

## Message from the Chair

August 2009



Dear Colleagues:

Our Section year began in July but we are already off to a great start! Last month, in addition to providing a brief overview of the ASHP Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative, I indicated that we had an exceptional number of section members expressing interest in section involvement. The Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers dedicates itself to enabling its members to be successful in:

- \* Effectively managing pharmacy resources
- \* Maximizing the safety of medication use systems
- \* Developing staff and future leaders
- \* Promoting the pharmacist's role in patient care

To accomplish these Section outcomes, the Executive Committee is supported by 5 Section Advisory Groups (SAGs) and an Education Steering Committee. Members interested in being involved in our section activities are appointed as members to SAGs or the Education Steering Committee. In addition to supporting the Section goals, SAGs provide a forum for member networking. Many of the past accomplishments of the SAGs are visible throughout the ASHP website. Each SAG consists of a Chair, Vice Chair and SAG members. Memberships for these groups varies in size and are approved in June of each year. Chairs are appointed and this year our first advisory group meetings are scheduled to begin in August. Below are some of the items each SAG and the Education Committee is working on for the 2009-2010 year.

[SAG on Pharmacy Business Management](#) (Chair: Dave Ehlert; Vice Chair: Laura Mark)

- \* Advises and supports members in their efforts to be fiscally responsible, use workload and productivity systems, develop vision and strategies for new services, and advance the role of the pharmacy technician
- \* Investigate and recommend initiatives to advance pharmacy services
- \* Develop educational content, tools, and checklists in managing the business of pharmacy

[SAG on Leadership Development](#) (Chair: Cyndy Clegg; Vice Chair: Edward Nold)

- \* Identify ways to promote management and leadership as a career path to students
- \* Advance leadership effectiveness

[SAG on Manager Development](#) (Chair: Jennifer Tyron; Vice Chair: Jennifer Austin)

- \* Develop education content, tools, checklists and resources to enhance the skill and competencies of section members
- \* Identify strategies for advancing the role of the pharmacy executive within health-systems
- \* Assist ASHP in curricula development to facilitate advancement of clinicians into management roles
- \* Maintain resources for making it easier and fun to manage day-to-day, and prevent manager burnout

[SAG on Communications & Publications](#) (Chair: John S. Clarke; Vice Chair: Audrey Nakamura)

- \* Facilitate increases in the volume and applicability of publications to enhance and promote administrative pharmacy practice
- \* Identify topics and authors for AJHP publication
- \* Contribute articles to AJHP's Management Consultation column
- \* Mentor future authors in the area of administrative pharmacy practice

[SAG on Quality and Compliance](#) (Chair: Gregory Polk; Vice Chair: James Hoffman)

- \* Develop tools to assist member in understanding and meeting NQF and other external quality reporting initiatives
- \* Develop resources and strategies to assist members in integrating quality, compliance and financial data into business case for advancing pharmacist patient care services
- \* Assist ASHP in positively influencing TJC medication management standards
- \* Identify ways to promote best practices for advancing medication use safety

[Education Steering Committee](#) (Chair: John Pastor; Vice Chair: Ryan Forrey)

- \* Develop education programming sessions for section members at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Summer Meeting
- \* Advise on programming topics for the Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy

Please join me in thanking and supporting those section members who have volunteered their time to lead and participate as a member on this year's SAGs and Education Committee, they play a vital role in providing important work for our section and it's members.

Sincerely,

**Kathy Pawlicki, M.S., FASHP**  
*Chair, Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers (2009-2010)*