



Message from the Chair – September, 2010

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Dear Colleagues,

First, let me start the Fall Chair's Message by congratulating the newest members of the ASHP Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers Executive Committee. Mike Powell, Executive Director of Pharmacy and Pathology Services at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, is our [new Chair-Elect](#). Laura Mark, System Director of Pharmacy at West Penn Allegheny Health System, is our [new Director-at-Large](#).

I also want to recognize the work of our 2010 - 2011 Section Advisory Group (SAG) members and SAG Leadership team. The SAGs are extremely important to the Section. These workgroups are the member-driven machinery that turns the strategic plan for the Section into tangible products and services for our members.

Each year the Executive Committee reviews the strategic plan for the Section and creates the charges for the SAGs. The SAGs, in turn, create the valuable end products for our membership. Below is the list of current SAGs, their leadership teams and a sample of the tools and services created by the SAGs, including several works in progress. These are great examples of the high quality work we accomplish as a section. *Please join me in recognizing and welcoming the new appointments for our 2010 - 2011 Section Advisory Groups!!*

SAG on Pharmacy Business Management (Chair – Laura Mark, Vice-Chair – Phil Brummond)

- Productivity and Benchmarking White Paper published in AJHP
- Financial Management Self-Assessment Instrument (launch date 10-2010)

SAG on Communications and Publications (Chair – Audrey Nakamura, Vice-Chair – Rabiah Dys)

- Oversight of the Section's communication plan
- Coordination of the Section Member spotlights

SAG on Leadership Development (Chair – Edward Nold, Vice-Chair – Carol Wollenburg)

- Student Leadership Development Workshop oversight that has been conducted at 12 states and the ASHP Summer Meeting.
- Webinar session: [Succession Planning - Building Great Teams and Future Leaders](#).

SAG on Manager Development (Chair – Rick Couldry, Vice-Chair – Lindsey Kelley)

- Coordination of the Managers' Boot Camp at the ASHP Leadership Conference
- Created the Manager Continuous Professional Development Resource Center

SAG on Quality and Compliance (Chair – James Hoffman, Vice-Chair – Margaret Huwer)

- Education content for MCM and webinar on the HOPPS rule updates
- Support for ASHP’s comments and testimony on REMS with the FDA

Section Education Steering Committee (Chair – Ryan Forrey, Vice-Chair – Tom Kirschling)

- Annually provides a needs assessment and topic identification for ASHP’s MCM for practice managers education programming
- Provides the coordination and management of the annual Management Pearls at MCM

Finally, I want to highlight the premier annual event that is sponsored by the Section, the [15th Annual ASHP Leadership Conference](#). Please visit the conference web page to see what is in store for our members in Chicago this year. This is a great networking and programming conference developed by and for health-system leaders and practice managers. Please consider attending and sending your new managers to both the Leadership Conference and the [ASHP Managers’ Boot Camp](#). The Boot Camp is an eight hour management workshop designed for pharmacists who are promoted to managerial positions who find themselves challenged by tasks for which they lack formal training. The program is also for veteran managers who would like a refresher on how best to manage the big picture while dealing with day to day issues.

All of these great activities and resources would not be possible without the valuable time provided by our Section members supporting members!! Thank you all for your support of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers!

Regards,

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