



QUARTERLY UPDATE

President's Message

From ISHP President: Katie Erickson

A warm winter welcome to our first quarterly newsletter of 2023! I hope you are having a great winter and are getting ready for spring. ISHP education committee, lead by [Anna Hoenke](#) and [Leslie LaMontagne](#), have been busy gearing up for our Spring Meeting which will be held March 31st (virtual) and April 1st (in person) with registration opening very soon!

Since our strategic planning session in November, our board has been busy kicking off the work to be completed this year:



- [Steph Croteau](#), Administrative Affairs Chair, restarted the ISHP Policy Review Committee and created a policy review timeline that the organization can use for years to come.
- We have welcomed [Megan Koyle](#) to the Legal and Public Affairs Chair, while [Lindsey Hunt](#) transitioned out of this position. We have been very appreciative of the energy and thoughtfulness that Lindsey has brought to this position over the years. Lindsey will continue to be involved with the I-LEAD program and we look forward to the future of leadership influenced by Lindsey. Welcome, Megan!
- [Jen Adams](#), Professional Affairs Chair, revitalized the Professional Relations Committee where the group had meaningful conversations on how to continue advocacy efforts as well as how we plan to support student's connection to practicing professionals.
- The legislative session has started and we can find [Caroline Merritt](#), Executive Director and Lobbyist, at the Capitol keeping an eye on any proposed legislation that may impact pharmacy. We have heard from many engaged members about the very concerning H154 which would make it a misdemeanor to administer a vaccine with mRNA technology. Caroline is watching the activity and we do not expect it to receive a hearing. Please keep reaching out with your thoughts on legislation, we are here to represent our members!
- We held ASHP House of Delegates elections and would like to welcome [Vicki Wallace](#) as our new Idaho Delegate! [Paul Driver](#) will continue to serve as an alternate delegate. As many of you know, Paul has been leading our state as a delegate for many years and we value his contribution and enthusiasm for policy work. Welcome, Vicki! Thank you, Paul!

There are many other member highlights throughout this newsletter, please take the time to see what some of our members have been up to. Our membership has many talented professionals and I feel very fortunate to be surrounded by such amazing people!

ISHP BOARD NEWS

Save the Date for ISHP Spring Meeting 2023!

From Education Chair: Anna Hoenke

March 31st, 2023

via Zoom

Preceptor and Leadership Series

Please join us Friday, March 31st via Zoom for our virtual preceptor and leadership development series. Topics include: Incorporating students and new team members into your practice, the gift of feedback and art of conflict management, and more!



April 1st, 2023

Saint Alphonsus RMC - Boise

Clinical and Practice Management

On Saturday, April 1st, please join us in person at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise for CE sessions on exciting clinical and practice management topics. Please visit the ISHP website for registration and full schedule.

ISHP Executive Director & Legislative Update

From ISHP Executive Director: Caroline Merritt

ISHP has been actively engaged with our lawmakers during the 2023 Legislative Session.

In mid-January, ISHP, along with the Idaho State Pharmacy Association and the ISU College of Pharmacy, collaborated on Pharmacy Day at the Capitol to promote pharmacy practice and support legislative efforts that could impact your practice for years to come. ISHP spent time educating legislators on how health-system pharmacists contribute to the healthcare industry in Idaho. ISU Pharmacy students were also on hand to present their research posters to legislators. The day concluded with a Legislative Reception at Beside Bardenay, which provided an opportunity for our members to talk with legislators and explain the challenges and opportunities in the pharmacy industry.



As we begin Week 8 of the 2023 Legislative Session, ISHP is watching legislation concerning Certified Medication Assistants, public health measures related to COVID-19, vitamins and supplements, vaping devices, Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), Medicaid expansion, and Medicaid managed care, among other things. If you would like to get involved with ISHP's advocacy efforts, please contact ishpcontact@gmail.com.

ISHP Budget Update

From ISHP Secretary/Treasurer: Stephanie Matta

It has been great to finally get back to in-person events and meetings both from a professional and personal

standpoint. This has also been reflected positively onto our yearly budget.

Below is our final 2022 end of year balance. As anticipated, we closed out the year on a high note as we are starting to trend back up compared to the two previous years.



