The Chapter Advisory Committee (CAC) would first like to thank Michael (Mike) Sturek, PhD., for his service as CAC chair from 2014-2016. Dr. Sturek turned the chair position over to Mari Hopper, PhD., on January 1, 2017. Since the first of the year, CAC has embarked on a number of activities including the following:

1. Upon election, newly elected CAC chair worked with APS staff to update the CAC Chapter roster and establish communication with all Chapters.

2. In March of 2017, CAC met online, and established goals for the coming year:
   a) **Establish frequent communication with and between Chapters** to identify their challenges and recognize best practices.
   b) **Market Chapter achievement**: employ marketing strategies to promote Chapter achievements at the local and national level and utilize contributions to *The Physiologist* and APS website to expand Chapter awareness among APS members. Establish a presence at Experimental Biology (EB) meetings.
   c) **Grow the Chapter program**: leverage Chapter expertise and enthusiasm to grow the program to 20 active chapters by the year 2020. Although Chapters are expected to establish themselves as independent nonprofit organizations, individuals with a vision to establish a Chapter should know that the CAC, other established Chapters, and the APS are there to assist.

3. CAC chair gathered data via Annual Chapter Reports. Reports indicated that over the past year, ten Chapters held annual meetings at the state level. In all, over 1,000 participants (both APS members and non-members), gave over 500 talks and many awards including high school and undergraduates were given. State meetings heavily involved trainees, and provided mechanisms to not only present research, but opportunities for trainees and early career faculty to plan and lead meetings. Most states also included opportunities to “educate the educator,” career development, and interactive sessions for high school and undergraduate students.

4. Meetings at EB provided a face-to-face opportunity for CAC to address an agenda that included ideas to strengthen Chapters, promote new Chapter development, improve procedures for data reporting and grant submission, and to establish a presence at EB 2018. A sub-committee of CAC members wrote and submitted a proposal for EB in 2018.

5. CAC grant applications were reviewed by APS members, and pending APS Council approval, three Chapters will receive funds to support outreach and education in 2017-18.

Over the past year, ten states held annual meetings. State meetings provide an excellent opportunity to learn from APS sponsored keynote and advocacy speakers, as well as the vast variety of research and educational presentations. State meetings engage individuals, high school through senior faculty, many of whom do not have the opportunity to attend national meetings.
State Chapters are proud of the role they play in engaging trainees in planning and implementation of Chapter activities, and thus, preparing trainees for future leadership roles within the APS.

Currently, CAC is assisting California to establish a Chapter, and providing new Chapter information to APS members in three additional states. If APS members are interested in learning more about how Chapters promote the APS mission at the “grass roots” level, they are encouraged to contact the CAC chair, or better yet, to attend a Chapter meeting.