LEA S. EILAND, Pharm.D., BCPPS, BCPS, FASHP, FPPAG (eilanls@auburn.edu), is a Clinical Professor and Associate Department Head of Pharmacy Practice, Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. She received her Pharm.D. from The University of Texas at Austin and completed an ASHP-accredited pediatric specialty residency at Texas Tech University. Her practice experience includes the pediatric ICU, general pediatric inpatient, and pediatric ambulatory care settings.

Eiland’s service to ASHP includes the Board of Directors; Chair and Director-at-Large of the SCSS; Chair, Council on Education and Workforce Development; Women in Pharmacy Leadership Steering Committee; EVP/CEO Search and Screen Committee; Task Force on Pharmacy’s Changing Demographics; and as a state delegate. Eiland is an Auburn SSHP faculty advisor, is a Past President of ALSHP, and received the ALSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award.

ASHP’s tagline is “Pharmacists advancing healthcare.” From an organizational level to the member level, we advance healthcare by improving medication utilization and patient outcomes. Healthcare is rapidly changing in structure, technology, patient populations, and relationships in part due to the consumerization of medicine and wellness care models. To support our patients and members as well as lead during this healthcare transformation, ASHP must:

• Advocate for our patients and profession.
• Anticipate potential changes to the profession and transparently adapt to the evolving needs of our members and patients.
• Continually assess members’ needs in order to support their responsibilities and well-being.
• Support future roles in the profession by providing innovative services and resources for our members’ growth as pharmacists, students, and technicians.
• Continue seeking strong collaboration with other organizations regarding healthcare activities to benefit our patients, members, and profession.
• Remain the paramount pharmacy organization others seek for input and partnership in pharmacy-related opportunities or concerns.

I am grateful for this nomination and would be honored to serve as your ASHP President. I thank each of you for your contributions to ASHP, our profession, and the advancement of healthcare today.

THOMAS J. JOHNSON, Pharm.D., M.B.A., BCCCP, BCPS, FASHP, FCCM (thomas.johnson@avera.org), is Assistant Vice President of Hospital Pharmacy, Avera Health, Sioux Falls, S.D. He earned his Pharm.D. from North Dakota State University and completed an ASHP-accredited residency at St. Alexius Medical Center/NDSU in Bismarck, N.D. He has served in multiple roles over his professional career including clinical practice, academia, research, and leadership. Johnson has consistently championed advancing optimal patient outcomes through the progressive use of pharmacy staff within healthcare teams. His current role at Avera spans from rural through tertiary settings.

Johnson has served ASHP in multiple roles including Treasurer (2016–2019); Board of Directors (2011–2014); Council on Education and Workforce Development; Council on Therapeutics; Committee on Nominations; Task Force on Organizational Structure; Practitioner Recognition Committee; and as a state delegate for many years. Johnson is a Past President of SDSHP and 2005 SDSHP Pharmacist of the Year.

The future of the pharmacy profession is dependent upon our ability to make a difference. Can we make a difference in the lives and health of patients — both for individuals and populations as a whole? Can we make a difference in the financial bottom line of our local health systems or the national health system? Can we effectively convince others that we make a difference? I believe the answer is “Yes!”, but there remain significant opportunities for us to do even more.

Let’s take advantage of these opportunities to make a difference for our patients and our healthcare system through our common membership and engagement in ASHP.

Specifically, we should:

• Embrace technology in a thoughtful and purposeful way to simplify and streamline our professional practice.
• Leverage our skills as the medication experts to fully integrate into patient care teams across our health systems.
• Advocate for legislation and regulation that enhances and expands our ability to provide optimal patient care.
• Tell our story — clearly, concisely, and convincingly — to the public, payers, administrators, and other providers so that everyone is requesting our services.

I would be honored and thrilled to serve as your President. Let’s make a difference together!
CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER 2019–2022

ROGER W. ANDERSON, M.S., Dr.P.H., FASHP (anderson.roger183@gmail.com), was Head of the Division of Pharmacy, MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1978–2004. He was Senior Vice President and Chief Pharmacist, Medco, 2004–2009, and Chief Pharmacy Officer, US Oncology, 2009–2012. He received his pharmacy degree from Ferris State University in 1964, obtained an M.S. from The Ohio State University in 1968, and completed his residency at Grant Hospital in 1967. He earned a Dr.P.H. from The University of Texas in 1997.

Anderson has served ASHP in several roles, including President, COSHP (1970); President, OSHP (1973); ASHP Board of Directors (1983–86); and President, ASHP (1987–88). He was President of the Texas Board of Pharmacy in 2002. He was awarded the Harvey A.K. Whitney Award in 1992 and an Honorary ASHP Membership in 2015 and currently serves on the ASHP Foundation Board.

