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President's Message

Moving into 2017 ISHP Strategic Plan

Lindsay Kaster



Happy Fall, and welcome to the new year for ISHP!

First of all, I would like to sincerely thank **Chris Oswald** for the amazing work that he did last year to set our whole organization up for growth as we look to the future. In considering what that future would look like, the 2016 – 2017 ISHP Board of Directors got a great start to the year in Sun Valley by reviewing and setting a new strategic plan to carry us forward.

To see the 2016 – 2017 Strategic Plan, including a new ISHP Vision Statement, Strategic Priorities and Objectives please scroll down to page 3 of this newsletter. Each member of our Board of Directors will have goals for the year tied to this Strategic Plan in order to help us reach our highest potential as a Board and as an organization.

As you consider the new strategic plan that we are unveiling here, please look for ways that you can influence our organization and help us to achieve these priorities, with the goal of promoting the highest level of pharmacy practice for our members, and ultimately leading to the best care possible for the patients in our state.

Thanks to each and every one of you for being a member of ISHP. I am looking forward the next year as we continue to grow and strengthen our organization!

Lindsay

November 23rd, 2016 is the deadline

**To take your post tests and finalize your
evaluations in order to get your ACPE Credits
for the 2016 Fall Meeting...Don't Wait!**

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President:	Lindsay Kaster
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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 Spring Meeting

Boise

March 31 → April 2, 2017

ISHP Strategic Plan 2016 – 2017

ISHP Mission: To promote the highest level of pharmacy practice for our members

ISHP Vision Statement: ISHP will promote the highest level of care to patients by encouraging leadership and advocacy throughout our membership, collaboration with other organizations, and the provision of high-quality, innovative, and affordable continuing education programming. We will also promote strong financial and governance structures to ensure the long-term health of our organization.

2016 – 2017 Strategic Priorities:

- ❖ Advocacy & Leadership
 - *Promote legislative involvement and action among our members*
 - *Provide a unified stance on legislative and advocacy issues facing our profession today*
- ❖ Collaboration
 - *Continue to engage and advance our relationship with the Idaho Board of Pharmacy and the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy*
- ❖ Engagement & Education
 - *Improve communication with our membership through the website, social media, and other mechanisms*
 - *Provide opportunities to engage our membership in education and leadership opportunities*
- ❖ Sustainability
 - *Increase our financial reserves with a target goal of a 6-month reserves fund*
 - *Examine our current educational fee structure, decreasing expenses to our membership wherever possible*
 - *Expand our current membership levels*

Congratulations and thank you to the new ISHP Board Members!

These new officers were sworn in during the Fall Business Meeting in Sun Valley on September 24th.

President – **Lindsay Kaster**
President-Elect – **Rob Wills**
Secretary-Treasurer – **Jessie Litke**
Director and Chairperson on Administrative Affairs – **Debbi Burr**
Director and Chairperson on Education – **Kasidy McKay**



ISHP was represented again this year at the **Idaho State University College of Pharmacy Recruiting and Exhibition Fair**. This event, held at the Meridian ISU campus, is an opportunity for students to meet with recruiters and residencies in the region. ISHP, represented by current Secretary/Treasurer Jessie Litke, had a booth in the exhibition including information about the society, current legislative efforts, and opportunities for student involvement. More than 30 students stopped by the booth and took a handout, talked, and entered a raffle for an ISHP 60th Anniversary coffee mug. Students were excited to learn ISU pays their membership dues while in school and about the opportunities for them as students and later in their career as pharmacists. Many were also excited to participate with ISHP to support legislative efforts for pharmacist provider status.

ISHP Website Update

Jim Nguyen – Information Technology Committee

Greetings from the Information Technology and Website Chair! Our website and technology platforms continue to be transformed. Besides our primary website and our Learning Express Website, did you know we have a Facebook page? I hope you enjoy the content of our digital imprint on the Internet. This year, we added many new features, including the following:

- 1.) CPE monitoring link
- 2.) ASHP House of Delegates link
- 3.) Idaho Prescription Monitoring link



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For the upcoming year, there will be changes to the member's section as well as the technician section. We will be incorporating a "Student's Section." We are always looking for new ideas and content (articles, news, job postings) for the website or any other IT tool that you may think would benefit our organization. Please email me at NGUYENJ@SLHS.ORG.