Year	Income	Expenses	Net Income
2020 End of Year	\$46,373.16	\$55,652.22	(\$9,279.06)
2021 End of Year	\$31,497.36	\$52,868.74	(\$21,371.38)
2022 End of Year	\$109,348.30	\$104,329.17	\$5,019.13

Our 2023 corporate membership packages are posted! Please visit [Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists - Membership \(wildapricot.org\) \[ishp.wildapricot.org\]](http://Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists - Membership (wildapricot.org) [ishp.wildapricot.org]) to check out the packages, renew membership, and invite fellow pharmacy practitioners to join ISHP and take advantage of member benefits.

Some of the opportunities for involvement within ISHP include joining the Finance Committee. In addition, the treasurer/secretary position will be vacant soon as I'm relocating out of state for family reasons. If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out with any questions to ishpcontact@gmail.com.

ISHP Strategic Objectives for 2022-2023

Mission: To optimize patient outcomes through the support and promotion of pharmacy professionals as essential members of the healthcare team.

Vision: ISHP is the leader in the development of and advocacy for Idaho pharmacy professionals.

1. **Professional Development** focuses directly on the development of our membership. Emphasizing the educational needs for our spring and fall meetings but also being able to incorporate additional offerings across the state to be more inclusive of our entire state.
2. **Our advocacy** work this year is planned largely around educating the new legislature but also our membership so everybody is supported in being able to communicate with legislators.
3. **The Membership and Sustainability** priority is a focus on how we best reach the full potential of our membership. We have called this section Membership and Sustainability because there are still some financial pieces of the work we didn't want to lose sight of, but at the core of our organization is our membership.

ISHP Open Board Positions!

Interested in a position on the Board of Directors? We are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- **Secretary/Treasurer**
 - This very important position leads our Finance Committee and ensures impeccable note taking at our board meetings. They are a voting member for both Board of Directors and Executive Board.
- **Newsletter Editor**

- You too could create beautiful content like this! The Newsletter editor is an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors and helps to share important news to our members.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

LaMontagne Presented With New Practitioner Award

Leslie LaMontagne, ISHP Programs Chair, was recently presented with the Pharmacy Special Interest Group New Practitioner Award by The American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT) in Orlando, Florida.

This award is presented to an ASTCT Pharmacy SIG member who is within the first 5 years of their career and has made significant contributions to the field of hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

Congratulations, Leslie!



Sherwood and O'Dell Take the Stage in Philadelphia

Sabrina Sherwood, member of the Education Committee, and *Kathleen O'Dell*, former Technician Representative and I-LEAD Fellow, showcased Idaho pharmacy in a collaborative pharmacist and pharmacy technician presentation on Cystic Fibrosis at the North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference (NACFC) 2022 in Philadelphia, PA.



ASHP Midyear Reflections

Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas, NV, December 2022
By: Rob Wills

One of the largest gatherings of pharmacists, pharmacy residents and students took place once again, in-person, at the same location where it was last held back in 2019, Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Both the weather and the atmosphere were on par with that pre-pandemic event with thousands of attendees



navigating windowless casinos as they made their way to multiple education and poster sessions.

ISHP and I-LEAD were well represented at the conference, with [Lindsey Hunt](#), [Chris Oswald](#), [Andrea Winterswyk](#) and myself all in attendance. Lindsey and I were fortunate enough to be able to also speak at the conference during two different education sessions.

Lindsey's presentation was on Investing in Centralized Gap Coverage Clinical Pharmacy Resources, which was part of the Management Pearls session. As one of the featured educational events the room could easily hold well over a 1000 or more attendees! During her talk she described how she has built her team of clinical pharmacists that now extend across the northwest.

My session was much smaller, being a part of the Management Case Studies programming. The talk, Managing a New Leadership Crisis – Helping Technicians and Pharmacists Lead & Succeed, was essentially featuring the I-LEAD program, its development and progress thus far.

Next year's ASHP Midyear will continue to be close to home with the event planned for Anaheim, California, next to Disneyland. See you there!



