

Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues:

I want to welcome you to an exciting new year with the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers. As Chair of the Section I look forward to working with you.

Our Section Executive Committee had a great Summer Meeting reviewing the many activities that our Section members have helped create for ASHP members. In addition we continued our strategic planning for the upcoming year and completed the appointments for the Sections' Advisory Groups and Programming Committee. This past year saw the completion of the Coaches Corner, the development of multiple networking sessions, planning for the ASHP Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy, the approval of a Section leader on the Council of Pharmacy Management, and the development of a student leadership program for state affiliates. These are just a few of the accomplishments of our Section members!

A number of Section activities will occur during the next few months. The 13th Annual ASHP Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy will be held October 20th - 21st in Chicago, IL. There will also be the inaugural "Managers Boot Camp", which has been organized by the Section, preceding the conference to further support the education opportunities for pharmacy leadership. There will also be a number of affiliate based Student Leadership programs piloted at Wisconsin, New York, Utah, and Oregon this Fall. I will be sure to share more on these as they are completed!

The Section Advisory Groups (SAGs) and Programming Committee are key to the workings of the Section. I want to thank the individuals who have agreed to participate in the SAGs and the Programming Committee. Our peers volunteering on these advisory groups really drive the work of the Section and keep our programs vibrant and timely for ASHP members.

The SAG on Leadership Development works to advance the effectiveness of existing pharmacy directors, managers, and clinical leaders; identify ways to promote management and leadership as a career path to students and new practitioners.

The Manager Development SAG assists with the support and development of management skill sets for new and existing pharmacy managers. The SAG also facilitates the development of curricula to facilitate the advancement of clinicians into management roles.

The Communications and Publications SAG is new for 2008 -2009. This is a combination of the publications and communications SAGs. The SAG's work will include increasing the volume and applicability of publications that enhance and promote administrative pharmacy practice. The SAG will also work to develop strategies to assist Section members with publishing articles that enhance or promote administrative pharmacy. The SAG will also provide feedback and recommendations for maintaining the Section's website content and organization.

The new Quality and Compliance SAG will work on the development of strategies and resources to assist Section members with meeting the goals of the National Quality Forum and Joint Commission standards.

The new Pharmacy Business Management SAG will assist Section members with managing the business of pharmacy. Areas of emphasis will include the development of tools for managing the business of pharmacy; the assessment / development of ROIs for new services and staff; and assisting ASHP with the advocacy for pharmacy technician certification.

The Programming committee develops educational programming sessions for Section members at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and the ASHP Summer Meeting. The Programming Committee also recommends topics for the Conference of Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy.

As you can see there are a tremendous number of activities and programs planned for the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers. Section member involvement is key for these to occur. I encourage and request your participation in the Section.

I look forward to working with you this new year.

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