

Message from the Chair

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There has never been a more exciting time for Healthcare Technology in our profession. The excitement at ASHP and on the Executive Committee was palpable during my time as Chair-elect. I am pleased to announce the momentum and energy continues with my installation as Chair of our section. I wanted to start by thanking Dr. John Poikonen and Mr. Mark Siska for their dedication and experience while serving on our Executive Committee over the past few years. In addition, the motivation and expertise of our section members continue to impress me every day. I look forward to working with all of you this year.



The [2009 Summer Meeting](#) was an action packed program with six supported sessions from our section. These included exciting presentations on quality improvement in CPOE and new technology opportunities for pharmacists and technicians. Telepharmacy and medication reconciliation with ePrescribing were also presented.

In addition to the wonderful Informatics programming, the Executive Committee was busy planning for the upcoming year. Some of the major topics included:

- Enhancement and development of Section Advisory Groups (SAGs) for 2009-2010
- Appointment of SAG leadership, members, and charge
- Utilization of new collaboration tools offered: [TeamSpace](#) and [ASHP Connect](#)
- Review and approval of programming for the [2009 Midyear Clinical Meeting](#)

Membership in the Section of Informatics and Technology remains strong. I would like to encourage each one of our members to reach out to a colleague with an interest in technology. It is an exciting time to be a part of our Section, and the more exposure Pharmacists have to technology the better equipped they will be to provide pharmaceutical care.

The Section Education Steering Committee (formerly the Programming Committee) is hard at work planning activities for the 2009 Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. A few of the educational opportunities include implementing IV robotics in special populations, new technology challenges, BCMA in ambulatory settings, and pharmacy on the web.

The Advisory Groups and Committees are one of the most important parts of our Section. I am excited to announce appointments and charges for 2009-2010.

- [Education Steering Committee](#)
Chair: Dr. McGregory, Vice Chair: Dr. Lew
- [Section Advisory Group on Clinical Information Systems](#)
Chair: Dr. Poikonen, Vice Chair: Dr. Flynn
- [Section Advisory Group on Pharmacy Operations Automation](#)
Chair: Mr. Burnette, Vice Chair: Ms. Volpe

- [Section Advisory Group on Pharmacy Informatics Education](#)
Chair: Dr. Clauson, Vice Chair: Dr. Barone
- [Section Advisory Group on Ambulatory Care Informatics](#)
Chair: Dr. Young, Vice Chair: Mr. Russell

In addition to appointments, each Section Advisory Groups has several charges for 2009-2010. These include contribution to the "Informatics Interchange" column in AJHP, coordination of a [webinar](#), Section website content review, development of programming and a networking session for MCM, and the appointment of working groups to manage the frequent call for comments by government. In addition the SAGs will encourage the use and contribution of content to [ASHP Connect forums](#) and [listservs](#).

We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us. As always, I encourage each of you to find a way to contribute to the section. ASHP Connect forums are a great way to share information and ask questions. Please let [Karl](#) or any member of the [Executive Committee](#) know if you are interested in becoming more involved.

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