[Rob Wills](#) presenting *Managing a New Leadership Crisis – Helping Technicians and Pharmacists Lead & Succeed at ASHP Midyear 2022*



[Lindsey Hunt](#) presenting *Investing in Centralized Gap Coverage Clinical Pharmacy Resources at ASHP Midyear 2022*



[Andrea Winterswyk](#) and [Chris Oswald](#) with distinguished colleagues at the *ASHP Midyear State Affiliate President's Reception*



Members from the [Boise VA](#) representing their talented group at the *residency showcase*

ASHP House of Delegates Updates

From: Audra Sandoval and Paul Driver

Audra Sandoval will be serving her second year as delegate and we would like to welcome *Victoria Wallace* into this position! *Paul Driver* will be an Alternate Delegate and we are extremely thankful for his contribution as a delegate in years past. Paul's passion for advocacy is contagious!



There is a virtual house of delegates meeting for March 17-24. The policies to be voted on have not been posted online yet, but are scheduled to be soon. There is also a call for Resolutions with a deadline of March 13th. If you have any ideas you believe should be presented as a resolution, please contact one of us for help in the preparation of it. You can also go to the ASHP website to learn more about what a resolution is and how to submit it.



The regional delegates conferences will likely be the last weekend of April or the first weekend of May. The policies to be discussed will be posted for delegate review in late March.

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have comments on these policies once posted. The delegates will have access to these unapproved policies, however, the general membership may not until approved. We will share some details with our membership once we know what is to be presented.



There may be a second virtual HOD meeting in mid-May prior to the June HOD meeting in Baltimore. Again, if you have input or concerns about policies to be voted on, contact us.

ISU News

Student's Corner - Legislative Day and More!

From ISU Student Representative: Brett Baerlocher

On January 16th, Idaho State University College of Pharmacy students flooded the capitol to take part in the annual Pharmacy Day at the Capitol. This event returned to an in-person experience this year and students were able to showcase their work to Idaho legislators. Poster presentations were able to highlight different services pharmacists can provide to the public as well as current issues impacting the profession.

In addition to advocacy, ISU students have been hard at work giving back to the community. Our very own Operation Heart

was the recipient of the APhA Region 8 National Award.



Wills Named APPE Preceptor of Excellence!

Rob Wills was recently recognized as the Western Idaho APPE Preceptor of Excellence for 2022! Wills has served as ISHP's president twice, he was one of the founding members of I-LEAD and continues to be an extremely influential member of ISHP. Congratulations, Rob!



I-LEAD UPDATE

Fellows Lead Others and Advance Careers

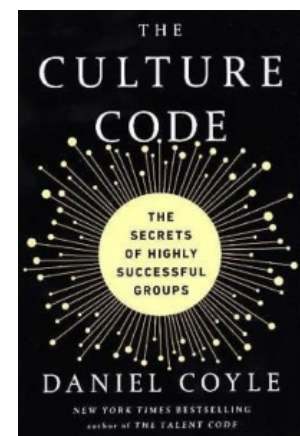
From I-LEAD Program Director: Rob Wills

The fellows are finishing up Quarter 2 of their I-LEAD year, with the focus on Leading Others. During this quarter they have had seminar topics on Building Trust, Situational Leadership and how to manage team burnout and engagement from a Leader's perspective.

The group, consisting of three pharmacists and three pharmacy technicians from across the state of Idaho, are also reading Daniel Coyle's book, *The Culture Code*, which has fostered a lot of great zoom discussions, especially around the cultures of Zappos, Professional Basketball and the Navy Seals.

Looking forward, each of the I-Lead Fellows will be presenting a leadership/precepting topic for the ISHP Spring Conference on Friday, March 31st, in addition to speaking on Leadership Pearls for a separate talk during the in-person ISHP Spring event on April 1st at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

Lastly, shout out to current I-LEAD fellows *Alaka'i Montalbo* and *Galia Hill*. They both have



accepted promotions during this year. Alaka'i has accepted a role as Sr. Account Executive with Merk. Galia has also accepted a new role within the Human Resources division of Mountain View Hospital.

Applications for 2023-2024 I-LEAD Year

For those of you interested in being a part of I-LEAD, applications for the next class of I-LEAD fellows will open up in late May. Keep an eye out for an official announcement via email and via the ISHP website.

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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