

Message from the Chair

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The Section of Informatics and Technology continues to work hard for the members of ASHP and the pharmacy community. If you have been keeping up with AJHP, you may have noticed our recent [vision statement on Technology-enabled practice](#). This publication helps set the stage for the continued integration of technology and pharmacy practice. This is one example of the contributions the Section has planned for this year. We are very excited about the opportunity to help our members understand the impact of technology in healthcare.



A great deal of this work is happening behind the scenes in our [Section Advisory Groups \(SAGs\)](#). The Section has four advisory groups that represent key areas of Informatics practice. This year the [Executive Committee](#) challenged the SAGs with seven exciting charges and a roadmap for contribution. This month I wanted to take the opportunity to update the membership on the recent activities within each SAG.

SECTION ADVISORY GROUPS and COMMITTEES:

[Ambulatory Care Informatics](#)

Chairperson: Marc Young

Recent Activities:

- Develop recommendations for the “electronic” reconciliation of medications.
- Develop guidance for ASHP members on the requirements for Drug-Drug Interaction screening in in-patient and out-patient EHR systems – In Process by SAG.
- Develop guidance for hospital pharmacists on the use of electronic prescribing for ambulatory clinics, discharged in-patients, and emergency room patients.

[Clinical Information Systems](#)

Chairperson: John Poikonen

Recent Activities:

- Finalization of CPOE guidelines
- Development of ADE Surveillance tools
- Development of guidance on Clinical Decision Support

[Pharmacy Informatics Education](#)

Chairman: Kevin Clauson

Recent Activities:

- Planning for AJHP Informatics Exchange column by identifying contributors
- Planning an educational needs assessment of pharmacists in informatics

Pharmacy Operations Automation

Chairman: Ron Burnette

Recent Activities:

- Completion of [Automated Dispensing Devices Guideline](#)
- Development of re-packaging and re-labeling medications for barcoding guidelines
- Review current state utilization of RFID technology in pharmacy supply chain management
- Development of a position statement on the synchronization of medication formularies
- Review opportunities to contribute information on use of robotic technologies in hospitals and the use of smart pump technology in hospitals

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Chairperson: Dennis Tribble

Recent Activities:

- Congratulations to the Executive Committee's new members:
 - [Chris Urbanski, R.Ph., M.S.](#) - Chair-Elect 2009-2010
 - [Leslie R. Mackowiak, R.Ph., M.S.](#) - Director-at-Large Elect 2009-2010

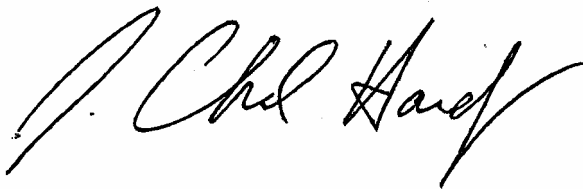
EDUCATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Michael McGregory

Recent Activities:

- Involved in planning educational sessions at the ASHP Summer Meeting and the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- Development of Informatics Bytes session at MCM

During these exciting and transitional times for healthcare, I am confident the Section of Informatics and Technology will continue to provide professional and timely contributions to our organization. I would like to thank each member of our SAGs and Committees for their dedication to ASHP and our profession.



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