Best regards!

Jim

Sun Valley Scenes.....ISHP Fall Meeting September 2016



Speaking of meetings:

Look what we are planning for the upcoming 2017 Spring Conference

March 31, April 1 & 2, 2017 – Saint Alphonsus, Boise

Guardians of the Medication Galaxy:

Pharmacy Professionals Providing Safe and Effective Therapy for Vulnerable Populations

Tentative Pharmacist Track topic:

- Idaho Pharmacy Law Update
- Transgender medication therapy
- Treatment of Hepatitis C
- Update on Antipsychotics and Their Role in the Treatment of Depression and Anxiety
- Pediatric Seizures
- Use with Caution in the Elderly: Review of STOPP/START and Beer's criteria
- Heart Failure Management
- New Hospital-Acquired and Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia Guidelines
- It is All in the Stars: How to Be a Top-Performing Pharmacy on Star Rating Measures?
- Drug-Induced Diseases Workshop



Tentative Technician Track topics:

- Dementia: Drug-Induced Etiology and Treatment
- Safe Disposal of Medications
- Dosage Calculations
- Allergic Rhinitis: Presentation and Treatment
- Review of Therapies for Hepatitis C
- New Drug Update
- Alcoholic Liver Disease
- Standing Out from the Crowd: Professional Development Workshop for Pharmacy Technicians

Help us help you:

Any pharmacists and pharmacy technicians willing to share their expertise with their pharmacy colleagues or anyone with great topic ideas for the upcoming 2017 ISHP Spring Meeting, please contact Education Chair, Eliza Borzadek at eliza@borzadek.com.

Missed getting a 60th Anniversary Insulated Mug

at the ISHP Fall Meeting?

We still have a few left that you can purchase for \$20.

Please contact the ISHP office if you are interested



Legal and Public Affairs Update

John Sullivan

On October 26th and 27th, the Board listened to the final public comment, reviewed, and voted on revisions to the proposed rules for the upcoming 2017 legislative session. I have summarized the final major changes below in addition to including public comment received during the meeting where applicable. Full language for all draft rules is available on the Board website under “Board Meetings and Minutes”. Minutes from the most recent meeting will be made available on or after November 10th.



- Draft rule 270101 1601:
 - **011.20 Prescriber Drug Outlet**
Investigational drugs and patient assistance medications have been added to the list of approved products to be provided by definition.
 - **140.10.a Standard Prescription Drug Labeling – Expiration**
When dispensing a bulk product such as an EpiPen© you may now use the manufacturer’s original expiration date beyond the one year rule if the date on the product exceeds that time.
 - **204 Controlled Substances: PMP** – language updated to reflect the ability of the pharmacist to delegate access to this program.
 - **635 Home Health or Hospice Emergency Kits** – the term “Infusion Clinic” was added to this title allowing for kits to be available for emergent situations.
- Draft rule 270101 1602:
 - **071.03 Remote Dispensing Site Registration – Approval of Registration and Renewal** – language added defining requirements for approval
 - The Board received further comment regarding the 15-mile proposed mileage restriction. This limitation has been removed providing no mileage restriction.
 - **710.03 Retail Tele pharmacy with Remote Dispensing Sites – Remote Dispensing Site Staffing and Limitations** – language added defining how many sites a PIC can oversee and ratio of pharmacists to students and technicians.
 - The Board received comments regarding this item. At this time, there is no further change to the language. It will remain at one PIC per two locations. There was also much discussion regarding the current ratio (6 to 1). The Board plans to address this next year. The discussion was around removing the ratio requirement altogether.
- Draft rule 270101 1603:

The Board continued to receive multiple favorable comments on this docket.

