



## New Practitioners Forum Executive Committee

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A time of transition. Whether it be graduation, residency, a new job, or another life change, June is both an end and beginning; a time of excitement, hope, and maybe a little trepidation. For me, June signals the close of a very rewarding term as Chair of the New Practitioners Forum Executive Committee. It has been both professionally and personally gratifying to work on your behalf in this capacity.

Equally gratifying is realizing how successful this year has been for the New Practitioners Forum (NPF). This continued success is the result of the many engaged members that volunteer their time and expertise, bringing this quote by Andrew Carnegie to mind,

“No person will make a great business who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit.”

Credit, in this case, goes to all of the involved new practitioners that serve on our advisory groups, councils, commissions, and the executive committee. These leaders are the foundation of the NPF and the reason we continue to grow our membership. I applaud you for your passion, enthusiasm, innovation, and effort. As a result of all your hard work we have been able to accomplish more in the Forum this year than arguably any previous year. Here are a few of the major accomplishments:

- Record NPF membership
- Record applications for leadership positions
- Representation at all regional residency conferences
- Updated NPF Mission and Vision Statements
- Guidance to increase awareness of the new practitioner role in the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative
- Hosted the Great eXpectations Live program, providing a full day of Midyear Clinical Meeting programming designed especially for new practitioners
- Evolution of the Great eXpectations Experience, including the first Great X eConference and the launch of Great X Video; more information on “Great X” can be found by visiting: <http://www.ashp.org/Import/MEETINGS/Great-eXpectations.aspx>
- Selecting the New Practitioners Forum Distinguished Service Award recipient

And this list is just the beginning. For additional accomplishments, specific to our advisory groups, I will refer you to last month’s message, which summarized that great work. My sincerest hope, that through these efforts, we all provided you with tools to be successful as you start and continue your professional journey.

Moving forward, I encourage you to use ASHP and the NPF as a resource. Visit [www.ashp.org/newpractitioner](http://www.ashp.org/newpractitioner) to find useful information, schedules of events, innovative ways to connect with colleagues, and many opportunities to advance your own practice and your involvement in ASHP.

I wish you all the best of luck this next year. I am pleased to transition out of this role, knowing the incoming leaders will make next year the most successful year yet. And, since I can't resist the temptation, I will leave you all with one final quote by John D. Rockefeller, Carnegie's contemporary and fellow industry magnate,

“Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great. “

As we all continue in our professional pursuits, continue to rely on your colleagues in the NPF to support you as you strive for greatness.