



Message from the Chair – January, 2012

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Dear Colleagues,

I know many of you are reflecting on the past Midyear Clinical Meeting as you begin to interview candidates for your residency programs. I want to personally thank every member of our section who volunteered their time to help make the 2011 Midyear Clinical Meeting great. Our Section planned over 65 hours of educational programming during the past meeting and believe it or not, it is actually time to submit proposals for the 2012 Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas December 2 – 6. If you are interested in submitting, please go to http://www.ashp.org/Get_Involved and scroll down to 2012 Midyear Clinical Meeting. The deadline is February 1, 2012.

A key highlight from the past meeting was the Section's Distinguished Service Award. This year, the Section gave its highest award to Susan Goodin, PharmD, FCCP, BCOP. Dr. Goodin has served the Section previously as Executive Committee Director-at-Large and Chair and in other capacities too numerous to mention here. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Goodin and read more about her inspiring service to the section in the spotlight profile at: <http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/MemberCenter/SCSS/Spotlight/Spotlight-Dec-2011.aspx>.

The SCSS Executive Committee met prior to the meeting in New Orleans and spent the day discussing board certification activities, ongoing PPMI Summit activities, and Advisory Group and Committee activities. Discussion also included succession planning and cultivating section members for leadership positions within ASHP as well as the member needs assessment survey. One member need that we are pleased to soon be able to fill is assistance with Board Certification exams. There will be 2 review courses offered June 9 – 10 in Baltimore just prior to the ASHP summer meeting. The Section of Clinical Specialists & Scientists has planned a review course for Pharmacotherapy. The Section also worked with the Section of Ambulatory Care Practitioners to plan an Ambulatory Care review course. More details are available at <http://www.ashp.org/certifications>.

The last item I want to highlight is for those of you involved in Drug Policy Development or Drug Information. FDA has just developed the Global Alliance of Drug Information Specialists to provide a network between clinicians and the FDA to support collaborative strategies on critical

trends and transformations for addressing FDA regulatory actions. If you are interested in this brand new initiative please visit www.fda.gov/GADIS.

Sincerely,

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