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Special Thanks to Our 2010-2011 Regional Officers!



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Greetings from Your Regional Officers

Kellie Kocher— Regional Delegate

Greetings Region 8! First, I would like to thank you for the honor of serving as Regional Delegate. For those I do not know, I am a second-year student pharmacist at the University of California, San Diego where I am currently the APhA-ASP Chapter President-elect. Being involved in APhA-ASP has shown me that I can help shape the future of pharmacy and I hope to pass along the feelings of inspiration and empowerment APhA-ASP has given me.

As health care reform continues taking shape, 2012 will be an important year for pharmacy. My goal is to find a variety of advocacy opportunities so everyone in our region can be inspired to take action. I challenge you all to participate in advocacy in 2012, or at least give it a try. It is not scary! Advocacy is more than drafting resolutions and visiting legislators; it can simply be signing a petition or educating a patient about what pharmacists do.

Keep an eye on the Region 8 Facebook page because I will be sharing simple ways to get involved. I also hope to utilize the Facebook page to increase collaboration on everything from patient care ideas to policy writing. I cannot wait to see what we accomplish in 2012!

I hope to see you in New Orleans!

-Kellie
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Pan Pan Wong— Member-at-large

Greetings Region 8! Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as your Region 8 Member-at-large. I am really excited to have the opportunity to work with you this year.

As member-at-large, I hope to work closely with all chapters to further promote and implement the initiatives of this Academy. First, I want to build on our success with the newsletter and to create a Region 8 specific website. This will serve as an avenue to increase communica-

tion within our region and to facilitate collaboration between chapters. Also, I would like to encourage all chapters to incorporate the president's theme of "One Team" and explore opportunities to work collaboratively with other disciplines. Finally, I hope to raise our awareness of global health issues and to increase our participation with IPSF.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have and I will help you find a solution. I also wel-

come any suggestions and ideas you have. I hope to get to know you and your chapter better, so feel free to just email me to introduce yourself or to share any remarkable stories about your chapter.

Best wishes and I hope to see you in New Orleans!

- Pan
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Lucie Vu— MRM Coordinator

Hello Region 8. What a true honor to serve as your Region 8 Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator. At my first MRM in Las Vegas, Nevada, I was inspired by the dedication and enthusiasm that fellow students of Region 8 exuded for pharmacy, and I hope to foster the same spirit at the next meeting.

I am happy to present the location of MRM 2012 in Anaheim, California, the city of The Happiest Place on Earth—Disneyland. Very close to

where I grew up, it is a special attraction that makes me proud to be from Orange County and excited to present it to Region 8.

Throughout the year, I hope to get every chapter in Region 8 excited to convene at MRM 2012 to network, socialize, discuss policies, and discover students' abilities to shape the profession. My goal is to foster a positive and fun environment at MRM for students to do so. If there are any comments or ideas you would like to

see implemented in the MRM 2012, I would love to hear them. I am here to serve YOU to make sure you get the best positive experience at MRM 2012 and leave with the same enthusiasm that I did at my first MRM.

I hope to see everyone at MRM 2012 in Anaheim!

- Lucie
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APhA-ASP Region 8 MRM Recap

APhA-ASP Region 8 gathered for the Mid-year Regional Meeting in Las Vegas, NV from October 28-30. This meeting commenced on Friday evening with warm welcomes from our 2010-2011 regional officers and various guest speakers including Conrad Bio, Pharm.D, Director College Relations & Professional Recruitment for Rite Aid Corporation. Later that night, student pharmacists dressed from around the globe to kick off the opening social.



Saturday morning started with educational workshops on residency and surviving pharmacy school. This was followed by the Policy Proposal Forum where student pharmacists actively discussed 25 proposed resolutions. In the afternoon, members had the opportunity to visit the MRM expo, meet with candidates for regional offices, and attend several special workshops.

Sunday began with sessions on IPSF and chapter development. MRM 2011 concluded with the Closing Business Session where regional officers were elected and resolutions were voted upon.



We'd like to recognize Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy and Jill Ortiz for their tremendous effort in making this MRM extremely successful. We look forward to MRM 2012, which will be hosted by Loma Linda University, University of California - San Diego, Western University & University of Southern California in Anaheim, CA.

- Pan Wong

Report of the Region 8 Closing Business Session Sunday, October 30, 2011

The following resolutions were forwarded to the APhA-ASP Resolutions Committee:

RVIII.1 - Addressing the Rate at Which Pharmacy Schools are Being Accredited

APhA-ASP encourages ACPE to consider the means of regulating the number of new colleges of pharmacies, satellite campuses, and class sizes based on work place demand.

RVIII.2 - Interprofessional Team Care

APhA-ASP supports the implementation of patient-centered care that involves an interprofessional network of pharmacists, physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals. We support a team approach to healthcare that incorporates the expertise of all professionals.

RVIII.3 - Pharmacogenomics in PharmD Curriculum

APhA-ASP acknowledges the growing evidence for improved patient care using pharmacogenomics. We support inclusion of pharmacogenomics in the curriculum of the PharmD academic program.