 - **115.01 Prescription Drug Order: Transfers – Communicating Prescription Drug Order Transfers** – language added allowing for technicians and student pharmacists to perform this task.
 - Per public comment “within Federal law” will be added to the body of the language.
 - **321 Technician: Remote Data Entry Sites** – language added allowing certified technicians to perform data entry from a remote site. Limitations are defined in this section including qualifications, prohibition on inventory, documentation, operations, security requirements, PIC responsibilities, ratio, and inspections.
 - Per public request for clarification, remote data entry tasks may be performed at any time, as a pharmacist will sign off their work after completion.
 - **330 Pharmacist: Administered Immunizations** – language added allowing for delegation of immunization administration to a student pharmacist or certified technician as long as the defined criteria are met.
 - Per public comment in section 03.b, all routes of administration are included as the requirement for ACPE accreditation.
 - Washington State has been granted a waiver for 30 technicians to begin the process of education in preparation for this rule change. Albertson’s will be providing the technicians for the pilot.

- 360.01 **Student Pharmacist: Utilization and Practice Limitations – Activities** – language added allowing student pharmacists to perform the same tasks as accuracy checking technicians as long as they comply with the program.
- 400.03 **Technician – Utilization and Practice Limitations – Prohibited Tasks or functions by a Technician** – language added allowing for certified technicians to receive new verbal orders and clarify prescription information at the direction of the supervising pharmacist.
- 400.03.g Per public comment this was stricken from the proposed rules.
- 410 **Verification Technician Program** – changed the title to “**Accuracy Checking Technician Program**”. Removed language, which limited the program to acute care hospitals. Language was added in this section to further define the scope and auditing requirements.
- Draft rule 270101 1604:
 - 032 **Pharmacist Licensure Examination** – creation of a limitation on how many times a pharmacist candidate may take the NAPLEX and defines requirements if they are unsuccessful in order to sit for the exam again.
 - A Pharmacist can take the NAPLEX up to 3 times before having to meet additional requirements for education and a max of 5 times overall. The 5 test limit matches current NAPLEX policy.
 - 033 **Pharmacist Licensure by Reciprocity** – pharmacists with a restriction on their license requesting reciprocity must now appear before the Board to petition for licensure.
 - 116 **Prescription Drug Order: Refills** – language added allowing for a medication synchronization program.
 - Recommendation received to exclude biologics and compounded items and to ensure this program was optional for patients.
 - 262.01 **Restricted Return of Drugs or Devices – Qualifying Returns** – language added to clarify what can and cannot be returned specifically related to a “hospital daily delivery system”.
 - 302.14 **PIC: Reporting Requirements – Medication Errors with Fatal Outcomes** – This section has been removed due to public comment. It will be revisited next year.
 - 637.02 **Institutional Facility: Emergency Outpatient Drug Delivery by Hospital Emergency Rooms – Limitations** – Dispensing may now occur in limited quantities and for a reasonable time duration as a continuation of or supplemental to treatment received in the emergency department.
- Draft rule 270101 1606:
 - 114 **Prescription Drug Order: Partial Filling**
The changes in this Docket were created in response to the CARA Act. It specifically addresses schedule II partial fills, primarily affecting the retail practice of pharmacy.

The Board will be introducing new agency legislation, which would allow pharmacists to prescribe smoking cessation products in any Idaho pharmacy. Other states have shown a reduction in the number of smokers because of this type of program. If voted through, pharmacists wishing to participate in the program will be required to complete advanced training on smoking cessation medications. The Board continues to provide excellent opportunities for pharmacists to provide care to their patients.

Mark your Calendars! Legislative Day 2017 will be January 16th. Once again, we are planning a booth at the Capitol. Festivities will begin that morning and go until early afternoon. We are also in the planning stages for the co-sponsored reception with ISPA for that evening. If you are interested in helping with this day, please send a message to (ISHPcontact@gmail.com).

The next Board of Pharmacy meeting will be held January 12th and 13th with the location to be determined. All Board meetings for the 2017 year will be held in Boise per the Board of Pharmacy website.

Thanks,

John



Sun Valley 2016 Congratulations to the award winners!



