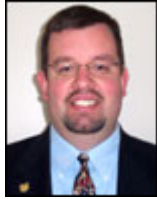


Message from the Chair

OK folks, that's a wrap!



Dear Colleagues,

Wow, where has the past year gone! This has been a truly wonderful year and I cannot express the honor it has been to serve as Chair of this fantastic, energetic, exponentially growing section within ASHP. The weather outside is turning up the heat and so are our section advisory groups and task force. So many of you have stepped up to the plate this year and answered my message with your volunteerism. I ask that you continue your enthusiasm by continuing your volunteerism for many years to come. Remember questions, concerns, ideas, suggestions, opportunities to serve can all be sent to sections@ashp.org and we will continue with your assistance to push our profession forward.

While the past year seems like it only started yesterday, I look back at the work performed by section members and it is absolutely incredible. Our section continues to provide networking sessions at both the Summer and Midyear meetings that our extremely well attended and tremendously productive for all attendees. Our section continues to also provide continuing education sessions specifically oriented to our section members as well as led by section members that are in the trenches everyday, just like you. The section advisory groups and task force continually look at educational opportunities to provide to members of our section to assist us all in being the best pharmacists possible for our patients and the healthcare system.

As you think about your personal goals for the upcoming year remember that we all have something that we feel passionate about and focus on how to improve or expand your skills in this area. Or take the time to look an area of weakness that you need to improve upon and make that a focus of yours over the coming year. ASHP is looking to expand upon their current governmental advocacy efforts and most all of us could use at least some improvement in this area. I believe it is important for ASHP to assist, encourage, support and utilize its members throughout the country to be conduits to pharmacist-driven initiatives and expert opinions on pharmacy related healthcare issues. We need to make sure that our politicians that represent "we the people" understand our expertise and come to us when issues arise that we as pharmacists have a vested interest in. We are the medication experts and we need to continue to speak up for ourselves and our patients. We need to continue to step out of our sometimes secluded (basement) locations and exhibit our contributions to the healthcare team. We have come a long way but we also have quite an ascent ahead of us to reach the summit.

The upcoming Summer meeting in San Francisco, while providing educational sessions, will deal with some extremely interesting ASHP House of Delegates (HOD) issues. I would suggest that you take some time to look at the specific issues that will be brought forth this year. The ASHP HOD virtual talk (<http://www.ashp.org/ashponline/index.cfm>) is a great way for all members to provide feedback and personal comments to any of the issues being brought forth. It is important that you provide your state delegates or section leadership with your personal input on the issues that effect not only the present but the future practice of pharmacy. A list of your state delegates as well as others delegates registered for this year's HOD can be found at the following webpage. (http://www.ashp.org/s_ashp/docs/files/HOD_Roster.pdf)

With that I would like to take a final opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support and assistance of the past year. To my other executive committee members and ASHP staff, "thank you" for all of your assistance and encouragement over the past year. I look forward to continuing my efforts with ASHP for many years to come as well as working with many more of you to continue moving our profession forward, upward, and onward. To those of you

that have read my messages, thought about my comments, and have been able to answer the call to volunteerism, in any form, a sincere heartfelt “thank you” goes out to each of you. One of my favorite quotes is from Theodore Roosevelt who said, “The one thing I want to leave my children is an honorable name.” “It is hard to fail but it is worse to never to have tried to succeed.” Who will you inspire in your lifetime to positively influence them with the need to accomplish their own personal and/or professional endeavors? We all need to make the efforts to succeed no matter what the risk of failure may be when it comes to moving this wonderful profession forward. Thank you, it has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as Chair of the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners over this past year.

Sincerely,

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