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## New Practitioners Forum Executive Committee Message – January 2012

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Happy New Year! Can you believe that 2011 is behind us already and 2012 is just beginning? It's always nice to take some time as the New Year begins to think about what lies ahead.

*"Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely." - Karen Kaiser Clark*

Everyone seems to think and talk about life changes each January. Whether it's establishing a workout routine or picking up a new hobby, this is the time of year for setting goals. We can, and should, set professional goals in addition to personal goals. These may include professional development, deciding to pursue board certification, or simply networking more often with peers. See the descriptions below for items provided by ASHP that you can use to grow your skills, your professional network, and your practice in 2012!

### [Great eXpectations eConference](#)

This will be the second year that ASHP will be hosting the Great [eXpectations eConference](#) just for New Practitioners! Mark your calendars now for May 16-18, 2012 and stay tuned for updated 2012 information. This opportunity provides all the benefits of a conference, but since it's virtual, you can participate from the office or your home. There will be exciting programming geared toward the interests of new practitioners, such as clinical updates, career development, and leadership sessions. You can also network with colleagues at the conference through your personal conference profile. The Great X eConference provides you the opportunity to earn continuing education (CE) credit on topics extremely relevant to the issues you are facing. If you were able to attend last year, spread the word that the conference is happening again! If you didn't have the opportunity to attend last year, this is definitely worth checking out. More information about this exciting conference will be available soon!

### [Career Video Profiles](#)

A great idea developed by our very own New Practitioners Forum Communications and Technology Advisory Group showcases unique pharmacist roles through short, 3-minute [Career Video Profiles](#). This is a quick and easy way to learn about what our colleagues all over the country are doing to provide patient care and advance the profession. These videos are not to be missed! Do you know someone who should shine in the "spotlight" with their career? Go ahead and make a 3-minute video and submit it for posting. ASHP is always looking for more examples of different pharmacy career paths.

So, as this new year begins to take shape with schedules and plans, be sure to reserve time on your calendar for the **Great eXpectations eConference**. Set some time aside to see what your colleagues are doing at their practice sites by viewing the **Career Video Profiles** and more importantly, submit a video of your own! Take advantage of these great member benefit resources from ASHP and get your 2012 professional growth goals off to a great start!