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## **President's Message The ISHP Community Chris Oswald**



Community, a word of many meanings. In the pharmacy world, it has traditionally aligned with a particular area of practice. However, if we look at a more generalized definition, we find it's a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common; or, my personal favorite, a feeling of fellowship with others as result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. Understanding our communities and those who we have responsibilities for could not be more important than in our current world as is our response and the actions we take when those communities are threatened. Since our last newsletter, we have seen our country experience quite a bit from a surging pandemic to the fight against racial injustice and inequality.

The summer months have been busy for the ISHP Board of Directors and all of our committees. This newsletter will update you well and I do want to draw your attention to a few individuals. First, I want to thank **Ryan Kneisner**, our ISU Meridian student representative, for taking the lead on ISHP's statement that speaks to our zero tolerance for racial inequalities or discrimination of any form in society or healthcare. This step forward puts ISHP in line with many other companies and organizations across Idaho, United States, and the world committed to making tomorrow better. Next, to **Cassie Perdew**, our Administrative Affairs chair, she succeeded at updating our Constitution and Bylaws, and overseeing our policy review calendar. These changes made in our governing documents show ISHP's ongoing commitment to all pharmacy professionals. Thank you Cassie! Also, thank you to **Rob Wills**, for all of his work as Website Chair which has included an overhaul to our website as well as managing the weekly and bi-weekly news briefs. Rob has been serving in this role for many years in addition to his multiple years on the board previously and recently submitted his resignation for that role. I thank him for his service and dedication to ISHP as well as open the opportunity for anyone to inquire about serving the organization as Website Chair. Last, but not least, I thank **John Sullivan**. John has also been on the board for a multitude of years, serving as two-time Legal and Public Affairs Chair and now completing his role as Immediate-Past President. He is closing out his term with many contributions to the organization, including most recently updates to the Idaho Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation bylaws and governing structure that will better help meet the needs of the Idaho pharmacy professionals.

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**2019 – 2020 ISHP  
Officers and Directors:**

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| Past President:                         | John Sullivan  |
| Secretary/Treasurer:                    | Elaine Nguyen  |
| Executive Director:                     | Caroline Merritt                                     |
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| Education:                              | Lindsay Crawford                                     |
| Programs:                               | Leslie LaMontagne                                    |
| Legal & Public:                         | Vacant   |
| Professional Affairs:                   | Mikaela Elwell                                       |
| Student Representatives:                | Meridian – Ryan Kniesner<br>Pocatello – David Truong |
| Technician Representative:              | Annie Knudsen  |
| ISU College of Pharmacy Representative: | Jordan Ferro   |
| Central Idaho Representative:           | Vacant   |
| Northern Idaho Representative:          | Vacant   |
| Newsletter Editor:                      | Kent Quickstad                                       |
| Website Chair:                          | Vacant   |
| ASHP Liaison:                           | Anne Policastri                                      |

**EZ contact information:**

All of these Officers and  
Directors can now be  
reached at one place!

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*The mission of ISHP  
is to promote the highest levels  
of pharmacy practice by our  
members*

**ISHP Virtual Fall Meeting**

**Registration open soon and will be announced  
via e-mail**

*Please bear with us as we work out the final details  
of moving this meeting to a virtual format*



## ISHP “Sun Valley” Fall Meeting

**Gone Virtual**

**Leslie LaMontagne**

The Education and Programs Committee are very excited about the upcoming **fall virtual meeting** although we are sad to not network with everyone in Sun Valley. The schedule is still being finalized since we have made the switch to virtual but please see a preview of some of the topics below.

- Pharmacist Track: HIV Prep, 2020 Law update and telepharmacy
- Technician Track: Expansion of tech roles, Mental Health and Wellbeing in pharmacy.
- Student Track: Pharmacist specialty round table and interviews do’s and don’ts

8 hours ACPE for both pharmacists and technicians

Virtual Poster Session

Thank you to the Board of Directors, Education Committee and everyone who has helped us plan the transition of this meeting to a virtual format. Lastly shout out to Lindsay Crawford who has served as the Education Chair for the last 2 years for all the hard work and dedication she has put into planning all the meetings especially in these crazy times - Thank you Lindsay for everything!

Thanks!

