

As these uncertain times continue, ISHP hopes that you and your family all remain healthy and safe

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President's Message

Andrea Winterswyk



Greetings ISHP!

First, I want to thank you all for a fantastic Fall Meeting – our first Virtual Fall Meeting in the history of the organization. I have an overwhelming feeling of pride for this incredible feat accomplished by **Lindsay Crawford, Leslie Lamontage**, and the entire **Education Committee**. I especially want to recognize the work of our Executive Director **Caroline Merritt** in her resilience and adaptability in coordinating this event. We are fortunate to have such hardworking, creative individuals to guide us through these new experiences.

I would also like to share my sincere gratitude to the **2019-2020 Board of Directors** for their incredible engagement throughout an understandably and unpredictably difficult year, and the determination to not give up on our goals set forth in our strategic plan. **John Sullivan, Elaine Nguyen** and the rest of the **Executive Committee** maintained focus and integrity in leadership throughout the entire year. Finally, I wanted to take a moment to thank our Past-President **Chris Oswald** for his direction, guidance, and for always being genuine. Reflecting back, it is incredible to see what we were able to achieve to not only survive the first 10 months of the pandemic as an organization, but to grow in ways we didn't think possible.

On the threshold of this 2021-year, many of us are preparing for solitary holidays and virtual-only family gatherings, the likes of which we have never experienced. How to write an uplifting President's Message during the year of COVID? I can assure you this has been weighing on my mind for some time. I have a lot of things I feel sadness about this year – I'm sad that we were unable to meet in person and share in the excitement and energy of our organization. I'm heartbroken for all of the loss we have suffered at the cost of the SARS-COV-2 virus, and the

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**2020 – 2021 ISHP
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reached at one place!

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ISHP Meetings

Spring - March 6 & 7th, 2021
(A virtual meeting)

Fall – October 8, 9 and 10th, 2021
Sun Valley

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

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collateral damage resulting from its impact on our community. I mourn those yet to be defined changes that may never return to “normal” in all of our lives, whatever that may look like. But in light of all of this difficulty from 2020, I still maintain focus on the overarching theme of hope and gratitude. I am very thankful for the opportunity for growth, and change. To quote one of my favorite leaders who has recently passed, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, *“So often in life, things that you regard as an impediment turn out to be great, good fortune.”* This sentiment has resonated deeply with me. When disappointment, unexpected situations, or barriers present, it is important to reframe these as opportunities. I seek to find the “silver lining” in the darkness that comes with leading during COVID, and know much of that can be found in the beautiful resilience of our ISHP community. Thank you all for inspiring us daily.

With all of that said, I'm incredibly thankful for the **2020-2021 Board of Directors**, with their unwavering dedication to faithfully representing our membership and profession, promoting the highest levels of pharmacy education, and commitment to being flexible and supportive of each other in completing our charges despite the barriers we may face. We promise as a Board to continue to focus our efforts in support of our strategic plan, bringing in new ideas while pursuing our organization's vision, and to do our very best to be all that is ISHP.

So, what can you expect to see from ISHP over the next year? Our Board of Directors recently met to determine what goals we will be pursuing for 2020-2021, re-energizing the three pillars of our strategic plan, **ADVOCACY, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, and SUSTAINABILITY**. The overarching theme during our meeting was focus on meeting the needs of the organization and membership, while continuing to grow and adapt to these changing times. We plan to recharge our ISHP “crisis mode” by focusing our efforts even more intently on supporting our **Mission and Vision**, and that brings me so much excitement! I can't wait to share the approved Strategic Plan with you all soon.

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement in ISHP, and for trusting me to lead us through the next year. I look forward to the opportunity to connect with you throughout the variety of different events during 2021, with great hope that we will all be together in person again soon. Until then, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Andrea

Pharmacy Week Fun



**Boise VA
Medical
Center**

Residents at
the Boise VA
Medical Center
“twinning” on
Tuesday.



ISHP Annual Fall Meeting 2020

(Sun Valley gone virtual)



Congratulations to the 2020 ISHP Award Winners!

Despite transitioning to a virtual platform, ISHP continued with the tradition of hosting the ISHP Annual Awards Ceremony during the 2020 Fall Meeting this past September. The ceremony provided an important opportunity to recognize our pharmacy colleagues for their leadership and service during what has been an unprecedented and challenging time for many in our profession. Congratulations to the following awards winners – we hope to be celebrating with you in person next fall!

PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR

Rob Wills



“Rob’s service to the organization spans many years and includes multiple board positions such as President for two terms, Education, and Professional Affairs, multiple appointments to Website chair, participation in numerous committees, and co-creator of I-LEAD. He is also the brains behind the ISHP e-newsletters, working to maintain an engaged and knowledgeable membership. Rob’s dedication to professional organization work is inspiring and a reminder to us all that we each can contribute something to the group. Rob embodies the idea of promoting the highest levels of pharmacy practice, not only through the items listed above, but also in seeing potential in many younger pharmacy professionals through nomination to the ISHP Board of Directors, working with them to get involved and be part of something meaningful. He is routinely coming up with new ideas and ways to engage members, promote the professional, and create affordable education for all. Rob is proof that our profession is filled with strong individuals, capable of taking on multiple challenges and working to make things better for all.”

TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

Wesley Usyak

“As the current instructor of the Pharmacy Technology Program at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Wesley goes above and beyond to provide all of the information needed to be an exceptional pharmacy technician. Being a good teacher and leader in your industry not only requires having the ability to connect with your students, the desire to stay current on the ever-changing world in which you are teaching, and the ability to adapt to and teach that change, it also requires an infectious positive personality! Wesley checks off every item on this list. Especially now in the uncertainty of this year. School, on any level, is a new difficult. However, Wesley is welcoming the changes with a can-do attitude and a smile on his face. Making oneself the best you can be in your field is always admirable but taking the time to educate and develop others to be the best is exactly what our world needs more of!”



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Radhika Narsinghani



“Radhika leads by example and promotes the highest levels of pharmacy practice through her everyday actions. She is incredibly hard-working and dedicated to completing whatever needs to be done in a detailed and accurate way. While she continues to hone her technical skills, she has the “soft” skills that will strengthen her relationships with patients and other team members as a future pharmacist... Radhika’s displayed an admirable ability to grow and improve, which is a testament to her personal dedication to herself as a professional. As a future pharmacist, like she does now, Radhika will cultivate a positive and progressive environment to improve the profession of pharmacy and those that we serve.”

PRECEPTOR EXCELLENCE

Brenda Gisslen

“Brenda Gisslen has been an extraordinary preceptor over the years... Her efforts have included a diverse experience in which the students rotate through every part of the main pharmacy operations, exposure to the clinical areas, and involvement with management and data evaluation... Brenda is a fighter and passionate about ensuring the next generation of pharmacists are capable and ready to take charge. She works to ensure there is understanding and comprehension during discussion as well as challenging one to put the pieces together. Her demonstration of preceptor excellence is evident in her tireless pursuit to do what's right for the patient and the learner, never letting a bad day take hold of an experience or challenge go unmet.”



ISHP EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Presented an individual who has demonstrated selfless contribution to ISHP and to the profession of pharmacy

Debbie Rothstein



“Debbie has been a pillar of ISHP from its very beginning. She has served as ISHP president twice and has held multiple board positions over the years. Debbie has also been a leader in Idaho Pharmacy, serving as a Director of Pharmacy at the Idaho Elks & Rehabilitation Pharmacy and also as an Instructor at one of the main technician schools in Idaho. She has mentored countless pharmacists, and technicians over the years, not to mention upcoming students in both areas. What shines the most is her character and values towards others and the profession of pharmacy. Debbie exemplifies the excellence in service for ISHP.”

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Bestowed upon those who have demonstrated the highest level of service and leadership within the organization

Paul Driver



“Honorary membership in ISHP is only bestowed in those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to pharmacy practice and have dedicated a portion of their careers to serving ISHP. Since the inception of ISHP in 1956, there have only been 10 individuals who have received this honor. It is with our endorsement that Paul Driver become the 11th member of this prestigious group.

Paul’s relationship with ISHP dates back to his early days in Pocatello. After attending several of our Sun Valley meetings, Paul was hooked on ISHP and pursued further involvement on the Board level. Over his career, Paul has held several Board positions including Chair of Legal and Public Affairs (4 terms), Administrative Affairs and as President for 2000 to 2002. During his tenure on the Board as Chair of Legal and Public Affairs, Paul developed the original draft documents for the rules for collaborative practice in Idaho as well as the general technician requirements. Paul also started the practice of the Legal and Public Council Chair representing ISHP at the Idaho Board of Pharmacy meetings. Paul also has a long history in representing ISHP to ASHP as a Delegate from Idaho having served in this role for 10 sessions. Paul was a Director at large for the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners with ASHP from 2004 to 2006 and in 2012 became a Fellow of ASHP (FASHP).

