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**REPORT OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ON  
NOMINATIONS FOR ASHP TREASURER**

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Phoenix, Arizona

This year, our Treasurer, Ms. Christene Jolowsky, will complete her term in that office. Accordingly, and pursuant to section 4.1.3 of the Bylaws, the Board hereby submits two names as nominees to the office of Treasurer. As provided in section 7.4.1 of the Bylaws, ASHP members will elect by majority vote a Treasurer to a three-year term of office.

Through announcements in various ASHP communications, the entire membership was advised of the forthcoming opening in the Treasurer's office and recommendations and expressions of interest were solicited. That solicitation outlined the formal duties of the Treasurer and summarized other qualities that the Board would consider in selecting the most qualified nominees.

To facilitate selection of the nominees, the Board formed a committee consisting of Pamela K. Phelps (Chair), Melanie A. Dodd, Thomas J. Johnson, Paul C. Walker, and Paul W. Abramowitz. The committee met on March 18, 2022, via teleconference and reviewed the qualifications of members who had agreed to be considered as candidates, and selected two candidates. The Board of Directors approved the slated candidates on April 20.

The role of the Treasurer is unique among the Board members and selection of these nominees involved special consideration of these unique responsibilities. In addition to serving as a member of the Board and providing leadership to the profession, the Treasurer is specifically charged with significant and specific fiduciary responsibilities for financial oversight of ASHP and, thereby, the ability of this organization to serve the needs of the profession.

The Treasurer must be an active member and able to perform the duties of a Director, as set forth in article 5 of the Bylaws. Therefore, it is important that a nominee possess those qualities of commitment, leadership, vision, professional awareness, and intellect necessary for being a member of the Board, including:

- professional experience, involvement, vision, and perspective;
- communication and motivational skills; and
- involvement in ASHP and affiliated state societies.

Because of the uniqueness of the Treasurer's position in the governance process, additional assessments must be made. The Treasurer serves as the financial planner and overseer of ASHP under the obligations set forth in section 4.5 of the Bylaws. Under the Bylaws, the Treasurer must be able to:

- oversee conservation and prudent investment of ASHP assets;
- assure that expenditures are in accord with program priorities;
- approve internal controls relative to management and handling of funds;
- inform the Board and membership about ASHP's financial needs and projections;
- oversee ASHP activities to assure budget objectives are met; and
- serve as Chair of the Committee on Finance and Audit.

The Treasurer of ASHP also serves as Treasurer of the ASHP Research and Education Foundation.

Finally, the Board assessed those intangibles that would permit the Treasurer to balance technical financial capabilities with professional vision, so as to permit this person to serve as a cornerstone of the Board. Among the qualities are:

- credibility with members, Board, and staff;
- ability to interrelate substantive ASHP policy, goals, objectives, and financial issues;
- willingness to commit the time to do the job;
- a sensitivity to membership needs and wants, and to practice; and
- ability to assess and evaluate the details of financial management of ASHP.

The Board's job was a difficult one because selection of the nominees involved matters of degree, not the mechanistic application of a formula. We are confident that our nominees are outstanding; both have the capacity to provide financially responsible and responsive leadership.

Your Board is pleased to place in formal nomination two members for election as the Treasurer of ASHP, Christene M. Jolowsky and James A. Trovato.

**Christene M. Jolowsky, BS, MS, FASHP, FMSHP** ([cjolowsky@gmail.com](mailto:cjolowsky@gmail.com)) is the senior pharmacy director for Hennepin Healthcare System, Minneapolis. She completed her BSP Pharm and MS in Pharmacy Administration at the University of Minnesota and a two-year ASHP-accredited administrative residency at the University of Minnesota Hospital. She is an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, teaching in both the PharmD and graduate curriculums.

In her current role, she is responsible for inpatient, retail, and clinic-based pharmacy services for the system and the Poison Control Center. Chris has led teams around patient safety and clinical service initiatives. Her expertise is in clinical and operational performance improvement. Key accomplishments include promoting technician, student, and residency training and expanding the roles and scope of practice for pharmacists.

Chris is the current Treasurer of ASHP and the ASHP Foundation. Her service to ASHP includes serving as president and on the Board of Directors, and serving on many councils, committees, and task forces for ASHP and local and state health-system chapters. She has been a Minnesota delegate to ASHP's House of Delegates and served as president of the Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP). She is a Fellow of both ASHP and MSHP.

Chris was honored with the Distinguished Service Award for the ASHP Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers in 2009, the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy's Preceptor of the Year and MSHP's Hallie Bruce Award in 2005, and the MSHP Hugh F. Kabat Award in 2012.

**Statement:**

*Pivot, wellness, grit, and resiliency. These are just a few of the terms which have become mainstream over the past several years. We have faced and transcended a pandemic and have navigated new territories in the provision of care to our patients, our colleagues, and ourselves. These territories also extend to ASHP, as we've navigated the pandemic while staying focused on our mission toward patient care in the management of medication use. And we have needed to pivot and respond as well.*

*As Board members, we have a duty to provide oversight to the actions of ASHP, on behalf of the members. Specifically, as Treasurer, this duty includes being a link for our members and the Board, focusing on the financial aspects of our Society. This includes assuring we continue to devote resources to areas that support our members in continuing to provide care and grow services in this turbulent, whitewater world of healthcare.*

*I am proud of the decisions and the work ASHP has accomplished through the past several years to be strategic with our decisions focusing on maintaining services and managing costs. I am honored by this nomination, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the Society as Treasurer.*

**James A. Trovato, PharmD, MBA, FASHP** ([jtrovato@rx.umaryland.edu](mailto:jtrovato@rx.umaryland.edu)) is professor and vice chair of academic affairs at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore. He also serves as the pharmacist research advisor for the Pharmaceutical Research Computing (PRC) Center in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research and Administrator for Continuing Education, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

Trovato has a demonstrated history of leadership and management in pharmacy education. He is skilled in oncology therapeutics, instructional design, clinical pharmacology, and curricula development and assessment. Trovato completed a BS in pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, a PharmD degree from Purdue University, and an ASHP-accredited oncology residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Trovato's recent ASHP involvement includes member, ASHP Board of Canvassers; member, Forecast Survey Panel for the ASHP Foundation's Pharmacy Forecast report; ASHP Faculty Liaison; and faculty advisor to the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy SSHP. He is past president of the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Trovato has served ASHP as chair, ASHP Board of Canvassers; vice chair, FASHP Recognition Committee; chair, House of Delegates; member, ASHP Board of Directors; chair and director-at-large, Executive Committee of the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists; chair, Council on Educational Affairs; and multi-year ASHP delegate.

**Statement:**

*I believe the following characteristics are critical to allowing the ASHP Treasurer to be considered a valued member of the ASHP Board of Directors:*

- *Detail oriented, organized, and methodical*
- *Strong moral compass*
- *Transparent with their fellow Board members*
- *Committed to fulfilling their responsibilities*
- *Strong interpersonal and communication skills*
- *Knowledgeable of the ASHP's governing documents*

*I believe these characteristics are necessary to educate and guide ASHP Board members to use funds for the betterment of ASHP and its members. The Treasurer should have a vision for how ASHP can improve its long-term financial success to better serve our community in the future.*

*I believe having strong financial health allows ASHP to provide our members with the necessary tools, resources, and educational activities that enable them to provide preventive care services and optimize and be accountable for the health and medication outcomes of our patients.*

*I am humbled to have received this nomination and would welcome the opportunity to serve the pharmacy profession as Treasurer of ASHP.*