

Greetings Section Members!



I would like to welcome you to my first Chair's message since my recent appointment as Chair of the Section of Clinical Specialist and Scientist (SCSS) and thank you for bestowing upon me this great honor. There are a lot of exciting and new initiatives of the SCSS and I look forward to your involvement during this upcoming year in helping the Section move forward and implement these initiatives. Information on how you can become an active member with the SCSS can be found [here](#).

The SCSS Executive Committee recently met during the ASHP Summer Meeting in Rosemont, IL. Some of the highlights include:

Strategic planning session: The Executive Committee reviewed and started updating the Section mission, vision, and strategic plan. More information will be forthcoming as Committee members finalize the document.

The Executive Committee voted to establish two new advisory groups: clinical leadership and preceptor skills development. Charges and rosters are currently being drafted. If you are interested in participating in either of these groups or have project ideas please contact sections@ashp.org.

Year-end activity reports were presented from the following Section Advisory Groups (SAGs):

- Emergency Care- Planned and conducted two educational and one networking session at the 2008 Midyear. A working group is drafting a document on the pharmacist's role in the emergency department.
- Gene Therapy- Launched a survey to assess health-system involvement in gene therapy clinical trials for possible guidelines and resource center development and educational initiatives. In addition the group conducted an educational session at the 2008 Midyear.
- Investigational Pharmacy Services- Planned and conducted educational and networking session at the Midyear, launched an investigational drug services resource center, reviewed and updated the ASHP Statement and Guidelines on Pharmaceutical Research in Organized Health-Care and ASHP Guidelines on Clinical Drug Research. Since the charge of the SAG had been completed, the Executive Committee thanked members for their accomplishments and voted to disband the group.

Additionally in an effort to keep SCSS networking areas reflective of contemporary practice and to address the needs of Section practitioners, the Executive Committee has been reviewing these groups. After a lengthy discussion the Executive Committee concluded that many of the contemporary practice issues in the Surgery/OR/Anesthesia and Investigational Drugs networking groups were logistical in nature whose practice needs may be better fulfilled within another Section. Discussions with the Executive Committee of the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners (SICP) were initiated to investigate inclusion of these two groups within SICP. The SICP Executive Committee was eager to include these practitioners in its membership and believe the SICP could help address their practice needs. Practitioners from both of these networking groups will be included in the SICP Educational Steering Committee and Advisory Group on Medication Safety and will still maintain their specific networking sessions at the MCM.

Lastly, I would like to encourage and remind Sections members to participate in the voting process to fill the Section Executive Committee positions for Chair and Director-at-Large for 2010-2011.

The candidates for Chair are:

- **Mary M. Hess**, Pharm.D., FASHP, FCCM
- **Lynette Moser**, Pharm.D.

The candidates for Director-at-Large are:

- **Heath R. Jennings**, Pharm.D., BCPS
- **Kevin G. Moores**, Pharm.D.

Ballots will be sent out to primary members of the Section on July 20th.

Best wishes,

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Chair, Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists (2009-2010)

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