Paul has previously been honored by ISHP with the Leadership Award (twice), Excellence in Research Award (twice), Past President’s Award and Pharmacist of the Year. It is time that ISHP continues our recognition of Paul by presenting him with Honorary Membership.”

ISHP Honorary Lifetime Members

Since ISHP was founded in 1956, there have only been 11 individuals selected as Honorary Lifetime Members:



???	Don Ness	2007	Harold Driver
1981	Louis Jeffery	2010	Mike Carnley
1997	Mick Markuson	2012	Sam Hoagland
1998	Leo Nickasch	2018	Kent Quickstad
2001	John Wiltse	2020	Paul Driver
2006	Bob Endo		

Virtual Poster Competition Results

The Fall Meeting saw an impressive turn-out for the Virtual Poster Competition. Overall, more than 25 posters from students, residents, and pharmacists were submitted! Congratulations to all of those who participated in the poster competition this year – the quality and breadth of work submitted speaks volumes about the impact that pharmacy professionals are making throughout the state of Idaho!



STUDENT

- 1st – **Radhika Narsinghani** *Cross-sectional review of population health management studies with pharmacist involvement*
- 2nd – **Dalys Davenport** *Understanding influenza vaccination rates, perceptions, and vaccine hesitancy in K-12 teachers and staff surveyed within the West Ada School District*
- 3rd (2-way TIE):
- Kate Fox** *Using National Survey Data: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Surveys with Questions on Chronic Diseases and Social Determinants of Health*
- Kyle Logue** *Cross-sectional analysis of commercially available mobile health applications for self-management of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder*

RESIDENT

- 1st – **Grayson Kendall** *Evaluation of the safety and efficacy of vancomycin when dosed based on steady state trough*
- 2nd – **Maria Herbison** *Rational Use of Rasburicase*
- 3rd – **Emily Bush** *Alteplase replacement program evaluation*

PHARMACIST

- 1st (3-way TIE):
- Katie Erickson** *Creation of a population health diabetes registry*
- Richard Johns** *Idaho pharmacists' perceptions of the expanded pharmacy practice laws, implications for the profession*
- Lucy Wilkening** *Development of a novel interprofessional program to improve mental healthcare access in Idaho*

Check out all of the posters on the ISHP website at:

[Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists - 2020 Fall Posters & Abstracts \(wildapricot.org\)](http://wildapricot.org)

From the ISHP Office - Executive Director's Message

Caroline Merritt



Thanks to everyone who attended our successful **Fall Virtual Meeting**. The ISHP Education Committee put together a great program for our **180 attendees** with tracks for **pharmacists, technicians, and students**. In addition to the educational opportunities, we held a special social hour featuring a drink-making demonstration led by Water Bear Bar bartenders. The bartenders took us through the preparation of two classic drinks and the session was very popular with our attendees!

If you've never attended an ISHP conference, please consider doing so in 2020. The **ISHP Spring Meeting** will be virtual on March 6th and 7th, 2021. **We hope to be back in Sun Valley for our 2021 Fall Meeting October 8-10, 2021.** Our conferences and the sponsorships we receive from our industry partners support the work of ISHP all year long, so we encourage you to participate.

Thanks for your continued support of ISHP!

Caroline

Congratulations to the newly installed members of the ISHP 2020-2021 Board of Directors

President
Andrea Winterswyk

Legal & Public Affairs
Lindsey Hunt

President-Elect
Elaine Nguyen

Education
Anna Hoenke

Secretary-Treasurer
Nitza Bankova

Administrative Affairs
Leanne Ertle

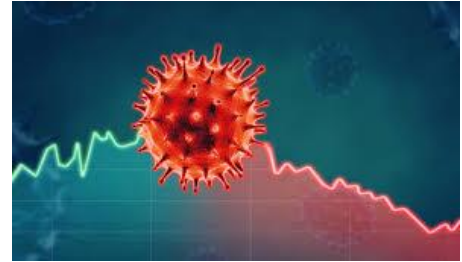
ISHP thanks our Fall Meeting sponsors for their support!



COVID-19 and the ISHP 2021 Budget

Anna Hoenke

Like many organizations, ISHP has been financially impacted by COVID-19. ISHP relies on membership dues and revenue from the Spring and Fall meetings to provide income to financially support our organization. While the move to virtual education platforms for the Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 meetings decreased some organizations expenses, it more significantly reduced our income. The goal for a non-profit organization like ours is to run a zero-balance budget, meaning that ISHP's annual income and expenses match. With so many unknowns regarding COVID-19, work-related travel restrictions, and individual financial concerns, it was difficult to develop a zero-balance budget for 2021. The good news is that as an organization, we plan for these unknowns and have funds available for these "rainy days." ISHP is actively seeking to minimize expenses and boost income to help off-set this financial impact. The 2021 budget will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors in December.



