



Message from the Chair – July, 2011

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Dear Colleagues,

July is such an exciting time of new beginnings – new residents to train, new medical staff to teach on rounds, I know this is a busy time for all. Another change July brings is a new chair of the section – I am so excited to continue to work on your behalf. My plan this year is one of continued progress and momentum – we have an incredible slate of projects to keep moving forward. I hope to keep you all informed each month with status updates as well as opportunities for you to become involved and add to the project list! Here are a few highlights from our current list:

- **Pharmacist Board Certification.** By now you are probably aware that the House of Delegates approved our Section's New Business Item. Check out the ongoing Blogs on this topic posted at <http://connect.ashp.org/ASHP/ASHP/Blogs/ViewBlogs/Default.aspx?BlogKey=9f91e115-74a6-4ed8-9d0f-a6b39f9fd2ae> and <http://connect.ashp.org/ASHP/ASHP/Blogs/ViewBlogs/Default.aspx?BlogKey=1e5ef849-18e4-46dd-9539-86d4888bd2da>. Your comments and continued thoughts on this issue are important!
- **PPMI.** The PPMI is a major priority for our section as we know our section members play a key role in pharmacy practice models. However, we realize the PPMI is larger than any one section, so we are organizing an all-sections/forums advisory group on the PPMI with membership from all ASHP sections and forums under the leadership of Dr. Mary Hess. Please also note the PPMI Journal Club webinar series is underway. Plan to register and participate in these essential discussions at <http://www.ashp.org/PPMI/Webinars.aspx>.
- **Increasing Member Involvement - Section Advisory Groups, Committees, and Networking Groups.** Did you know our section has 4 Section Advisory Groups (Clinical Leadership, Emerging Sciences, Emergency Care, and Preceptor Skills Development), 2 Committees (Educational Steering and Nominations), and 15 Networking groups? The work you all do in these groups is essential to our Section's mission and vision. <http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/MemberCenter/SCSS/SCSSMissionVision.aspx>

Our section wouldn't have this incredible slate of ongoing projects without the leadership of our past chair, Dr. Mary Hess. She has left large shoes to fill, and I am pleased to be able to work with her for another year. You also elected an amazing Section Executive Committee and I want to particularly thank Drs. Lea Eiland and Jim Trovato for their service to the section as they complete their terms. Many thanks also go to our current Directors-At-Large Tricia Meyer and Heath Jennings. Our continued thanks go to our staff liaison Sandy Oh Clarke – we have an amazing team!

- Your vote counts! Make sure your voice is represented as you elect new representatives for our section - visit <http://www.ashp.org/election> today. Our Committee on Nominations has slated some incredible candidates.
 - For Chair Elect:
 - § Lea Eiland, PharmD, BCPS (Alabama)
 - § Paul Szumita, PharmD, BCPS (Massachusetts)
 - For Director-At-Large:
 - § Michelle Allen, PharmD, BCPS, FCCM (California)
 - § Director-At-Large: Douglas Slain, PharmD, BCPS (West Virginia)

Last, I want to make sure you all know that ASHP was selected to receive the American Society of Association Executives' (ASAE) Power of a Silver Award for their extraordinary work on drug shortages. <http://www.thepowerofa.org/2011/07/asae-acknowledges-16-programs-with-a-power-of-a-silver-award/> Drug shortages impact us all, and ASHP has a fantastic team working on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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