*Leslie*

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## 2020 ISHP Awards also Gone Virtual

Although COVID has had a dramatic impact on our daily lives, the work done by many of our pharmacist and technician members continues to go above and beyond the standards of daily practice. With that said, ISHP will continue again this year to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to the profession.



Many thanks to all of you who have submitted nominations for the awards for **Pharmacist of the Year, Technician of the Year, Student Leadership, ISHP Excellence in Service, Preceptor Excellence, Pharmacy Innovator and for Excellence in Research or Quality Improvement.**

Recipients of these awards will be announced virtually in the future and highlighted in the November edition of this newsletter.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and recipients who promote the highest level of pharmacy within our membership and within their practice sites, communities, state and at the national level.



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I close out my final President's message with both an invitation to our Annual Fall meeting and humble request for your continued support of ISHP. The Annual Fall meeting will be virtual this year, a decision that was not made lightly or without financial impact to ISHP but the right one to keep people safe. While we may not gather in person in Sun Valley, we will be together at the end of September and I hope you all join us for the events we have planned. This time of year, we see a large amount of membership renewals come across as this dates back to when renewals were held near the educational conferences. Your support of ISHP, your statewide pharmacy community, allows us to keep pharmacy moving forward in Idaho. Thank you for supporting ISHP and for allowing me the opportunity to lead this organization once again!

Take care everyone, of yourself and those around you. Stay Happy and Healthy!

*Chris*

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## From the ISHP Office - Executive Director's Message

**Caroline Merritt**

### **ISHP Fall Meeting**

Although the format will look different this year, ISHP is preparing for our annual Fall Virtual Meeting. The ISHP Education Committee is working on lining up a great slate of speakers and sessions will be held over the original meeting weekend, September 25-27, as well as one or two weeknights. Registration will open shortly, so make sure to take advantage of early-bird registration to save.



### **ASHP House of Delegates Nominations**

Nominations for the 2021-2022 Idaho representative to the ASHP House of Delegates are open. Each year, Idaho elects one representative to serve a two-year term, representing Idaho on proceedings impacting the pharmacy profession nationally. If you're interested in serving, please email [ishpcontact@gmail.com](mailto:ishpcontact@gmail.com). Elections will be held in January 2021.

### **Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses**

Idaho is reorganizing its medical and occupational licensing boards into the newly-created Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses. The Board of Pharmacy (BOP) will now be under the "Health Professions" Section led by Division Chief Nicki Chopski from the BOP. Eventually, all of the boards will be co-located on the state's Chinden campus, including the BOP. The state government hopes that this reorganization will result in increased efficiency and cost savings, which will hopefully be passed on to license holders.

### **ISHP Member Renewals**

It's also membership renewal time for the majority of our members. When you receive the reminder email, please make sure to log on to your membership profile on the ISHP website and renew. Renewing now will give you a full year of membership and provide you with discounted registration for the ISHP Fall and Spring meetings. You'll also receive additional discounts on drop-in education as well as other activities throughout the year.

Thanks for being a member of ISHP!

*Caroline*



**It's time for cast your vote for the  
ISHP 2020-2021 Board of Directors**

**Ballots have been e-mailed to ISHP members  
Check your e-mail and vote!**



ISHP has just solidified our 2020-2021 Board of Directors election ballot and voting is open. All ISHP members may cast their votes through Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The candidate list is below. For more information on each candidate, please see the official ballot.

**President-Elect**

Elaine Nguyen

**Legal & Public Affairs**

Lindsey Hunt

Jennifer Adams

**Secretary-Treasurer**

Nitza Bankova

**Education**

Anna Hoenke

**Administrative Affairs**

Leanne Ertle

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**ASHP House of Delegates Update**



Idaho representatives Arielle Arnold and Heather Walser attended the ASHP House of Delegates this past June. It was a historic meeting as this was the first time these sessions were held virtually. During these sessions delegates reviewed policy proposals previously approved by the Board of Directors. One policy in particular was timely in its proposal. Entitled Racial and Discriminatory Inequities, this policy was written shortly after nationwide current events. The policy as approved reads:

To acknowledge that racism, discrimination, and inequities exist in healthcare and society; further,

To assert that racism, or any form of discrimination or injustice, has no value in society and cannot be tolerated; further,

To fervently commit to creating a just and inclusive healthcare system and society.

