



## Message from the Chair – January, 2012

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Greetings! I hope everyone is refreshed after the holidays and having an excellent New Year!

I believe our Section's programming at the MCM was an excellent segue into this new year, and I want to take this opportunity to thank our members who made it so successful. First, a big THANK YOU goes out to the [Section's Executive Committee](#) who met for an entire day before the MCM, and during the course of its meeting, approved a new strategic plan for our Section.

Second, we should all thank the Section's [Educational Steering Committee](#) and Section Advisory Groups (SAGs) for bringing us exceptional educational sessions. The [Clinical Business Development](#) (CBD) and [Clinical Practice Advancement](#) (CPA) SAGs advanced our knowledge base and skills during an excellent six-hour learning community on building ambulatory pharmacy services. The [Pain Management and Palliative Care SAG](#) and the CPA SAG, in addition to developing continuing education sessions, each collaborated with the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists on networking sessions, while the [Home Infusion](#) and CBD SAGs held their own, very well-attended networking sessions.

I would also like to thank Seena Haines, Director-at-Large on the Section's Executive Committee, for organizing and facilitating a networking session on postgraduate opportunities and resources in ambulatory care environments. During this networking session, participants had the opportunity to network with students, residents, and recent graduates on residency training in ambulatory care environments, as well as other relevant topics. All of our networking sessions were very well attended and offered high level information. I could not be more proud of our Section!

I also want to congratulate Richard Stambaugh who received the Distinguished Service Award from our Section. If you know him, please send him your congratulations. If you don't know him, read "[In The Spotlight](#)" for our Section, where you can also find a link to the remarks he gave when he received his award. He is truly a talented individual and we are fortunate to have him working for our Section.

So, with such an awesome event and the beginning of a New Year comes a time of rejuvenation and New Year's resolutions. I hope the MCM has you thinking of how you can

continue to move Pharmacy forward and be involved in the Section. I will bid you goodbye with a question: What is your pharmacy resolution?!

Sincerely,

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