Katie Erickson

2016 ISHP Pharmacist of the Year

Presented by Paul Black

Dr. Katie Erickson is a pharmacist that is always willing to ask “why not”. She has a dogged determination when presented with road blocks and will not relent until problems are solved. She is a driver of change when things are not working and an improvement can be made. In my 18 years as a pharmacist, I have not seen a pharmacist have such a huge impact in such a small amount of time. She is heavily involved in both the Idaho and Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and a mentor to multiple pharmacy students and residents that rotate through her program. After [her PGY1 and PGY2] residency [at the Boise VA], Katie took another chance

and [accepted] a position as the Pharmacy Program Manager for the newly formed Northwest Telehealth Support Team or Telehub. This was a short-term grant-funded position and only proven success would guarantee their continued existence. The program has been a resounding success, [with the] Secretary of the VA recently visiting their site and being impressed by the functions a clinical pharmacist could perform. The program will soon expand nationwide.

One of her recent endeavors has been providing key insight as a member of the Provider Status Task Force (ISHP Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee). Her contributions to this group have helped other members of the committee understand how pharmacists optimally provide care within the VA system. As a fellow committee member, I appreciate her devotion to expanding the knowledge and access to resources to the group tasked with expanding pharmacy practice throughout the state.

Congratulations to Dr. Katie Erickson on this significant milestone in her career.



Megan Echevarria

2016 ISHP Technician of the Year

Presented by Chris Oswald

Megan is an extremely hardworking technician and dedicated to improving the pharmacy department at Saint Alphonsus. Since I have known her, she has gone from working in the cardiac and family maternity units, including NICU, to being a leader on the IV team, then to the OR setting, and now to a verification technician. She is a very intelligent person, who is always looking out for what is best for the department and workflow optimization, proving herself to be dependable and a vital component during our hospital's Pyxis upgrade. Megan is a team player, constantly putting the patients' needs

and her colleagues ahead of herself, including working an insane amount of overtime recently due to several employees being out on FMLA. In addition to her work at Saint Alphonsus, Megan has also recently served as ISHP's Technician Representative. Through this position, she has worked to elevate the educational offerings for technicians at our conferences and helped representative ISHP at several outside functions. As she has been a great technician all of these years, it is no surprise Megan succeeded at gaining admission to ISU's College of Pharmacy, starting her P1 year this Fall. It will be exciting to watch her continue along her pharmacy career path.

Many thanks to all of you who submitted nominations this year for our awards. The Committee faced some tough decisions. If your nominee was not selected this year, please consider re-submitting the nominations next year. We have a lot of people doing some great work out there!



Jessica Litke

Pharmacist Poster Winner

Title: "Role and Impact of the Pharmacist in Telehealth Primary Care"

Author(s): Jessica Litke, Katie Erickson, Cassie Perdew, Danielle Ahlstrom, William Llamas, Laura Schultz

Type of Project: Descriptive report of new, improved, or innovative role/service

VA recently expanded an innovative project entitled VISN 20 Virtual Integrated Multi-Site Patient Aligned Care Team (V-IMPACT) Hub based at the Boise VAMC. The Hub's purpose is to increase access to primary care for rural veterans in the northwest by providing telehealth access to pharmacists, primary care providers, psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers. Telehealth staff work in conjunction with nurses at the patient site to complete the primary care team. Incorporation of clinical pharmacists on the team has demonstrated increased access to care as well as improved chronic disease state control based on preliminary data. These findings support the telehealth modality for delivering care and the multifaceted benefits of incorporating a pharmacist on primary care teams.



Michelle Wilkins

Resident Division Poster Winner

Title: "*Pseudomonas* sensitivity patterns and the empiric treatment of pneumonia"

Author(s): Michelle Wilkin, Arielle Martin, Kyle Roberts

Type of Project: Research in progress

The Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) Hospital-Acquired and Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (HAP/VAP) guidelines released in 2016 recommend using two-agent coverage for *Pseudomonas* if resistance rates are greater than 10%. At Saint Alphonsus, the current resistance rate to piperacillin/tazobactam is 13%. To determine which antibiotics would be most appropriate for patients needing empiric coverage of *Pseudomonas* pneumonia, susceptibility data on all blood and respiratory *Pseudomonas* isolates from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015 were collected and are being analyzed. Once completed, it is planned to educate physicians and pharmacists on the findings and evaluate changes in prescribing patterns.