Overall, during the 2020 cycle, the House of Delegates approved 38 policies. Complete details of the newly passed recommendations can be found at <https://www.ashp.org/House-of-Delegates>.

*Arielle and Heather*

For more information about the ASHP House of Delegates, please see their webpage at:

[ASHP's House of Delegates webpage](https://www.ashp.org/House-of-Delegates)

## ISHP Statement on Racial Injustice & Inequality in Healthcare

June 2020



In recognition of the protests across our nation, ISHP would like to address our members on our organization's stance. In alignment with ASHP and other national pharmacy organizations, we want to assure our members that ISHP fully supports diversity, equality, and inclusion among our profession, and that violence has no place in that equation.

To heal and grow from this point, acknowledgement that racial and discriminatory inequalities exist in society and healthcare must first be made. As an organization, we assert that racism, or any form of discrimination or injustice, has no value in society or healthcare and cannot be tolerated. Further, we fervently commit to creating a just and inclusive healthcare system in our society.

As we continue to review our existing policies, we will ensure they align with the organization's stance on this issue. We also hope to include future educational programming and/or workshops addressing bias, racism, and/or disparities in healthcare. We welcome and strongly encourage our members to share their perspectives and thoughts on how best to engage, progress, and work to improve the healthcare system and our profession for the communities we serve.

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### Update from the Idaho Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation (IPREF)

**John Sullivan**

We have several exciting changes and new opportunities coming to IPREF. We've spent the past year rewriting the bylaws and redesigning the makeup of the board. Historically, the ISHP Immediate Past-President, ISHP Secretary/Treasurer, and the ISHP Executive Director make up the IPREF Board of Directors. The new board will now consist of:

- IPREF Chairman
- IPREF Past Chairman
- ISHP Immediate Past-President
- ISHP Secretary/Treasurer
- ISHP Executive Director
- Appointed members of the public



The candidates for IPREF Chairman will be subject to a nomination and voting process. To be considered for nomination, the nominee will have to have served on the IPREF Board. All ISHP Past Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers are eligible for this role.

We are excited to open nominations for this position at this time. If you have any questions or nominations, please submit names to [ISHPcontact@gmail.com](mailto:ISHPcontact@gmail.com). The nomination period will close September 7th, 2020.

*John*



# Report from the *ASHP Council on Pharmacy Practice (CPhP)*

**Mike Dickens**



*CPhP is one of five recognized ASHP Councils. Each member serves a one-year term (January – December) where reappointment takes place by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Each member can serve up to a three-year term before rotating off that Council and serving on another Council. CPhP is comprised of 13 members - 1 Chair, 1 Vice-Chair, 1 ASHP Board Liaison, 1 Secretary, 1 New Practitioner, 1 Student, 9 members at large, and the 2020-2021 Council is represented by 13 States – AL, CO, CT, GA, IA, ID, MA, MD, MN, NC, OK, OH, OR, and WV.*

Below is a brief synopsis of what our Council discussed during our recent *ASHP Summer Conference Call on June 25, 2020*:

## Discontinuation of ASHP Policy

Human Factor Concepts (9609) – the Council reviewed this policy as part of sunset review and voted to recommend discontinuing it because it is redundant with the ASHP Guidelines on Preventing Medication Errors in Hospitals and ASHP policy positions Just Culture (1115), and Just Culture and Reporting Medication Errors (1021).

Policy Week (September 21 – 24, 2020) – The Council discussed potential agenda topics and suggested the following for consideration:

- Response to withdrawal of medications from the market and vaccine distribution.
- Hazardous medication storage, handling, and transport considerations for Wholesalers and Delivery Drivers
- Standardized clinical pharmacy documentation, metrics, and related staffing considerations
- Strategies to employ during global pandemic
- Adequate inventory of critical medications during an emergency
- Pharmacist's role in capital punishment
- Sunset review of existing policies - ASHP Policy Positions
  - Ready-To-Use Packaging for All Settings (0402)
  - Pharmacist Accountability for Patient Outcomes (1114)
  - Patient Access to Pharmacy Services in Small and Rural Hospitals (1022)
  - Just Culture (1115)
  - Just Culture and Reporting Medication Errors (1021)

I encourage input from the ISHP Board of Directors and our membership on the above policies. Most (if not all) information is readily available on *ASHP Connect* <https://connect.ashp.org> for your review. If you are unable to locate a policy, please let me know.