Wondering how members of ISHP can help? Be sure to renew your membership if you have not had a chance to yet! Be sure to encourage your colleagues to join ISHP as well! Membership and participation in ISHP-sponsored events helps to provide the income required to allow ISHP to continue advancing the practice of pharmacy professionals in Idaho. Lastly, get involved with ISHP and the Finance Committee! We encourage your participation and ideas on how to keep our organization financially sustainable.

ISHP Programs and Education Committee Update

Leslie LaMontagne & Anna Hoenke

First off, thank you to everyone who attended ISHP's Annual Fall Meeting, it was a huge success for our first 3-day virtual conference. We had great attendance (180 attendees) in all the tracks and we had wonderful speakers who did both live and recorded presentations. Next, please join me in welcoming Anna Hoenke as the new ISHP Education Chair. Anna has hit the ground running with providing different ideas, including picking the dates for the Spring Meeting, which will be March 6th and 7th. The Spring Meeting will be completely virtual and we will start releasing topics soon (we hope that you have recently helped us by filling out our needs assessment survey!). In conjunction with the Spring Meeting we will be providing the first ever statewide preceptor development conference which will be on Friday March 5th. Lastly, we are going to now have applications to be a speaker at either our meetings. If you have a great topic idea and want the chance to speaker please consider filling out, we want to ensure we are providing opportunities to people all around the state that want to be involved! Thanks!

Did you know that you can follow ISHP on Facebook and Instagram?

Yes! You can follow ISHP on Instagram at Idaho_pharmacy and on Facebook at Idaho Society of Health System Pharmacists. Get up to date information about everything going on in the organization. You'll also find member spot lights, glimpses of upcoming events and much more. So, follow us today!





All smiles...

The last meeting of the 2019-2020 ISHP
Executive Committee

Elaine Nguyen
Chris Oswald
Andrea Winterswyk
Caroline Merritt
John Sullivan



Please offer your thanks to them for all of their strong work and dedication to ISHP

Past President's Report Chris Oswald

What a year it has been! As I reflect on this past year, I am proud to be surrounded by so many strong, dedicated, and courageous pharmacy colleagues throughout Idaho. Our pharmacy community, built from pharmacists, technicians, students, industry representatives, and other supporters remains focused during these challenging times – to do the right thing at all times and keep taking care of patients. This year's Pharmacy Week theme was 'Pharmacy Strong' and I believe we, the Idaho pharmacy community, embodied that and continue to do so.

Moving our Annual Fall Meeting to a virtual platform was no easy task but we did it and we were successful. My President's report during the member meeting summarized the organization's progress on our strategic plan. Our three pillars of the plan, **Advocacy**, **Professional Development**, and **Sustainability**, all saw growth and achievement. We've still got work to do but we are on the right path. I cannot thank everyone enough for supporting ISHP and for making our virtual Fall Meeting a success.

As I prepare to serve this organization as Immediate Past-President, I want to call your attention to ASHP's "Statement on Advocacy as a Professional Obligation". This was published in 2019 [*Am J Health-Syst Pharm.* 2019; 76(4):251-253] with a follow up commentary on practical application by Drs. Scott Knoer and Erin Fox [*Am J Health-Syst Pharm.* 2020; 77(5):378-382]. The statement starts with the belief "that all pharmacists have a professional obligation to advocate on behalf of patients and the profession". In keeping in-line with ISHP's definition of the 'pharmacy professional', I believe we should not get hung up on the word 'pharmacist' but instead that all of those in the profession share this obligation, including pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists. The statement concludes with calling this professional obligation both a moral and ethical one while recognizing the need for training and education in order for it to be successful. The commentary published this past March goes on to describe how to implement advocacy and breaks down the stereotype of it always relating to being in the media spotlight. Areas discussed in this article include: Being informed and developing a vision; participating at local, state, and national levels, amplifying your voice, telling your story, and establishing credibility and trust. Our profession's advancement is dependent on us and I encourage everyone to keep an active role in this. I look forward to continuing to serve both the members and this organization as we work together to promote the highest levels of pharmacy practice by all.

