Somewhat against
- Neither against or support
- Somewhat support
- Strongly support

The results are summarized in the following table. The options are listed in the order of respondents' cumulative ranking of their importance (based on mean score).

**Table 4: Summary of Question No. 4 Results:**

Rank	Options	Mean Score	High Support Percentage
1	Providing a better description of AIHP's existing historical collections and making digital images of items in the collection accessible online.	4.59	95%
2	Expanding AIHP's historical collections with new or additional pharmacy-related documents, artifacts, and other materials.	4.56	95%
3	Expanding efforts to promote interest in the history of pharmacy among students in pharmacy schools and colleges.	4.36	90%
4	Increasing AIHP's membership.	4.33	86%
5	Increasing efforts to promote the teaching of the history of pharmacy in pharmacy schools and colleges, including providing more teaching resources.	4.29	89%
6	Publishing more "popular history" content on AIHP's website or in <i>e-Scripts</i> (i.e., historical accounts of pharmacy history that complement scholarly or academic work).	4	75%
7	Increasing support for graduate students and young scholars through research grants or offering fellowships.	3.96	74%
8	Increasing programming and other activities aimed at promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.	3.5	50%

"Mean Score" is the arithmetic average of all respondents' ranking scores. The calculated mean serves as a measure of the relative degree of importance or value that respondents ascribed to the option.

"High Support Percentage" is the percentage of respondents who ranked the program or activity as either "somewhat support" or "strongly support."

Respondents offered the following as "other suggestions":

- Increase outreach to and partnerships with other organizations with shared interests. (somewhat important)
- Mandate Rx history as part of the American Pharmacy Program. (strongly support)
- Having more opportunities for our community to socialize. (strongly support)
- It's partly covered in the second item. Needs to do anything feasible to allow people so "see" through whatever ways, what is in the collection. (strongly support)

- The offerings be used for CE. (neither against or support)
- Promote affiliations with similar organizations.
- Continue the organization with wide visions.

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**Survey Question No. 5: How frequently do you want to receive e-mail communications from AIHP?**

The following table summarizes the results for Question No. 5:

**Table 5: Summary of Question No. 5 Results**

<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percentage of Responses</b>
Once a month.	43%
Twice a month.	19%
Every other month.	20%
Once a quarter.	16%
Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Monthly, or as needed for AIHP needs”</li> <li>• “When necessary”</li> </ul>	2%

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**Survey Question No. 6: In which of the following work domains do you spend the most work time?**

The following table summarizes the results for Question No. 6 (as a percentage of total responses):

**Table 6: Summary of Question No. 6 Results**

Work Domain	Count	Percentage
Community or outpatient pharmacy	1	1%
Inpatient pharmacy	5	6%
Other pharmacy practice or pharmacy administrative role	7	9%
Pharmacy academia and teaching	18	22%
Other academia, such as history, ethics, humanities	11	14%
Retired	33	41%
Student	0	0%
Other: Responses: Administrator; Consulting; Living History Museum; National Pharmacy Association; Veteran Affairs; Developing international info for compounding pharmacy, IJPC.	6	7%

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**Survey Question No. 7: In what decade were you born:**

The following table summarizes the results for Question No. 7 (as a percentage of total responses):

**Table 7: Summary of Question No. 7 Results**

Decade	Age Range	Count	Percentage
2000-2009	14-23	0	0%
1990-1999	24-33	1	1%
1980-1989	34-43	4	5%
1970-1979	44-53	10	13%
1960-1969	54-63	13	16%
1950-1959	64-73	21	26%
1940-1949	74-83	21	26%
1930-1939	84-93	9	11%
1920-1929	94-103	1	1%

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**Survey Question No. 8: AIHP is always looking for new members. Please provide below the name and email address of anyone you would like us to invite to become a member.**

We received two names (one of whom is already a member).

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**Survey Question No. 9: What other important messages do you have for AIHP leadership?**

We received 21 responses to this question, all of which are included in the following table:

**Table 8: Summary of Question No. 9 Responses**

<b>Response No.</b>	<b>Message</b>
1.	Wide dissemination of the org with wide range of purposes or possibilities over international but emphasis of all possible generalized pharmacy and science in U.S. history and general info. Thanks.
2.	The announcement for filling out this survey mentioned limited resources. Could members receive more information about why and in what ways the resources AIHP are limited? Put another way, does limitation refer to finances, personnel, space for collections? Please send more specifics.
3.	If money is an issue raise the membership dues. I spent 5 years at Wayne State University and never heard a word about the history of pharmacy. I received a Master's in Pharmacy from Butler and again no mention of a history of pharmacy. I would have never known about AIHP if I hadn't walked past your booth at a major pharmacy event. My son will graduate in May from Butler and there was no discussion of the history of Pharmacy.
4.	Too many pharmacy schools give no recognition to history of their profession. They produce culturally bankrupt students.
5.	Staff leadership changes seem to have gone smoothly. The volunteer leadership is strong. I like the calendar and would like to see somewhat longer and more informative captions to better put the photos and illustrations in context,
6.	Do some popular pharmacy history stuff for lay audiences. I've had success with biographies of four persons with pharmacy backgrounds—Crawford Long, Ada Candler, Ray Ahlquist (all from GA) and Agatha Christie (her use of drugs). Even combined all four into a weekly series with ACPE credit.
7.	Provide C.E in pharmacy ethics and humanities. Consider a special membership for pharmacists in Latin America.
8.	It is important that several AIHP scientific meetings take place in person and online. For European countries like Portugal this is very important.

Response No.	Message
9.	Keep up your great work. It is appreciated and needed.
10.	I wish AIHP's providing multifaceted foresight to the world of pharmaceutical history research.
11.	Keep up the struggle...the morning sun is just over the horizon!!
12.	Thank you for the important work that you do to preserve and disseminate the history of our profession!
13.	Keep up the great work!
14.	Appreciate the increased level of communication with members via zoom and webinars.
15.	You are a jewel and I hope that you have continued success and growth.
16.	I appreciate what you do!
17.	Growing membership is a critical need. More frequent communications to members will help with retention. Apply time-tested methods of recruiting new members, including giving current members an incentive to bring new folks on board.
18.	Keep up the good work!
19.	Good job, keep it up. Push the colleges to include course work on Rx history. With a 6-yrar program, they've got plenty of time for it.
20.	AIHP lacks sufficient resources to do all of the things it is attempting to do. AIHP's leadership should make the difficult choices necessary to narrow the work of the Institute match the Institute limited resources.
21.	I would be good with an electronic version of the publication vs paper copy mailed to me - would save a lot of money in printing and shipping -actually would prefer an electronic version only