



QUARTERLY UPDATE

President's Message

From ISHP President: Katie Erickson

REFLECTING ON A REMARKABLE YEAR

This is my last letter to you all as your president which gives me some pause and much reflection on everything ISHP has done over the past year.

My personal motivation for wanting to become ISHP president was to gain more experience in leading leaders. I think many of us entered the pharmacy profession because we wanted to help people in one capacity or another and I love the idea of helping people who help people who then help more people!



I think the best part of leading the ISHP leaders is getting to see everything they're capable of accomplishing. The hardest part is navigating when or how to help vs when to cheer from the bench and let them shine. I certainly haven't mastered the art of leading leaders and for that I have immense gratitude for our **Board of Directors** for leading through this clunkiness and doing such a wonderful job of executing on our organization's strategic initiatives for the year: (I) Professional Development, (II) Advocacy, and (III) Membership and Sustainability.

Our **Professional Relations Committee** (PRC), led by **Jen Adams** and **Megan Koyle**, have been hard at work. Most recently, in the creation of a student leadership program in collaboration with ISU's leadership elective and the **I-LEAD** program. We have learned that ISHP needs more opportunities to have student involvement in a way that is sustainable for our membership and this program strikes that exact balance. The PRC have also engaged in conversations with the state on optimizing pharmacist reimbursement through Medicaid as well as a creation of a proposal, in collaboration with ISU, to look towards a measuring competency based off standards of care considering the Board of Pharmacy discussions around removing the requirement for pharmacist continuing education.

To continue our rebranding, Immediate Past President, **Elaine Nguyen**, created a style guide to round out our re-branding efforts. You may recall we changed our name to Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacy at the last spring meeting and last year updated our logo so you will start to see a new look for our organization, if you haven't already.

Now that we have a new look and new name, we would like to spread the word via our newly created Social Media chair position that we will be looking to fill within the next couple of months. Additionally, we will plan to expand our social media platforms to include LinkedIn. The plan to expand our social media presence came because of a project proposal put forth from the **I-LEAD class of 2022**.

Our **Class of 2023 I-LEAD fellows** deserve a special thank you for how much they've woven seamlessly into each of our committees to help provide additional insight that has helped shaped ISHP. I'm still in awe of the leadership content they provided with support from our **I-LEAD Faculty** at the spring meeting and I'm looking forward to the lasting impact of their projects for years to come.

We have also officially backfilled our Newsletter editor position with **Rob Wills!** I am so thankful for Rob stepping into this role as some of you may know that I attempted to be newsletter editor a couple of times and it is an incredible amount of work.

Our Administrative Affairs chair, **Steph Croteau**, has worked to restart the **Policy Review Committee** who has reviewed many policies and as a Board we recently approved changes to policy updates. This work is important to ensuring our organization's structure has sound policies in place that reflect our current practice.

Leslie Wilson, leading the **Finance Committee**, has the 2024 budget well under way and should be ready for presentation at the Fall Member Business Meeting at our Fall Conference. Leslie took over this position mid-term and has dove right in to take on this huge responsibility.

Education Committee, led by **Leslie LaMontagne** and **Anna Hoenke**, are deep within Fall Conference planning. We have had a lot of interest from our members to speak at the Fall Conference and we are so thankful for your support! **Jen Adams**, our Professional Affairs chair, in collaboration with the **Elections and Nominations Committee**, chaired by **Elaine Nguyen**, are working to ensure our poster session and awards ceremony at the Fall Conference are highlighting great work across our membership.

Caroline Merritt, our Executive Director, has continued to represent our organization within the legislature as well as among other organizations across the state. She has brought us closer to other professional organizations across Idaho, such as the Nurse Practitioners, and we may have opportunities to increase our inter-organizational collaboration. Caroline has also provided massive support to ISHP in literally every aspect of our work, but I also want to recognize her contributions to the logistical aspects of running ISHP as well as event planning.

