



Message from the Chair – November 2009

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Dear Colleagues:

It's hard to believe another year has passed and my term as Chair of the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists (SCSS) is already half over! Hopefully, before the New Year arrived, many of you had the opportunity to participate in the wonderful educational sessions and Section networking sessions offered during ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM) this past December in Las Vegas.

The Section's Educational Steering Committee assisted in planning over 32 hours of educational programming specifically for clinical specialists and scientists, including Clinical Pearls Session and Debates in Therapeutics. Other timely topics included infectious diseases, critical care, pharmacogenomics, alcohol withdrawal, and nutraceuticals. In addition the SCSS hosted 16 networking sessions in a variety of specialty practice areas attended by almost 850 meeting participants. On behalf of the Section Executive Committee, I would like to thank all of the committee members, network facilitators, meeting programming associates, and speakers for a great meeting.

In addition to all of the meeting activities, the SCSS Executive Committee convened prior to the MCM in Las Vegas. During our very productive meeting, Committee members spent the day focusing on updating the Section's Mission and Vision, Section's member needs assessment survey, and reviewing the many activities and resources that our Section members have and will develop for the broader ASHP membership.

Executive Committee members approved the revised Section Mission and Vision statements and ensured that they were reflected in the Section strategic priorities and vice versa. These priorities have been translated into the 2009–2010 Strategic Plan Tracking document.

Executive Committee members discussed the Section's needs assessment survey that is scheduled to be launched in April 2010. The biannual survey is sent to Section members to

identify education, resources, and communication needs of its members. The survey was updated to reflect current issues, including the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative.

Other items addressed included:

- Development of a central residency resource site for residency preceptor directors (RPDs) and preceptors, and promotion of the use of ASHP Connect for RPDs and residency preceptors to share ideas and ask questions.
- Approval of the outline for the pharmacist's role in the emergency department guideline drafted by the Section Advisory Group on Emergency Care.
- Broadening Section and ASHP efforts in emerging sciences by establishing a section advisory group on emerging sciences to include representation from, but not limited to, genomics, nanomedicine, biotechnology, and gene therapy.
- Approval of the appointment and charge of the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists' Section Advisory Group on Clinical Leadership and Section Advisory Group on Preceptor Skills Development. A very successful networking session was conducted at the 2009 Midyear Clinical Meeting on preceptor skills development, facilitated by Carol Rollins, Chair of the advisory group.

I also wanted to let you know of the open call for potential candidates of SCSS Executive Committee office. As you can see from the activities from the December 2009 meeting, the Section's Executive Committee provides the leadership and strategic planning on behalf of our members and the oversight of the Section's Advisory Groups and Committee. The Section's Executive Committee is also responsible for communications to you and the ASHP Board on the value and work that our members are providing to support ASHP's and the Section's mission. Held in conjunction with the regular ASHP Board elections, the Section will elect a Chair-Elect and Director-at-Large. The deadline for submission is **March 19, 2010**. For more information on the Section Executive Committee offices and responsibilities, time commitments, and submission forms please visit <http://www.ashp.org/nominations>.

The Section Executive Committee also encourages you to participate in other Section activities and to become involved in Section leadership. For a list of opportunities, go to ASHP's Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientist Web site at <http://www.ashp.org/Import/MEMBERCENTER/Sections/SectionofClinicalSpecialistsandScientists/GetInvolved.aspx>

Best wishes for a healthy and productive New Year!

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