

Message from the Chair

April 15, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

The Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers is **SAGcessful!**



The Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers has five Section Advisory Groups (SAGs) and the Programming Committee. The SAGs and Programming Committee are very active. I want to provide you with an update on some of their current activities.

Section Advisory Group on Pharmacy Business Management: Members are working to evaluate the Section's website, map web pages, and improve usability of the website for Section members. The SAG created and distributed to over 3,000 directors of pharmacy a survey on the impact on health-system pharmacy by the current economic situation. A programming proposal has been submitted for the 2009 Midyear Clinical Meeting regarding pharmacy technician career ladders.

Section Advisory Group on Manager Development: A manager development program is being developed for posting on the Section website. Management Consultation column submissions to the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy continue to be written. An overview of available leadership programs will be placed on the Section website.

Section Advisory Group on Leadership Development: There is SAG member representation on the ASHP Foundation's Task Force for Student Leadership. The Student Leadership Development Workshop has been updated and will be presented in several states and at the 2009 ASHP Summer Meeting. The Coach's Corner articles continue to be published.

Section Advisory Group on Quality and Compliance: This SAG produced a webinar that was viewed by representatives from nearly 100 hospitals on the use of pharmacy technicians with medication reconciliation. The SAG will also be providing a networking session at the 2009 ASHP Summer Meeting. A programming proposal has been submitted for the 2009 Midyear Clinical Meeting on the topic of IPPS/OPPS regulations.

Section Advisory Group on Communications and Publications: The white paper on workload and productivity measurement is reaching completion. Members of the SAG will be interviewing Section SAG chairs for the "Spotlights" feature that will be posted to the Section's webpage. In 2008 the SAG completed a marketing message for the 2008 Midyear Clinical Meeting that highlighted the Section's activities.

Programming Committee: The Programming Committee has identified 'Hot Topics' items that will be featured at the 2009 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. The Programming Committee, on behalf of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers, has submitted five programming proposals for consideration at the 2009 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.

I want to thank the members of the Section Advisory Groups for all the work they are doing as evidenced by the above. I also want to thank David Chen and other ASHP staff members for their work with the Section members. Please visit the website of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers for a listing of the members of the SAGs and Programming Committee.

We must work to keep the SAGcesses on going. The Section needs the involvement of its members to maintain the momentum of the SAGs. The above items are tangible examples of the impact that individual

Section members can make to health-system pharmacy management. If you would like to become a member of a SAG please send an email to sections@ashp.org no later than April 23, 2009 indicating the Section Advisory Group you wish to be considered for membership.

Thank you for your support and involvement with the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers.

Sincerely,
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