Stay happy and healthy,

Chris

MESSAGE FROM THE PAI PLANNING COMMITTEE

Last month ISHP hosted the 2020 Pharmacy **Practice Advancement Initiative (PAI)** virtual training event for pharmacy professionals. Various experts from around the country provided participants with on-demand pre-recorded seminars, live presentations, and virtual workshops throughout the first two weeks of October.

Topics within this training event included:

- Implementation of clinical services including collaborative practice agreements and marketing for increased referrals
- Documentation with intent to bill and how coding relates
- Billing logistics, credentialing, and privileging, including billing operations in community pharmacy and in health care systems

This event was made possible by an ASHP grant and therefore was provided at no cost to ISHP members and low cost to non-members, with an estimated value of \$150 when compared to similar workshops and conferences. Donations were accepted for the Idaho Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation (IPREF) and \$545 was raised! There was a total of 71 registered participants including pharmacists, technicians, and students. ISHP was excited to be a part of this incredible opportunity and looks forward to hearing about the successes of our workshop participants.

For any questions related to this event please visit the [ISHP PAI website](#) or contact any of the PAI Planning Committee Members:

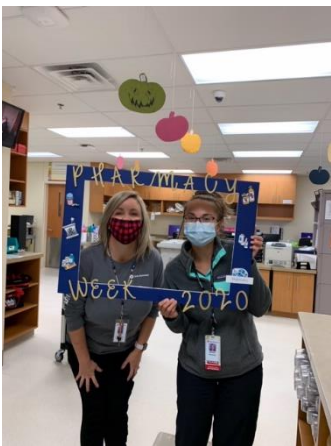
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More Pharmacy Week Fun



The pharmacy at Saint Alphonsus really got into the celebration of Pharmacy Week!



ASHP House of Delegates Nominations



State
Affiliate

ISHP is currently accepting nominations to be the next Idaho delegate to the ASHP House of Delegates, the ultimate authority in establishing the professional policies of the organization. Idaho elects two representatives on a rotating basis to serve a two-year term to the ASHP House of Delegates (HOD) and will represent the ISHP on proceedings impacting the pharmacy profession nationally.

Nominated ASHP members will be added to the ASHP Delegate Ballot for Idaho and will be voted on via electronic ballot in December. ISHP opened delegate nominations at the ISHP Membership Meeting during our Annual Fall Meeting and will continue to accept nominations through Friday, December 4th.

Please nominate your colleagues by sending an email to ishpcontact@gmail.com by Friday, December 4th. Self-nominations are welcome!

ISU Recruiting and Exhibition Fair – A Great Success!

The Idaho State University College of Pharmacy recruiting and exhibition virtual fair was a great success! The event took place on Thursday, Oct. 29th and Friday, Oct. 30th and was held entirely via Zoom. Thursday included 4 hours of company presentations/exhibits, followed by 3 hours of interviews. On Friday, we opened up two Zoom meeting rooms: one room was set up for interviews that lasted 5 hours and the second was for guest speaker presentations that included a PhORCAS residency application overview and an industry lecture from International Isotopes of Idaho, Inc.

We had 11 companies/programs represented this year (listed below). Thank you all for your participation! There was a total of 169 student interviews with the companies/programs for residency, internship, and graduate pharmacist positions. 520 participants attended on Thursday and 267 participants on Friday with strong, positive feedback from students, recruiters, and faculty.

It was an awesome event that everyone seemed to like! It was quite the undertaking and I'm glad I had so many student volunteers to help me make this happen.

- Boise VA Medical Center
- Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
- Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists
- Salt Lake City PGY1 Residency Program
- Kootenai Health
- Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center
- Rite Aid
- St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center
- Albertsons
- St. Luke's Health System Boise
- Idaho State University PGY1/PGY2 Pharmacotherapy Residency

Thomas Garrett

Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate, 2022
Idaho State University - Meridian



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College of
Pharmacy



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.



I-LEAD Leadership Corner

Lindsey Hunt

“I-LEAD is in its 3rd year, and industry is helping develop pharmacy leaders by providing funding for sponsored leadership speakers. In October, the fellows and ISHP members attended a presentation on Crisis Communication by ShanRae Hawkins sponsored by Pfizer. In November, there was a discussion of the book, Growing Influence, with co-author Stacy Ennis sponsored by Clovis Oncology. Both discussions were enlightening and provided expert knowledge to the I-LEAD fellows. For more information on this series, please go to the website <https://ishp.wildapricot.org/page-1863763>.

Be on the lookout for more speakers in this series. They will be announced in weekly newsletters and are open for sign up to members of ISHP.”