Kayla Brawley

Student Division Poster Winner

Title: "The Utilization of Naloxone by Law Enforcement Agencies in Idaho"

Author(s): Kayla Brawley, Rex Force, John Holmes

Type of Project: Research in progress

The United States Department of Justice encourages law enforcement agencies to become trained in naloxone handling and administration to provide rapid treatment of opioid overdose. The purpose of this study was to determine the policies and procedures regarding naloxone use by police and sheriff departments in Idaho utilizing a telephone survey. All 44 Idaho counties and 7 large metropolitan police departments contacted provided responses. Currently one department is handling and administering naloxone, while 6 additional departments plan to by August 2017. Common concerns regarding naloxone arose among many departments including storage and stability of naloxone, legal liability, cost of the medication, and training. In conclusion, naloxone is underutilized by sheriff and police departments in Idaho highlighting an opportunity for education.

ISHP Student Scholarship Winners:

Congratulations to **Dustin Stacey** (Meridian) and **Sarah Iannacone** (Pocatello). Each will receive a \$500 scholarship from ISHP.

ASHP Congratulates ISHP on our 60 Year Anniversary

Below is a letter ISHP received from ASHP CEO Paul Abramowitz last August congratulating us on our 60th Anniversary. ISHP has maintained a long and prosperous relationship with ASHP as a state affiliated chapter and looks forward to continuing this relationship.



Paul W. Abramowitz, Pharm.D., Sc.D. (Hon), FASHP
Chief Executive Officer

August 16, 2016

Chris Oswald, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCP
President
Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Dear Chris:

On behalf of the ASHP Board of Directors and staff, we extend our congratulations to the Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ISHP) for completing 60 fantastic years of success.

Working with you as an affiliated state organization has been an honor and we value the longstanding relationship between ISHP and ASHP. In fact, in 1956 when ISHP was chartered, the ASHP President, Louis Jeffrey, became your 10th ISHP member and thus ISHP met the criteria to become an affiliate of ASHP. Since then other ASHP officers and staff, including ASHP's CEO Emeritus Dr. Joseph A. Oddis, have been the recipient of your kind hospitality at ISHP meetings. In addition, ASHP has benefitted from many leaders that have contributed to ISHP and then to ASHP. We thank you for sharing your local talents with us nationally.

Over the past 60 years we have enjoyed our partnership to advance pharmacy practice and patient care. As state and national organizations, we have supported each other's mutual interests such as the advancement of clinical pharmacy, the provision of noteworthy educational programs, publishing innovations in practice, and sustained advocacy around the value of pharmacy services, to name a few. Longstanding organizations like ISHP have demonstrated the dedication and commitment in order to achieve our top professional goals. Now more than ever we rely on each other to expand access to care for patients who need the critical services that we provide.

Please accept my most sincere congratulations and best wishes for ISHP's continued success. I wish you all a terrific celebration and I hope to attend an ISHP meeting soon.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Abramowitz

cc: Ryan Fitzgerald, Association Executive, ISHP

Technician's Corner

LeAnn Bolster - ISHP Technician Representative

Hello Technicians!

I just wanted to say **“thank you” to the technicians that attended our Sun Valley 60th anniversary fall conference** – we had an amazing number of technicians attend this year! I hope that is a reflection of support for the CE topics we have been presenting. We also held our *first* professional development workshop for pharmacy technicians during the fall meeting and are considering re-presenting at the spring conference. Topics covered during the workshop included CV and resume writing, provided tips and suggestions for standing out on paper, showed how using a CV can neatly organize and highlight your information – especially if you have a long resume, and discussed career development and trends. Many of you may be saying “we have a job, we don’t need to work on our resume” however, it is important to keep your resume up-to-date so you do not forget about important items that you have accomplished and allows you document the finer details of your work while fresh in your mind. Additionally, many *internal* job openings require a current resume to apply. Having a current resume may also help you to negotiate higher pay at your current job. We will begin working on the Spring CE topics very soon so if you have suggestions for topics or have interest/feedback in the professional development workshop, please let us know at ishpcontact@gmail.com. And don’t forget to take your post-tests (www.ishp.learningexpress.com) that you will receive your CE credit for attending – deadline is November 23rd!



