



NEW HORIZONS

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Second Message from the Chair of the House of Delegates

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Welcome Delegates

I would like to again begin by extending a warm welcome to new and returning delegates, alternate delegates, fraternal delegates, past ASHP presidents, and other participants in the ASHP House of Delegates. Thank you for your service to ASHP.



Jim Trovato, Chair
ASHP House of Delegates

Getting Ready for the Regional Delegate Conferences

The Regional Delegate Conferences (RDCs) are being held on May 4 and 5 (Sat/Sun), and again on May 6 and 7 (Mon/Tues), in Rosemont, IL (outside Chicago); Phoenix, AZ; Atlanta, GA; and Philadelphia, PA. We are pleased to have been able to offer a fourth RDC site in Atlanta again this year. If you have not yet registered for the RDCs, you can find more information in [my previous message](#) and on the [RDC section](#) of the [House of Delegates website](#). The cut-off dates for the reduced hotel rates (between April 3 and April 12) are rapidly approaching, so please make your reservations soon.

On Tuesday, April 9, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (EDT), I will be conducting a webinar to assist you in maximizing your RDC and House of Delegates experiences. Everyone is welcome, but I would especially like to encourage first-time delegates to [register for the webinar](#). Whether or not you are able to attend the webinar, here's a tip. Go to the ASHP website and access the [Board Reports on Councils](#). Read the proposed policies. Then, in conjunction with your other state delegate(s), solicit input on the proposed policies from ASHP members in your state. Let them know that you wish to incorporate their feedback and represent their interests when you deliberate with other members of the House. If you get this much done in April, you will be very well prepared for the RDCs.

What to Bring to the Regional Delegate Conferences

The documents you will need are provided via the ASHP website, so you will need to either print out or download the material you wish to take with you to the RDCs. Please do not assume that you will be able to access the internet from the meeting room; wireless internet access within hotels can be quite variable. If you are planning to download the files to a laptop, please be aware that power strips are being provided. If you're not planning to use an outlet, be sure to bring enough battery power for at least six hours on each day. The material you should bring with you includes the following:

- [House of Delegates Agenda](#) (veteran delegates will notice that the Sunday meeting has been extended to four hours beginning at 1 p.m.)
- [Board of Directors Reports on Councils](#)
- Memorandum Concerning Resolutions and Report of the Committee on Resolutions (finalized in April)
- Regional Delegate Conference Agenda (finalized in April)
- Report of the Treasurer (available in late April)

As other important information becomes available (such as the Treasurer's Report, the Report of the Committee on Nominations, and the Report of the Committee on Resolutions) ASHP will post updated documents on the [House of Delegates website](#).

If you prefer to work from hard copies, print out the documents and prepare your own "Big Binder." I would recommend placing the documents into your "Big Binder" in the order listed in the House of Delegates Agenda. Finally, remember to bring the comments that you received from the other ASHP members from your state. There tends to be robust discussion during the RDCs, and you will have the opportunity to express your opinions as well as those of your constituents.

New This Year: Choose Your Meeting!

Delegates and alternates registered for the House of Delegates must register separately to attend the [Summer Meeting](#) or the [Medication Safety Collaborative](#). **Your registration as a delegate does not automatically register you for these meetings.**

The first annual Medication Safety Collaborative is for interprofessional teams of health-system-based clinicians and executives who focus on quality and patient safety. Pharmacists who focus on patient safety should register for the Medication Safety Collaborative. The Collaborative offers 4 days of interactive education and networking focused on optimizing safety and quality outcomes. Attendees of the Collaborative will still have access to all Summer Meeting sessions and events and can still earn up to 30 hours of CE. The registration rates for both meetings are identical, and attendees need only register for one meeting, not both. You can register and find out more about the Medication Safety Collaborative at the URL below:

<http://www.ashp.org/msc13>

You can register and find out more about the Summer Meeting at the URL below:

<http://www.ashpmedia.org/sm13/>

When making your travel plans, please be aware that delegate responsibilities begin with the Open Forum (scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 1) and conclude with the second session of the House (scheduled to conclude at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4).

Consult the Checklist for Delegates

Being a delegate can get quite hectic, so we have prepared a [Checklist for Delegates](#) to help guide us. Located on the House of Delegate website, this handy one-page document provides a succinct list of delegates' responsibilities.

What Else Can I Do to Get Ready?

Begin to familiarize yourself with [ASHP Connect](#), which contains tools to help you share your views with other ASHP members. Through ASHP Connect, you can engage in a discussion of any proposed policy, recommendation, or new business item through the discussion board or even a blog; consult the House of Delegates Event Calendar, and alert fellow delegates to an event; and share documents you think will help others in their deliberations. To do this you will have to register with ASHP Connect and join the House of Delegates community, all of which can be done from any computer and should take you less than five minutes. All ASHP members are encouraged to engage in the discussion. You never know which ideas will gain traction through the support of other delegates. Our overriding goal is to develop the best professional policy possible. The more input we receive, the more likely we are to achieve this goal.

What's the Difference Between the House of Delegates Website and ASHP Connect?

The House of Delegates website is the location we use as a repository for official documents and other information needed by delegates to meet their responsibilities efficiently and effectively. The content of the House of Delegates website is developed by ASHP. In contrast, ASHP Connect is a place where members can freely debate and exchange ideas. The content of ASHP Connect is developed by and belongs to ASHP members. We created a House of Delegates community within ASHP Connect to permit ASHP members to exchange ideas related to the business of the House. So, go to ASHP Connect, locate the House of Delegates community, review the thoughts of other members, post your ideas, and work with others on any amendments you may be considering.

Get Involved with the ASHP PAC

As I said before, the goal of the House of Delegates is to develop the best professional policy possible. As a meeting attendee, you'll also have an opportunity to help implement the policies the House develops. The ASHP PAC is essential to achieving ASHP goals regarding federal legislation and regulation that affect pharmacy practice, from drug shortages legislation to payment for pharmacists' patient-care services to a regulatory pathway for biosimilars. I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity and attend the [ASHP PAC Luncheon](#) on Monday, June 3, from 11:30 to 1:00, where you'll receive an update on ASHP's advocacy efforts.

See You at the Regional Delegate Conferences

President Kathy Schultz (Rosemont), President-Elect Gerry Meyer (Philadelphia), Immediate Past President Stan Kent (Phoenix), and I (Atlanta) are looking forward to our time with you at the RDCs. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions. Safe travels!

Sincerely,

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