



## Message from the Chair – April 2010

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Dear Section Members,

The Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists is the professional community of ASHP members practicing as clinical specialists and scientists in health systems. This past year we have had great success in creating programming, ASHP meeting networking sessions, webinar networking sessions, publications, web based resources, and support for ASHP advocacy.

The work of the Section is accomplished through the generous efforts of many Section volunteer members! The Section's committees, advisory groups, and network facilitators are the organizational structure supporting our success. Each year we appoint Section members to these groups. This is how we continually strive to support members through the strength of the Section's members.

Participation on Committees and Advisory Groups involves 9-10 conference calls a year and a desire to volunteer for the various initiatives that are developed through the group. Network facilitators lead and organize the networking sessions at the Midyear Clinical Meeting in addition to other activities.

The following are the current committees, advisory groups, and network facilitators.

- Educational Steering Committee
- Section Advisory Group on Clinical Leadership
- Section Advisory Group on Emergency Care
- Section Advisory Group on Preceptor Skills Development
- Network Facilitators

We are also looking for volunteers to serve on the newest **Section Advisory Group on Emerging Sciences** with representation from, but not limited to, genomics, nanomedicine, biotechnology, and gene therapy. Activities of the section advisory group on gene therapy will be incorporated into this new group. The newly formed group is charged with developing resources and tools, advising the Section and ASHP on the emerging sciences, and/or implementing recommendations of the 2008 Task Force on Science <http://www.ajhp.org/cgi/reprint/66/12/1132>.

For more information on our groups, please see: <http://www.ashp.org/sag>.

If you are interested in participating:

1. Complete the information requested in the on-line application by April 30th. [http://ashp.qualtrics.com/SE?SID=SV\\_6FoJlWrYhxnmrqs&SVID=Prod](http://ashp.qualtrics.com/SE?SID=SV_6FoJlWrYhxnmrqs&SVID=Prod)
2. Send you CV/resume to [sections@ashp.org](mailto:sections@ashp.org) for consideration and include "SCSS committee appointment" in the subject line.

On behalf of the Section's Executive Committee we thank you for your continued support and participation in the Section's events and networking. If you have any comments on how we can make the Section an even stronger 'home' for health-system clinical specialists and scientists, please send us your thoughts at [sections@ashp.org](mailto:sections@ashp.org).

Best wishes,

James