

## Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues,

It seems like I was just writing my first "Message from the Chair" yesterday, and it is hard to believe that an entire year has flown by. I hope that you have had a productive and successful year, and that you are making big plans for the future. Congratulations to the residents finishing up their experiences, and to the new graduates (new members of the New Practitioners Forum (NPF)!) of 2007.

2006 – 2007 was another banner year for the NPF! Last fall, we held our first ever conference for New Practitioners, Great eXpectations in Chicago. This was one of the best conferences I had ever attended (and I've been a conference junkie since my 1st year of pharmacy school), and all of your feedback is currently being incorporated into planning for the 2nd event to be held this September. We also held New Practitioner specific programming and a reception at the Midyear. This year will also mark the beginning of an award specifically for New Practitioners, the Distinguished Service Award. This award will recognize those that have made significant contributions to the Forum and profession; the first recipient will be recognized at the Midyear. We've also just launched the New Practitioners Listserver and we hope you will find this a useful tool for communicating with your peers. Be sure to be mindful of other's inboxes, and if you are new to utilizing listservers, ASHP has recommendations on etiquette on the website. Lastly, we have a record number of applicants for appointments on Advisory Groups, and are thrilled to see so many of you getting involved.

Being involved with the Forum has been one of the most valuable experiences to date in my career. From balancing residency and a leadership role, to meeting and exchanging ideas with pharmacy leaders around the country, being involved with ASHP continues to enhance how I practice pharmacy and impact patient care on a daily basis. If you are looking for a great experience that will help you grow both personally, and professionally, make an effort to get involved with professional pharmacy associations. My colleagues on the Executive Committee would echo these sentiments, and all NPF accomplishments this year are a result of their hard work and the input of our Advisory Groups.

On behalf of the outgoing Executive Committee, thank you for your dedication to the profession and your involvement in the New Practitioners Forum! We would also like to thank Stan Kent, M.S., FASHP and Jill Haug, PharmD, MBA, Director of the NPF, for their invaluable service and wisdom. We could not have had such a successful year without their input. We have high hopes for continued expansion, and new projects during the upcoming year. It's been a pleasure to serve you, and we hope to see you soon at an upcoming meeting!

Best regards,

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Chair, New Practitioners Forum 2006-07

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