



Message from the Chair – August 2010

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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Section, I would like to extend a sincere appreciation for the service throughout the past several years provided to the Section members and ASHP by Drs. Kelly Smith and Erin Fox. On behalf of the Section Executive Committee I would also like to extend a thank you to Karen P. Norris, Rosina M. Stamati, Leila R. Mohassel, Cathy Y. Poon, and Eric C. Kutscher who gave their time to serve as Network Facilitators and to Cherry W. Jackson, Renee M. Petzel, and Susan Goodin for serving as Section Advisory Group (SAG) or Committee Chairs. Without the generosity of these individuals, fulfillment of the Section’s mission would not be possible. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following individuals who have agreed to serve as Network facilitator the next two years:

Network Area

Facilitator

Geriatrics	Donna Adkins
Hematology/Oncology	Susannah E. Koontz
Pediatrics/Neonatology	Melissa Heigham
Pharmacoeconomics/Drug Policy Development	Julie P. Karpinski
Psychopharmacy/Neurology	Troy A. Moore
Women’s Health	Gayle A. Cotchen

Are you or do you know someone who has been an ASHP member for ten years? Has the individual contributed to the organization? If so, check out the requirements for becoming an ASHP Fellow, www.ashp.org/ASHPFellows a.k.a. “ASHP Practitioner Recognition Program.” The ASHP Practitioner Recognition Program is intended to recognize excellence in pharmacy practice and promote public awareness of pharmacists who have distinguished themselves in practice. The deadline to apply for the 2011 Fellow class is October 1st.

One of the many activities of ASHP for the coming year includes ASHP’s Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI). This is a landmark initiative which includes a consensus summit, a

robust social marketing campaign, and program evaluations. The goal of this initiative is to significantly advance the health and well being of patients by developing and disseminating a futuristic practice model that supports the most effective use of pharmacists as direct patient care providers. This initiative will also create passion, commitment, and action among hospital and health-system pharmacy practice leaders to implement this practice model. This Section's members will play a key role in shaping the future of pharmacy practice so keep up to date with PPMI activities at www.ashp.org/PPMI. One of the key activities of the PPMI is the consensus summit scheduled for November 7-9, 2010. At present you will find the agenda posted along with those who have been invited to participate. Make your voice heard by responding to the pre-meeting surveys and don't forget to mark your calendar to view via live web streaming the meeting.

In closing, many thanks goes to those who served on the Committee on Nominations for their review of the many deserving applicants for section leadership. The Executive Committee encourages your participation in the voting process to fill the Section Executive Committee positions for Chair and Director-at-Large for 2011-2012. Ballots have been sent out to primary members of the Section.

The candidates for Chair are:

Erin R. Fox, Pharm.D. (Utah)
Eric C. Kutscher, Pharm.D.,BCPP (South Dakota)

The candidates for Director-at-Large are:

Phil Ayers, Pharm.D., BCNSP (Mississippi)
Tricia Meyer, M.S., Pharm.D.,FASHP (Texas)

Election bulletins with full biographical information for each of the candidates is located at www.ashp.org/Elections. Elections for Section and ASHP executive positions will **close on August 18th. Your vote counts, don't forget to vote!**

Best wishes,

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