President-Elect, **Nitz Bankova**, has provided more support to me than what is visible to others throughout the organization. She has stepped up to represent ISHP when I haven't been able to. Most recently, she will be taking the opportunity to speak to the incoming pharmacy students about the importance

of organizational involvement at the white coat ceremony. We want to extend a huge welcome to the incoming **Class of 2027!** I'm looking forward to handing the President baton to Nitz because I know you all will be in great hands.

I want to thank our ASHP Delegates, **Vicki Wallace** and **Audra Sandoval** for representing Idaho at the national level. We will have the opportunity hear more about their work at the Fall Conference where we will be joined by Audra who will speak about the ASHP Delegate role. Last but not least, I want to thank our ISU Representative, **Erin Berry**, Technician affairs chair, **Jess Whipkey**, Northern Idaho Representative, **Bridget Hanna** and ISU student Representative, **Taylor Phillips**. It is important to have representation within these roles. You've been very present at our board meetings and provided invaluable input to decisions made.

We represent an organization that has stayed strong through the past few years of "unprecedented" change and turbulence... and if you're anything like me, you'd prefer to never hear the word unprecedented again, and even more, would prefer to not live through that level of turbulence again. Nevertheless, we've persisted and are stronger for it.

We have a strong Fall Conference planned in Sun Valley and I would like to extend an invitation to see you there. Thank you so much for your continued support of ISHP and for allowing me to lead this organization!

ISHP BOARD NEWS

ISHP Executive Director & Legislative Update

From ISHP Executive Director: Caroline Merritt

As summer is in full swing, ISHP is focused on preparing for our annual Fall meeting in Sun Valley. The ISHP Education Committee is putting together another great program with tracks for both pharmacists and technicians.

Early bird registration will open soon, so please stay tuned. Don't forget to [reserve](#) your room in ISHP's room block at the Sun Valley Resort.



Nominations for the 2024-2025 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 or nominating a colleague, please email ishpcontact@gmail.com. Elections will be held in January 2024.

It's also approaching 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 Meeting, which will more than pay for your membership. You'll also receive additional benefits throughout the year.

Thanks for being a member of ISHP!

PHARMACY EDUCATION & PROGRAMS



Registration Opening Soon! ISHP Fall Conference 2023 Oct 6th - 8th, 2023

We are excited to announce the upcoming Pharmacy Fall Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho! This conference is specifically designed for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are interested in staying up-to-date with the latest advancements in pharmacy practice. The conference will feature *12 hours of ACPE accredited educational activities* that will provide attendees with valuable knowledge and skills to improve their practice. Our expert speakers will cover a wide range of topics, including the latest trends in drug therapies, new drug approvals, and emerging technologies in pharmacy. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to network with other professionals in the field and exchange ideas and experiences. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to enhance your practice and expand your knowledge!

The conference will include student, pharmacist and technician Poster Presentations, ACPE Accredited CE, vendor exhibitions and showcase, and much, much more. [See you in Sun Valley 2023!](#)

ISHP Discounted Rooms

Idaho Research & Education

IPREF

From Immediate Past President: Elaine Nguyen



Nifty 50/50! The [Idaho Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation \(IPREF\)](#) will be hosting a 50/50 raffle at the Fall Conference. IPREF funds are used to support research and education initiatives. For example, we provide a stipend to support the ASHP Clinical Skills Competition student winners to travel to the Midyear Clinical Meeting.

What is a 50/50 raffle? In a 50/50 raffle, the winner takes home 50% of the funds collected and the other 50% goes to IPREF. You can [purchase your tickets here](#) and at the Fall Conference, and thanks in advance for your support!

ISHP Financial News

ISHP Budget Report

From ISHP Secretary/Treasurer: Leslie Wilson

We are currently working on our budget for 2024, with plans of having a finalized version ready by our upcoming fall conference. As many of you are already aware, we made the decision to discontinue our spring meeting after this year. Consequently, the most significant changes to the budget are the removal of income and expenses related to that particular event. Presented below is the updated Year-to-Date (YTD) budget. We are eagerly anticipating a robust turnout for our fall conference, as it will greatly contribute to our goal of finishing the year with positive financial results.