I look forward in representing *ISHP* over the course of the 2020 – 2021 term and hearing from you.

*Mike*

## Technician's Corner

### Annie Knudsen

ISHP is excited to announce that despite the COVID pandemic, we will still be able to offer some great technician education opportunities in virtual form at this year's fall conference. We will have a mixture of live and recorded presentations. A few of the topics you can look forward to seeing on the line up include:



- High-alert medications in acute care and ambulatory care settings
- Asking the right questions: a practical approach to dietary supplements
- Mental health and well-being in pharmacy
- The role of a pharmacy technician in the opioid crisis
- COVID-19 treatment and prevention update: focus on vaccines
- The role of a pharmacy technician in managing drug shortages
- Patient assistance programs: pharmacy technicians impacting access to care
- Expansion of Technician Role
- Oral chemotherapy agents: common adverse effects, their prevention, and management
- Hot Topics in Pediatrics.

Our knowledgeable speakers are working diligently to make this new virtual process an enjoyable and interactive experience. Stay tuned for all of the details!



**Idaho State University**

College of Pharmacy

**Immunizations** are a hot topic in the pharmacy world right now. We are not only quickly approaching flu season we are also facing an unknown around COVID including prevention. It is such an exciting thing that today in Idaho, in our industry, the technician gets to be part of that! With that being said, **Idaho State University will be providing technician immunization**

**training** for those technicians that have not yet been trained and would like to be. Dr. Brecon Powell from ISU and Powell Health Consulting and Training will be offering several pharmacy technician immunization training events throughout Idaho this fall. The dates for the Meridian training events will be 8/28 and 8/29 and the Pocatello training on 9/19. If this is something you are interested in please reach out to Brecon Powell, Clinical Assistant Professor at: [powebrec@isu.edu](mailto:powebrec@isu.edu)

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## Also coming from the ISU College of Pharmacy: Recruiting and Exhibition Fair

Registration details coming soon!  
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Thomas Garrett is the student chair for Idaho State University College of Pharmacy's Recruiting and Exhibition Fair. Thomas has reported that they will be holding their annual fair on **October 29th and 30th**. In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the recruitment fair this year will be held online. The platform for the virtual fair will be announced with registration details available soon. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Thomas at [pharfair@isu.edu](mailto:pharfair@isu.edu)





## ISHP and the Idaho Pharmacy Leadership Council

ISHP is continuing to engage with the Idaho Pharmacy Leadership Council (IPLC). IPLC members have had conversations with leadership from the state of Idaho on how best to prepare pharmacists and pharmacies to assist in the response to the pandemic (e.g., testing). ISHP continues to support the IPLC in these efforts and will keep our membership informed with pertinent updates.

### Why am I a part of ISHP?

#### Kent Quickstad ISHP Past President, Honorary Member

We all have our individual reasons of why we belong to ISHP, but OK, let's be honest, first and probably foremost many of us belong to ISHP in order to get the required CE to maintain our license. ISHP offers two quality CE sessions in our Spring and Fall programs each year. You can knock out a large chunk of the required hours of live CE and get caught up on the new pharmacy laws over a weekend.

Through ISHP I have had the opportunity meet a lot of people who have the same dedication to the profession as I do. ISHP has opened the doors to meeting these colleagues who I also now call friends. This goes back to the "ISHP community" that Chris Oswald noted in his President's message at the start of this newsletter.

Additionally, I think about the ISHP mission statement which promotes "...the highest levels of pharmacy practice by our members". Through the CE, the networking and the pharmacy practice pearls that I have picked up over the years, I have become a better pharmacist by my involvement in ISHP.

However, and I feel more importantly, is that over the years I know that pharmacy has been good to me and to my family. I therefore feel that I have a duty to give back a little something to the profession that has given so much to me. We all have that duty, but just how much of that we repay is an individual decision with no right or wrong answer. Whether one is a member, active on the Board, helping with a committee, presenting a poster, speaking at a program or active at the national level, it is all payback to the profession.

These are only part of my reasons why I belong to ISHP. I would encourage you to think of yours.

*Kent*



*And on the lighter  
side of pharmacy*

**Stay safe and healthy**

**Hope to "see" you at our  
virtual Fall Meeting**