Idaho Pharmacy Leadership Council (IPLC) Update



The IPLC met in October and is meeting again in November. During the October meeting, we reviewed how organizations are supporting pharmacy professionals in their response to COVID and how IPLC members can better facilitate statewide communication and collaboration. The IPLC will be releasing an update soon summarizing COVID response efforts and resources. It will also be launching new email groups – watch your inbox for more details.

Report from the ASHP Council on Pharmacy Practice (CPhP)

Report from the ASHP Council on Pharmacy Practice (CPhP)

CPhP is one of five recognized ASHP Councils. Each member serves a one-year term (January – December) where reappointment takes place by November 1st 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 Virtual Policy Week and Virtual Legislative Hearings September 21 - 24, 2020:

1. Monday, September 21
 - a. All-Member Policy and Legislative Week Orientation of New Policy Committee Members.
 - b. Advocacy Briefing: ASHP VP Government Relations Tom Kraus, MHS, JD and ASHP Director of Federal Legislative Affairs Doug Huynh, JD.
 - c. Welcoming Remarks: ASHP President Thomas J. Johnson, Pharm.D., M.B.A., BCCCP, BCPS, FASHP, FCCM.

2. Tuesday, September 22
 - a. Advocacy appointments to discuss legislative priorities – Key messages on addressing *340B Drug Pricing Program, Reimburse Pharmacists for COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations, Expand Pharmacists Telehealth Services allowing virtual direct supervision and resolve payment inconsistencies, and Expand Pharmacists ability to treat Opioid Addiction.*

Scott Reber, Legislative Assistant in behalf of Senator James E. Risch, Russell Senate Office Building.
James Neill, Senior Legislative Assistant in behalf of Representative Mike Simpson, Rayburn House Office Building.
Kellie McConnell, Deputy Legislative Director in behalf of Senator Mike Crapo, Dirksen Senate Office Building.
 - b. Joint Council and Commission Meeting – Pandemic Preparedness” with Question-and-Answer Session
 - i. Presentation: *Emergency Management, The Mount Sinai Health-System, New York City* by Don Boyce, JD and Joe Pinto, MS, MHA.
 - c. CPhP Committee Meeting – Discussion of ASHP DRAFT Guideline’s, Policy Statement’s, or Sunset Review of Existing Policies
 - i. *Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Role in Pandemic Preparedness*
 - ii. *Influenza Vaccination Requirements to Advance Patient Safety and Public Health*

3. Wednesday, September 23
 - a. CPhP Committee Meeting (continued)
 - i. *Standardized Clinical Documentation and Workload Metrics*
 - ii. *Pharmacist Accountability for Patient Outcomes*
 - iii. *Integrated Approach for the Pharmacy Enterprise*
 - iv. *Pharmacist Role in Medication Reconciliation*
 - v. *Pharmacist Role in Supporting Patient Access to Medical Supplies & Equipment*
 - vi. *Patient Access to Pharmacy Services in Small and Rural Hospitals*

4. Thursday, September 24
 - a. CPhP Committee Meetings (continued)
 - i. *Ready-To-Use Packaging*
 - ii. *Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Response to Withdrawal or Recall of Medications from the Market*
 - iii. *ASHP Guideline Review on the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the Formulary System*
 - iv. *Ethical Use of Placebos*
 - v. *Just Culture*
 - vi. *Safe and Effective Extemporaneous Compounding*

I am completing my third and final year on *Council on Pharmacy Practice (CPhP)*, I’ve enjoyed this time participating at this level discussing aspects relating to the Profession of Pharmacy at the state and national level. I would encourage any ISHP member to consider applying for an upcoming ASHP Council position.

I’ve attached a link below that discusses the five Council’s that are available and each of their purview’s. <https://www.ashp.org/About-ASHP/Our-Leadership/Councils-and-Committees?loginreturnUrl=SSOCheckOnly>

Don’t hesitate to contact me (or the ASHP Executive Office) if you have any specific questions.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Dickens



ISHP 2020 – 2021 Annual Needs Assessment Survey

Thank you to all who completed the recent needs assessment survey

Your feedback will help ISHP's Education Committee in developing future educational opportunities to better serve you, our members.

The crew at St. Luke's also had a very sweet Pharmacy Week and discovered hidden talents with pumpkin carving and rapping



And with that, as we look back over a very atypical year, a year that was filled with great deals of stress, uncertainties, and increased concerns for the health of our patients and our families, ISHP wishes you and your family a very happy and safe holiday season and best wishes for the new year.