Anyone interested in joining the Finance Committee or with questions or suggestions to share is encouraged to reach out to ishpcontact@gmail.com.

Year	EOY/YTD	Income	Expenses	Net Income
2019	End of Year	\$127,198	\$98,220	\$29,176
2020	End of Year	\$46,337	\$55,526	(\$9,279)
2021	End of Year	\$31,497	\$52,869	(\$21,371)
2022	End of Year	\$109,348	\$104,329	\$5,019
2023	YTD (Jan-May)	\$55,644	\$25,074	\$30,569



Rising Leaders

Calling all rising P2 and P3 student pharmacists!

There is an exciting opportunity to earn a Student Leadership Certificate through ISHP. This is a wonderful chance to expand your CV, network with pharmacy leaders in Idaho, develop your self-awareness, and prepare for residency.

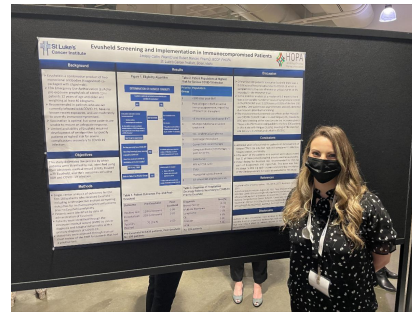
The due date for the [application](#) is Mon Aug 7th. [For more info - link](#)

Submit Your Research Posters

Have a quality improvement project or research that you are looking to present?

If so, ISHP's Annual Fall Conference is a great venue to show off your work!

Its easy to sign up, and there will be three different tracks allowing for more visibility and awareness of your work.



DETAILS:

- Poster abstracts are due by Monday, September 11th at 11:59 p.m. MDT.
- Awards are given in each of the following categories: Student, Technician, Resident, and Pharmacist
- [2023 ISHP Fall Meeting Poster Competition Guidelines & Registration Form](#)

ISHP Board Nominations are Open!

ISHP Open Board Positions!

ISHP is seeking new board members to serve a two-year term beginning this October! Nominations are currently open for the following positions:

- President-Elect
- Professional Affairs Chair
- Programs Chair
- Technician Representative

Click [here](#) to nominate a fellow ISHP member by Sunday, June 25th.

Call for Award Nominations

Each year, ISHP recognizes pharmacy professionals for their outstanding work during our Annual Fall Conference in Sun Valley. Nominate your well-deserving colleagues for one of the ISHP's Awards, both annual awards and our recognition of leadership and service. The categories include:

- Pharmacist of the Year (Annual Award)
- Pharmacy Technician of the Year (Annual Award)
- Student Leadership
- Preceptor Excellence
- Excellence in Research or Quality Improvement
- Excellence in Service
- Pharmacy Innovator

All awards will be presented during the 2023 ISHP Annual Fall Conference, in Sun Valley, Idaho, as a part of the Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 7th, 2023.

Learn more about the eligibility requirements and nominate fellow ISHP members:

[Awards Nomination Form](#)

[Excellence in Research or Quality Improvement Award Nomination Form](#)

Deadline for submission is Friday, September 1st, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Please email completed forms to ishpcontact@gmail.com.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

ASHP House of Delegates Updates

From: Audra Sandoval, Vicki Wallace and Paul Driver



Your Idaho Delegates (Audra Sandoval, Victoria Wallace), and Alternate Delegate (Paul Driver) attended this year's ASHP Summer Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, not only to attend some great educational sessions but also to participate in the 75th Annual Session of the ASHP House of Delegates.

This year, we voted on 18 policy recommendations. Of those, 14 policy recommendations were amended and 4 policy recommendations were approved without recommendations. For more information on [ASHP Policy Positions and Guidelines](#), please reference ASHP.

