



President-elect Candidate

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Peter W. Swaan, Ph.D., FAAPS is dean and professor of pharmaceuticals at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. In this role, he serves as the chief academic and administrative leader of one of the nation's largest colleges of pharmacy, overseeing education, research, clinical engagement, and statewide operations. Prior to joining the University of Florida in 2022, he was distinguished university professor, chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and associate dean for Research and Advanced Graduate Education at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore.

Swaan received his pharmacy education and his Ph.D. degree in Biopharmaceutics from Utrecht University in The Netherlands. He completed postdoctoral training at the University of California, San Francisco, in the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry. Earlier in his career he held faculty positions at The Ohio State University before joining the University of Maryland in 2003.

His research focuses on drug transporters, drug delivery, pharmacokinetics, and molecular modeling approaches to understand how drugs interact with biological transport systems. His work has contributed to the understanding of transporter-mediated drug targeting and the prediction of drug disposition and drug-drug interactions. He has authored over 150 peer-reviewed publications and his research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the United States Food and Drug Administration, foundations, and industry partners.

Swaan has been an active member of AAPS since 1990 and was elected Fellow in recognition of his contributions to the field. Within the organization, he has served in multiple volunteer leadership roles, including chair of the Oral Absorption Focus Group, section chair for Pharmaceuticals and Drug Delivery, member of the Annual Meeting Programming Committee, and chair of the Abstract Screening Committee, and served on the AAPS Board of Directors as member-at-large. He also served for more than a decade as editor-in-chief of *Pharmaceutical Research*, the flagship scientific journal of AAPS, guiding the journal through significant changes in scientific publishing.

Beyond AAPS, Swaan has served in leadership roles in several scientific and educational organizations. He is a founding member of the International Transporter Consortium, an international collaboration of academic, industry, and regulatory scientists that develops guidance on transporter science for drug development. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education, including as chair of the Board of Grants, where he helps oversee national fellowship review and funding programs for doctoral trainees in the pharmaceutical sciences.

Throughout his career, Swaan has been committed to mentoring and training the next generation of pharmaceutical scientists. He has supervised and graduated numerous doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows and has taught courses in pharmaceuticals, drug delivery, and research ethics. His work as a scientist, educator, and leader reflects a long-standing commitment to advancing the pharmaceutical sciences and strengthening the global scientific community.

Why are you interested in serving AAPS in the capacity of member-at-large and how has your experience prepared you to lead AAPS?

"I have been a member of AAPS since my graduate student days, and it has remained my primary professional home throughout my career. The organization has played an important role in advancing the pharmaceutical sciences by bringing together scientists from academia, industry, and regulatory agencies to exchange ideas, share discoveries, and train the next generation of leaders. I am interested in serving as president-elect because I believe AAPS has a critical role to play at a time when both the scientific enterprise and professional societies are undergoing significant change.

"My experience has prepared me well for this role. I have served AAPS in multiple volunteer leadership capacities, including chair of the Oral Absorption Focus Group, section chair for Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery, member of the Annual Meeting Programming Committee, chair of the Abstract Screening Committee, and serving on the AAPS Board of Directors as member-at-large. I also served for more than a decade as editor-in-chief of *Pharmaceutical Research*, an AAPS flagship journal. In that role, I worked closely with AAPS leadership and the publisher to maintain the journal's scientific impact while navigating the rapidly evolving landscape of scientific publishing.

"Beyond AAPS, my career has provided extensive leadership experience in large and complex organizations. I currently serve as Dean of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, where I oversee education, research, and clinical programs across a statewide academic health system. Prior to this role, I served as Associate Dean for Research and Department Chair at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. These positions required strategic planning, financial stewardship, and the ability to bring diverse stakeholders together around a shared vision.

"Importantly, I believe the pharmaceutical sciences community must also take an active role in addressing the erosion of public trust in science. Scientific societies such as AAPS have a responsibility not only to advance research but also to communicate its value and integrity to the broader public. By promoting transparency, rigorous science, and responsible communication, AAPS can help strengthen confidence in the scientific process and the medicines that emerge from it.

"If selected to serve, my goal would be to help ensure that AAPS continues to deliver strong value to its members while adapting to the evolving needs of the pharmaceutical sciences community. I believe my experience as a scientist, educator, editor, and organizational leader has prepared me to contribute meaningfully to the continued success of AAPS."