In addition to my ISHP board responsibilities, I have been busy working on behalf of ALL pharmacy technicians in Idaho by supporting the **pharmacy technician modernization rules changes that the Idaho Board of Pharmacy** is proposing (please see the article earlier in this newsletter from John Sullivan on Legal and Public Affairs – Draft rule 2701011603). I attended the public comment hearing at the Capitol on October 26th and publicly stated my support and the support of ISHP of those changes. Once the rules docket is finalized it will advance to the Idaho Legislature for approval in 2017. The proposed rules changes include (for *certified* pharmacy technicians): allowing trained pharmacy technicians to administer vaccinations, allow for remote data entry pharmacy technicians (home-based jobs!), expand tech-check-tech (now named accuracy checking technician) to retail pharmacies, and allowing technicians to transfer prescriptions. Again, if you work with or know technicians who are not yet certified, share this information with them and encourage them to become certified NOW (www.ptcb.org) so that these opportunities will be available to them as well. **ISHP has scholarships available** (www.ishp.shuttlepod.org/Technicians-Scholarship) for technicians wanting to take the **PTCB certification test**.

Just a couple of reminders: The **technician job opportunity board** (www.ishp.shuttlepod.org/page-1863663) is active on the ISHP website as is **the forum page** (www.ishp.shuttlepod.org/Technician-Forum) Please let your employers know that it is **FREE to post job openings**. There are a couple of active topics the forum page – take a moment to share your thoughts with your peers or start a new discussion thread.

Hope you all have a fabulous holiday season!

LeAnn



Student's Corner

Monica McLain and Serena Hand – ISHP Student Representatives

Dear ISHP members,

Fall has been busy for Idaho State University's College of Pharmacy students. In September the college hosted its annual **Clinical Skills Competition** where students get to show off their skills and knowledge. There was great participation this year with 13 teams competing throughout our three campuses in Meridian, Pocatello, and Anchorage, Alaska! Congratulations to current fourth year students **Nathan Spann and Daniel Hendrickson** for taking home the gold. The Idaho Pharmacy Research & Education Foundation (IPREF) will be generously sponsoring them to compete in the **national competition in December in Las Vegas**. Good luck!!

Many students also travelled up to **Sun Valley to attend the annual ISHP Fall Conference**. Students got the pleasure of attending many CE's, participating in residency discussions, competing in poster competitions, and other great student activities. Kayla Brawley, a current third year student, was recognized for her outstanding poster on Naloxone use in law enforcement agencies. Way to go Kayla!

On behalf of all of the students at Idaho State University we would like to thank the ISHP Board of Directors as well as the organization as a whole for their continual support of the pharmacy students at ISU. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Kind regards,

Monica and Serena



2017 ASHP House of Delegates Elections

Coming soon into your e-mail in box will be your ballot to help us select Idaho's representatives to the ASHP House of Delegates (HOD). The HOD is the policy making body of ASHP. Please review the biographical information supplied by each candidate and then vote for the two candidates of your choice. The HOD will meet next June at the ASHP annual meeting.

For more information on the ASHP HOD, please go to:

www.ashp.org/menu/PracticePolicy/HOD



ISHP Sun Valley 2016 Post Meeting Survey

Attend the 2016 Sun Valley fall meeting? Help us improve the quality of our meetings by completing the brief survey soon to be delivered to your e-mail in box. Thanks in advance for your comments!



From the ISHP Office- Executive Director's Message

Always Onward and Upward

Ryan Fitzgerald



ISHP continues to grow and build in order to bring more energy, interaction and support to the profession of pharmacy in the State of Idaho. Nothing can showcase these efforts more than the successful completion of our 2016 ISHP Annual Fall Conference and 60th Anniversary Celebration, which took place in Sun Valley in late September. It was our third meeting utilizing the ISHP Learning ExpressCE platform, and I believe our team continues to improve its “user-friendliness,” and we will continue that effort going forward. At the completion of the meetings, we had 115 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians that were in attendance, as well as, 24 industry partner companies that took an active role in the success of the events.