- *Reducing Healthcare Sector Carbon Emissions to Promote Public Health*

- *Manipulation of Drug Products for Alternative Routes of Administration*
- *Responsible Medication-Related Clinical Testing and Monitoring*
- *ASHP Statement on Precepting as a Professional Obligation*
- *Emergency Medical Kits*
- *Raising Awareness of the Risks Associated with the Misuse of Medications*
- *Standardization of Medication Concentrations, Dosing Units, Labels Units, and Packaged Sizes*
- *Pharmacoequity*
- *Medication Administration by the Pharmacy Workforce*
- *Availability and Use of Fentanyl Test Strips*
- *DEA Scheduling of Controlled Substances*
- *Point-of-Care Testing and Treatments by Pharmacists*
- *Nonprescription Availability of Self-Administered Influenza Antivirals*
- *Over-the-Counter Availability of Hormonal Oral Contraceptives*
- *Therapeutic Psychosocial Considerations of Patients Across the Gender Identify Spectrum*
- *Removal of Injectable Promethazine from Hospital Formularies*
- *Well-Being and Resilience of the Pharmacy Workforce*
- *Pharmacist Prescribing Authority for Antiretroviral Therapy for the Prevention of HIV / AIDS*

In conclusion of the HOD, Idaho took first place in the ASHP-PAC Donation race and made two recommendations (kudos to Paul and Audra):

- *Use of Recognized National Treatment Guidelines for Foundational Documents in State Legislation in Treatment or Management of Disease or Condition*
- *Creation of Specialized Pharmacy Education and Training for Women's Health*

I-LEAD UPDATE

Fellows Examine AI and Impact on Pharmacy

This year's class of I-LEAD fellows is in the home stretch, with just a few weeks left in their final quarter of the year. This section of the course is

focusing on Leading with Strategy & Influence, and is being led by past ISHP President, Andrew Winterswyk, and past ISHP Board Member, Lindsey Hunt.

Their first project centered around a hot topic as of late, Artificial Intelligence. The fellows were tasked with coming up with ideas for how ChatGPT could be used in I-LEAD or ISHP. For instance, could it be incorporated as a learning tool, or simply as a way to generate ideas or text to help facilitate team communication or project development?

LEADERSHIP BOOK CLUB

Following the AI project, the group then dove into the book, [Influence and Persuasion \(HBR Emotional Intelligence Series\) \[amazon.com\]](#). Fellows were



assigned two chapters to review and present to the group, encouraging them to share their stories that relate to the chapter's themes and topic.

NEXT UP: Graduation & Start of Class of 2024 Cohort

The application period for the next Cohort, Class of 2024, just wrapped up with I-LEAD receiving the highest number of applications ever, with 12 total. All of the applicants were highly skilled and deserving of being a part of I-LEAD, but unfortunately, our total seats allotted for the program is capped at 7 fellows (the max is actually six but we are squeezing one more in). We are hopeful that those that are not able to take part this year will reapply for the following year. Stay tuned for the Class of 2024 announcement that will take place at the ISHP Fall Conference in Sun Valley, and will be posted in the fall ISHP Quarterly Newsletter!

Fall Graduation

Class of 2023 is in the final run with next stop being the ISHP Fall Conference and graduation. Like last year, graduating fellows will be recognized during the ISHP Business Meeting on Saturday, Oct 7th, at the Sun Valley Inn. See you there!

ADVANCING IDAHO PHARMACY



Revisiting the Continuum of Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority

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Pharmacists in all states have prescriptive authority in some form. We identify two broad categories of pharmacist prescribing: dependent and independent. There are gradients within these broad categories that allow us to chart pharmacist prescribing on a continuum from most restrictive to least restrictive. Independent prescribing has seen the most innovation in recent years at the state level, with at least three states adopting a “standard of care” prescribing framework that allows pharmacists broad prescriptive authority including for conditions that require a diagnosis, consistent with the pharmacist’s education and training. Each of the approaches to pharmacist prescriptive authority have perceived advantages and disadvantages as it relates to improving patient care.

[*Link to Article*](#)

We Want to Hear From You



If you would like to learn more about getting involved with ISHP, or have questions about mentoring, obtaining CE, or other ISHP programs, please reach out to us at ISHPcontact@gmail.com

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