RVIII.4 - Preceptor Role in Granting Intern Hours

APhA-ASP supports the interpretation of state intern-hour laws by preceptors which recognize student experiences in direct patient care roles of pharmacists as equivalent to experiences obtained within a licensed pharmacy insofar as they would count toward requirements for licensure. Examples include work at free clinics, ambulatory care clinics, patient-care projects, and industry activities that relate to the practice of pharmacy.

RVIII.5 - Proper Medication Disposal and Drug Take-back

1. APhA-ASP encourages political action to amend "The Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010" in order to allow all pharmacies to participate as "take-back" entities.
2. APhA-ASP encourages the Attorney General to develop regulations under this Act, to authorize all pharmacies to dispose of controlled substances on behalf of the ultimate user.

RVIII.6 - Proper Medication Disposal

APhA-ASP encourages the profession of pharmacy, federal and state regulatory agencies, waste management authorities and other appropriate entities to develop and implement standardized and environmentally friendly guidelines for the proper disposal of unused or expired medications utilizing pharmacies as take-back entities.

RVIII.7 - Pharmacy Marketing of Filling Quotas

APhA-ASP discourages promoting pharmacist filling quotas in marketing their pharmacy to patients.

RVIII.8 - Pharmacogenomics

APhA-ASP acknowledges the growing evidence for improved patient care using pharmacogenomics. We support continued research in the field as it will improve patient outcomes including efficacy and decrease treatment failures.

RVIII.9 - Instructive Training to Instill Public Confidence in Vaccinations

APhA-ASP supports the delivery of education to student pharmacists during immunization training to address methods that instill public confidence in the safety and necessity of vaccinations. APhA-ASP also supports the implementation of public programs to help achieve improved confidence in vaccine safety.



Report of the Region 8 Closing Business Session Sunday, October 30, 2011

RVIII.10 - Prescriptive Authority for Immunizations

APhA-ASP supports the implementation of protocol which would provide vaccine prescriptive authority for pharmacists who complete specified immunization training.



RVIII.11 - The Use of Prescription Dispensing Machines in Community Pharmacies

APhA-ASP strongly discourages the use of prescription drug vending machine due to increased risk of drug-drug interactions and it violates OBRA-90.

RVIII.12 - Including Indications on Valid Prescriptions

APhA-ASP supports the inclusion of the indication for which a prescription is written be provided on every prescription issued.

RVIII.13 - Expired and Unused Medication Disposal

APhA-ASP supports reimbursement programs for pharmacies to accept expire or unused medication for the purpose of environmentally friendly disposal through the EPA, including patient education with respect to proper, independent patient disposal as indicated by the FDA.

RVIII.14 - Prescription Mail Order Mandates

APhA-ASP discourages health plans from establishing mail order mandates for patients' prescription medications.

RVIII.15 - Guidance on Cost-Effective Formularies for Medicare Beneficiaries

APhA-ASP supports pharmacist reimbursement by Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for providing guidance on choosing a cost-effective formulary for Medicare beneficiaries.

RVIII.16 - Managed Care in Pharmacy School Curricula

APhA-ASP encourages the inclusion of managed care concepts in pharmacy school curricula.

RVIII.17 - Pharmacognosy in Pharmacy School Curricula

APhA-ASP encourages the inclusion of Pharmacognosy in pharmacy school curricula.

RVIII.18 - Medco and Express Scripts Merger

APhA-ASP strongly discourages the proposed merger between Medco and Express Scripts in order to reduce its potential stronghold on pharmacy practice and its likely effects on patient care.

RVIII.19 - Health Literacy and Literacy Awareness

1. APhA-ASP encourages the enhancement of patient literacy that facilitates a greater degree of patient understanding.
2. APhA-ASP encourages pharmacy schools to incorporate literacy awareness and counseling techniques in curriculum to overcome barriers between patients and pharmacists/student pharmacists.



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

January 15

APhA Summer
Internship in
Association Manage-
ment application due

February 8

APhA-ASP National
Officer candidate
applications due

February 9

Last Day for APhA
Annual Meeting and
Exposition Early
Registration

February 10

Submit Name of
Chapter Representative
for APhA-ASP National
Patient Counseling
Competition

March 9-12

APhA Annual Meeting
and Exposition in
New Orleans



APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition Preview

APhA's Annual Meeting and Exposition is the premier event in pharmacy. Join your colleagues in New Orleans from March 9-12, 2012 and experience all that APhA2012 has to offer- comprehensive programming, captivating speakers, and professional networking opportunities.

Registration for student members is \$215 if received by February 9, and \$265 thereafter.

Make your hotel reservation through the APhA Housing Office by February 9 for discounted rates and guaranteed space at the hotel of your choice.

Visit www.aphameeting.org for more information and to register.



Call for Article Submissions

We are looking for articles for the next Region 8 Newsletter. Share your ideas, stories, and success with other chapters by submitting an article. Pictures are encouraged and appreciated. Please send your article to region8mal@gmail.com



Questions or Comments?

We are all really excited about this upcoming year! Please don't hesitate to contact us any time!

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