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Greetings Section Members, it is both an honor and privilege to represent our Section as your Executive Committee Chair for 2011-2012. The current environment in health care poses a great deal of uncertainty and offers pharmacy significant opportunities. Our challenges as leaders will be to find clarity and to provide leadership in grabbing on to the opportunities in an uncertain health care delivery environment. I am optimistic that the Section is well poised to support our membership in leading their organizations through these challenging times! Most significantly, my predecessor and our past Section Executive Committee leaders have over the past year diligently continued the important work of charting the strategic direction for the Section. I have been encouraged by the energy, creativity and insightfulness of these individuals in these efforts. Further, we have recently finalized the appointments of our 2011-2012 Advisory Groups. I was so encouraged by the numbers of Section members who volunteered to serve and to lead the Advisory Groups. These groups are essential to our success because they are the engine by which the Section by creates programs, resources, and education, as well as providing guidance and feedback to ASHP

During the last year the Section Executive Committee tackled revision of its Strategic Priorities. This Strategic Planning document will provide focus to both the Executive Committee and the Advisory Groups. Additionally, the Section will actively sustain programs and services that have been part of the success of the Section. However, two issues have become overarching priorities for the Section's strategic planning as the Executive Committee and Advisory Group leaders guide the Section's work.

First, as a Section, we need to take a leadership role in clarifying and executing the recommendations from the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative. **Secondly**, the Section needs to develop tools and resources for members as we all transition from leading pharmacy

departments to leading pharmacy enterprises. I firmly believe that we need to embrace the concept of the Pharmacy Enterprise to successfully execute the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative and to realize its value to the health care delivery system.

To quote William A. Zellmer, MPH from the PPMI Summit (November 9, 2010), “We can lead the change that we believe in or we can just position ourselves to be forced to accept the change being put on us by others. The choice is quite clear...We’re going to lead the change.”

The urgency for pharmacy leaders to evaluate their role as pharmacy enterprise leaders and strategic planners is clear. Pharmacy cannot allow itself to be relegated to a cost center. As leaders, we must give voice and structure to the value pharmacy. I believe that the Pharmacy enterprise is the framework for those efforts and the pathway to execution of the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative.

In closing, I would like to again recognize my predecessors as I seek to provide leadership for the Section. Scott Knoer, Kathy Pawlicki and the Section Chairs before them have established a legacy of leadership that I will do my best to repeat. Equally importantly, I want to recognize the [Advisory Group and Committee](#) leaders and volunteers for the work they have performed and express my optimism for their achievements over the next year as they to continue to make our Section thrive.