Throughout my practice career, and continuing today, I believe in and strive for excellence in well-managed pharmacy operations and patient-oriented clinical patient care. I fully support the granting of provider status for pharmacists. I support the process of pharmacists obtaining BPS certification in the variety of specialty areas. While my specific career positions have been in the administrative area, I have focused an equal priority on building high-impact practice and clinical programs. Throughout my career, and continuing today, I support and continue to be involved with residency training — both administrative and clinical. I also support and participate in a variety of clinical and practice research. Based on my past early research on occupational exposure to hazardous drugs, I continue involvement with ongoing research with a passion to further improve the handling of hazardous drugs. I fully support and have a personal history of membership and leadership in professional organizations on a local, state, and national level. I have a passion for and current role in the development of future leaders in health-system administrative and clinical practice. This includes the increased involvement and future roles for pharmacy technicians.

CHRISTENE M. JOLOWSKY, B.S.Pharm., M.S., FASHP (cjolowsky@gmail.com), is Director, Hennepin Healthcare System, Minneapolis. She completed her B.S.Pharm. and M.S. in Pharmacy Administration at the University of Minnesota, along with an ASHP-accredited administrative residency at the University of Minnesota, along with an ASHP-accredited administrative residency at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy.

Jolowsky has led teams around patient safety and clinical service initiatives. Her expertise is in clinical and operational performance improvement. Key accomplishments include promoting technicians, student and residency training, and expanding the roles and scope of pharmacy practice.

Jolowsky’s service to ASHP includes serving as President and on the Board of Directors; President, MSHP; and chairing several councils, committees, and task forces for ASHP and local and state health-system chapters. Jolowsky received the 2009 Distinguished Service Award for ASHP’s Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers and MSHP’s Hallie Bruce Award in 2005.

“Describe yourself in three words …” This provides insight into how a person thinks, their priorities, and how others see them. The responses can help decide a candidate’s fit with the team. These are words I would use —

As a Candidate: Passionate. Persistent. Optimistic.

• My focus is on obtaining the resources needed to support pharmacy’s role in care. This means continually advocating for and constantly looking at opportunities. I seek to expand pharmacist and technician roles in all areas that impact our patients.

As your Treasurer: Alignment. Advancement. Resourcefulness.

• Our decisions around resources must align with the goals and direction of the organization. Thoughtful deliberations will assure resources meet current needs, maintain flexibility for new opportunities, and support a sustainable foundation.

As an ASHP Leader: Patients. Members. People.

• This is the core of ASHP’s strategic plan. Our work connects directly to the patient; we as members provide the care; and ASHP’s staff support this work.

Today’s decisions impact our organization’s and profession’s future. Our Board deliberations must align with strategic goals, to assure balance with financial resources and demands. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the ASHP team as Treasurer. I am optimistic about pharmacy’s future!

The confidentiality of your ballot is guaranteed through processing and tabulating by an independent computer firm.
LEIGH A. BRISCOE-DWYER, Pharm.D., B.S.Pharm., BCPS, FASHP (Leigh.Briscoe-Dwyer@WMCHHealth.org), is the Vice President of Network Pharmacy for the Westchester Medical Center Health Network, a 10-hospital system located in Valhalla, N.Y.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Albany College of Pharmacy and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. John’s University. She is a certified pharmacist immunizer, is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, and has been named a Fellow of ASHP.

Briscoe-Dwyer is a Past President of both the Long Island Society of Health-system Pharmacists and New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists. She has served ASHP in a number of capacities, including the FASHP Recognition Committee, Council on Public Policy, Committee on Nominations (including a term as Chair), and the PAC Advisory Committee. She has served as a member of the House of Delegates for 14 years.

The only thing that is higher than a purpose is a shared purpose — and it is clear that the problems facing the profession today can no longer be solved by individuals. Thus, the role of ASHP in providing guidance and advocacy is more important than ever. The fact that ASHP has a seat at the table when discussing key issues such as drug shortages, drug pricing, and the opioid epidemic signifies that the organization has credibility. ASHP speaks for all pharmacists who want to practice at the top of their license, regardless of practice setting. We need to continue developing advocacy as a professional obligation and provide guidance for members so we can share a consistent message.

Medications touch nearly every patient in health systems, and no healthcare system can truly be successful without active, engaged pharmacist participation. I have worked for over 30 years to ensure that pharmacists are visible members of the healthcare team, that they take accountability for outcomes, and that they continuously work to advance the role of the profession in the tumultuous world of healthcare today.

It would be an honor to serve the profession I love on the Board of Directors of ASHP.

DAN D. DEGNAN, Pharm.D., M.S., CPPS, FASHP (ddegan@purdue.edu), currently serves as Associate Director for the Professional Program Laboratory and is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice (Courtesy) at Purdue University College of Pharmacy. Degnan has an appointment with Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering at Purdue as a Clinical Research Associate with research interests in the areas of pharmacy automation and high-reliability healthcare. Before coming to Purdue, Degnan served as the Medication Safety Officer at Community Health Network in Indianapolis.

Degnan earned his Pharm.D. from Purdue University. He completed a specialty residency in pharmacy administration and an M.S. in Pharmacy Administration at the University of Wisconsin.