Please do not forget that all test and evaluations must be fully completed, within the Learning ExpressCE system, in order for CEs to be properly obtained by NOVEMBER 23RD, 2016! If you do not claim your CEs by that date the window will close and you will be unable to obtain your CE credits. In addition, the Education Committee will be sending out an assessment survey to determine how we can better serve our members and the Idaho pharmacy profession at future meetings. When you see the survey, please take a few minutes to complete it so that we can assess the roster of speakers and topics for future meetings.

As you are likely aware, the ISHP website has been restored to full functionality and, once again, you have the ability to renew your membership, find new positions in the profession and gain important and timely information from the website. The ISHP Board and our staff team will continue to bring you fresh information, and interactive announcements in order to bolster your base of information, and bring new energy to your ISHP membership. Moreover, ISHP Members, please make sure you are using your ISHP website login, as we will be bolstering the site with member-only sections and information in the months ahead.

In regards to your ISHP membership, if you have not yet renewed, there is no reason not to renew...RIGHT NOW! The ISHP Board recently made a change to the timing of ISHP membership renewals, which allows the membership to be rolling on a calendar year basis, in lieu of twice a year member renewal periods of the past. Specifically, if you renew your membership on December 1, 2016, then your membership will be up for renewal on December 1, 2017, with no missed membership days. In that regard, please make an effort to renew your membership before the end of the year and it will provide you ISHP benefits and discounts until this time next year.

Finally, we are in the initial planning stages of the ISHP Spring Meeting, but the theme and topics are going to be exceptional. Eliza Borzadek, Kasidy McKay and the Education Committee are working to bring you a meeting not like anything that we have brought you in a single meeting before. We very much hope that you will mark your calendars to join us for the **ISHP Spring Conference – March 31st – April 2nd, 2017** at the Saint Alphonsus – Coughlin Conference Center in Boise.



Does ISHP provide any CE away from the Sun Valley Fall or Boise Spring meetings? - Yes! “Drop-in” CE programs are available around the state

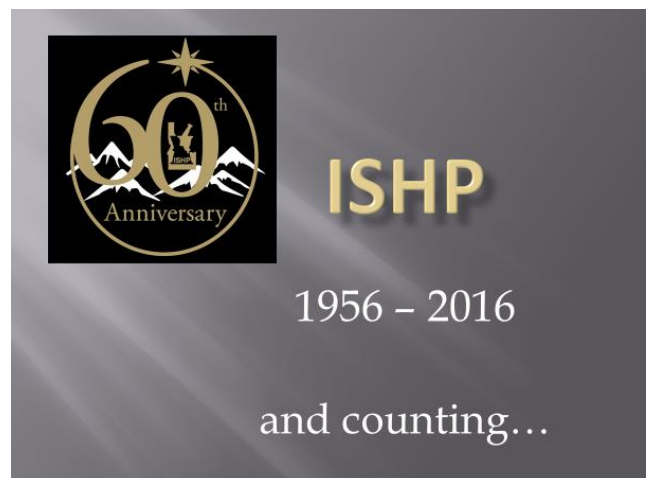
In the months ahead, the ISHP Board and its Education and Programs committee will be continuing its efforts to bring additional “**drop-in**” CE programs to locations and venues around the state. If you are interested in hosting or learning about some of these one to two-hour CE sessions, please contact the ISHP staff at ishpcontact@gmail.com. In past months, we have helped promote and sponsor several sessions with various topics and we would be happy to work with you to continue our efforts to grow education opportunities throughout the state.

More Sun Valley meeting scenes:



Did we miss you in Sun Valley this year? - Well, we will do it again next year!

ISHP Fall Meeting - Sun Valley - September 29, 30 and October 1, 2017



(Many thanks to ISHP photographer extraordinaire Doug Schoonover for his terrific work!)