Degnan’s service to ASHP includes Chair, Council on Organizational Affairs; Chair, Committee on Nominations; Chair, Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners; and state delegate to ASHP from Indiana for many years. Degnan has served in many state affiliate roles, including President of the Indiana Society.

Embracing the issues that face our profession and curating effective and meaningful ways to improve them should be the work of all of us, including ASHP. Moving forward, ASHP should enhance its efforts to move the profession forward in the following areas:

- Aligning pharmacist care delivery with patient needs and matching reimbursement schemes.
- Promoting a rich environment for innovation and growth in postgraduate residency programs.
- Focusing on development of robust clinical well-being, resilience, and burnout mitigation resources, including profession-specific research on the issue.
- Developing the concepts of professionalism, ethics, and caring in pharmacy so that the narrative and context around a patient’s care are viewed as critical to the provision of care.

My personal and professional philosophy includes a longstanding commitment to the principles of servant leadership, lifelong learning, and demonstrating an empathetic approach to helping others. These principles have been applied throughout my career and lend themselves to the concept of a constant pursuit of excellence. ASHP and our profession deserve no less.

It is an honor to be on the slate of candidates for the ASHP Board of Directors. I would truly appreciate the opportunity to serve on the ASHP Board of Directors.
JAMIE S. SINCLAIR, M.S., R.Ph., FASHP (jsinclair@mercycare.org), is Director, Pharmacy Services for Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. Sinclair earned her B.S. Pharm from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and M.S. from the University of Minnesota. She completed an ASHP-accredited residency at Methodist Hospitals of Memphis. Sinclair has practiced in academic and community-based settings, beginning as a critical care pharmacist, and has held health-system leadership positions for over 20 years. Her passions include developing technicians, pharmacist practitioners, and leaders; implementing/optimizing technologies; and fostering interprofessional relationships.

Sinclair’s service to ASHP includes Council on Pharmacy Practice; Chair, Commission on Affiliate Relations; Committee on Nominations; Women in Pharmacy Leadership Steering Committee; ASHP/ISMP Medication Safety Certificate Faculty; and state delegate (Iowa and Minnesota). She is a member of the Iowa Pharmacy Association and Past Treasurer and President of the Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

As experts and leaders in medications and medication-use systems, we have a responsibility to:

• BEND — alter something that exists into a new creation to better serve the profession.
• BREAK — take something that is whole and reassemble in a more functional way.
• BLEND — combine two or more current models in a transformative way to support a paradigm shift.

Opportunities I see for our profession and ASHP include:

• Bend credentialing frameworks and expand them to pharmacists. We can move closer to provider status, increasing patient access to pharmacists’ cognitive skills and improve the well-being of patients.
• Break industry models to improve transparency related to medication costs and shortages.
• Blend our knowledge with artificial intelligence to develop the future roles of pharmacists and technicians.

As we bend, break, and blend we must:

• Maintain our patient-centric values.
• Enhance and expand our interprofessional relationships.
• Foster well-being and adaptability within our pharmacy workforce to manage ambiguity and “bounce forward” during adversity.

I am grateful for my ASHP home and the people I have met who have challenged me and fulfilled me. I am humbled to be slated and would be honored to serve the ASHP Board and advocate for our patients, membership, and profession.
ASHP Guidelines for Committee on Nominations

To ensure that all willing and qualified potential nominees are considered for candidacy to ASHP elective office, the Committee on Nominations is charged with assembling a roster of nominees, recommended by our members and affiliated societies. A member or group submitting such a recommendation should provide a brief summary of the recommended individual’s experience and accomplishments and should state why ASHP would be well served by his or her election. Recommendations can come from ASHP state affiliate societies, councils, committees, or any single member or group of members.

ASHP will issue a Call for Nominations via various channels, to encourage affiliate societies, individual members, or others to submit their recommendations at appropriate times. These may include:

- letters from ASHP headquarters to the membership.
- letters to affiliated state chapters.
- notices in ASHP publications including newsletters, email news services, Midyear Clinical Meeting daily newspapers, and other communication vehicles of ASHP.

In addition to reviewing suggestions received from members and affiliated societies, the Committee on Nominations will also review the membership rolls for potential candidates, particularly rosters of councils, committees, and other ASHP leadership bodies. Nominees will be contacted by the Committee and provided additional information about holding elective office, and be given an opportunity to formally accept or decline nomination.

Typical qualifications of a successful candidate include, but are not limited to:

- demonstrated leadership qualities and exemplary practice.
- active interest in the affairs of ASHP.
- experience as chair or member of ASHP council(s) or committee(s) or commissions.
- experience as elected official of the sections.
- experience as an officer or director of a state affiliate society.
- other relevant experience.

Guidelines on ASHP Election Communications

Guidelines and an FAQ describing the types of appropriate election communications for candidates as well as individuals, organizations, or other entities acting on behalf of nominees and candidates are available on ASHP’s website.