



# NVSHP NEWS

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## Interim Presidents Message

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I'm honored to introduce our first newsletter and showcase the many volunteers who serve on or behind the scenes of NVSHP's Interim Board. I offer my heartfelt thanks to these dynamos. Some have worked nearly two years to create Nevada's first official, collective voice for healthcare-system pharmacists and technicians. I especially thank Dr. Diana Quach, whose pharmacy organization expertise and unwavering commitment has kept our volunteer group on track and on task. I also thank Dr. Diana Higgins, whose creative vision and selflessness delivered NVSHP's first newsletter.

I urge you to join these activists. We must unite and address the challenging and frankly daunting concerns our profession faces. Please read "Pharmacists, Pharmaceuticals, and Policy Issues Shaping the Work Force in Pharmacy." *Am J Health Syst Pharm* 2007;64(12). The authors, ASHP's own Dr. Manasse and Dr. Speedie of the University of Minnesota, summarize their fact-filled article stating, "Decisive and visionary action in the [health-system pharmacy] policy arena is critical if we as a society are to recruit, teach train and nurture the pharmacy work force, whose care and expertise are essential to our nation's health." NVSHP must take deliberate efforts to bring together a membership joined philosophically, but often divided geographically. NVSHP will only succeed with membership participation. With your input and help we will become a strong, vocal and effective organization. Elections are around the corner. Become a Board member or join a committee.

Respectfully,

*Meg*

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 \* Current Membership: 54 \*  
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 \* information on becoming \*  
 \* a member \*  
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## NVSHP Logo Contest draws student interest

What better way to celebrate our ASHP affiliation than with a LOGO CONTEST! We are pleased to announce our logo contest winner. Wendy Nissen, Pharm.D candidate, USN Class of 2009. Wendy wins a complimentary registration to any ASHP meeting this next year.



The challenge went out to all University of Southern Nevada Pharm.D. students and the en-

tries were impressive. All of the entries received were creative and inspiring. The choice was tough! We were so impressed with the participation we decided to award a 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner. Mindy Hsu (USN Class of 2009) will receive 2 books of her choice from an ASHP catalog of publications.

## INTRODUCING YOUR NVSHIP INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

**Interim President: Margaret (Meg) Gordon, PharmD, MPH Candidate**  
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**EDUCATION:** PharmD, Medical College of Virginia, 1998

**RESIDENCY:** Completed an ASHP-accredited Ambulatory Care Pharmacotherapy residency at the Richmond, VA VAMC.

**WORK:** Associate Chief Pharmacy, Quality Assurance and Pharmacy Benefit Management, Veterans Affairs Southern Nevada Healthcare System.

**HOBBIES:** Hiking, downhill skiing, traveling, and entertaining.

**Interim Treasurer: Caryn M. Bing, RPh, MS, FASHP**  
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**EDUCATION:** BS, University of Illinois College of Pharmacy, 1978. MS in Health Systems Management from Rush University (Chicago), 1983.

**RESIDENCY:** ASHP Accredited Residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, 1983.

**WORK:** Operations Performance Manager, (Corporate Clinical Services) Critical Care Systems.

**HOBBIES:** Cooking, gardening and traveling.

**Interim Secretary: Diana Quach PharmD**  
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**EDUCATION:** PharmD, USN, 2005

**RESIDENCY:** ASCP Executive Residency in Association Management.

**WORK:** Clinical Pharmacist for Kindred Pharmacy Services.

**HOBBIES:** Reading, watching movies, and traveling.



## NVSHIP INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Awards and Nominations: Julie Rodgers, PharmD, BCPS**  
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**EDUCATION:** PharmD UNM, 2001

**RESIDENCY:** New Mexico VA Healthcare System

**WORK:** Julie is currently the coordinator of the University Southern Nevada student program at the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System.

**HOBBIES:** She loves living in Las Vegas because of the endless places to shop and dine. She hates the cold so enjoys the hot weather.

**Recruitment and Marketing: Jeffrey Rosenblatt, PharmD, BCPS**  
Contact: jrosenblatt@usn.edu

**EDUCATION:** PharmD, USN

**RESIDENCY:** Pharmacy Practice Residency with University Medical Center of Southern Nevada.

**WORK:** Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, USN and clinical pharmacist with Kindred Hospital - Las Vegas

**HOBBIES:** Skiing and golfing

**Education Committee: Christina Madison PharmD**

**EDUCATION:** PharmD, USN

**RESIDENCY:** VA Medical Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico

**WORK:** Clinical Managed Care Pharmacist with Sierra Health Services

**Member-At-Large: Jannet M. Carmichael, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS**  
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**EDUCATION:** University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and the University of the Pacific College of Pharmacy PharmD program

**WORK:** VISN 21 Pharmacy Executive for the VA Sierra Pacific Network in Northern Nevada, Northern California and Hawaii.

**OTHER:** Jan is Past-President of the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists, past member of the Nevada Board of Pharmacy, Past-President of the Nevada Pharmacists Association and of the Nevada Pharmacy Alliance. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. She has 2 children, Jenna, 22 and Julia, 19.

**Member-At-Large: Diana T. Higgins PharmD**  
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**EDUCATION:** PharmD, UOP, 1996

**RESIDENCY:** UC Davis Health Care System, 1997

**WORK:** VISN 21 MCCF Pharmacy Program manager for the VA Sierra Pacific Network

**HOBBIES:** scrapbooking, geocaching, photography, and just "kicking back" with a nice glass of chardonnay.

**Member-At-Large: Scott Mambourg PharmD, BCPS**  
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**EDUCATION:** PharmD, ISU, 1995

**RESIDENCY:** VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, 1996

**WORK:** Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator, Residency Director, and Chair of the Western States Residency Conference

**HOBBIES:** Snow skiing, camping, hiking, biking; and enjoying a nice cocktail just about any time.

**Technician Representative: Maureen Fiorito** - Info not available

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WYETH EVENT

A huge "Thank You" to Wyeth for their generous support for our first CE event. "Treating Complicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections in an Era of Increasing Resistance" presented by Todd Brown, Pharm.D. Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator Swedish Medical Center, Seattle WA was held May 2nd in Reno at Bricks and May 3rd in Las Vegas at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant. In total we had 60 participants with several new sign-ups for membership! Both groups held a random drawing for a one year paid NVSHP membership. Congratulations to Ron Vaught of Reno, and Evelyn Chu of Las Vegas, they were our lucky winners!

## HOW WILL WE MAKE NVSHP A GREAT STATE AFFILIATE?

You have dutifully filled out and mailed in your membership application, *NOW WHAT?*

- ◆ **Recruit members!** We are developing a rewards program for membership recruitment. Look for this in the coming months! Be sure to hand out copies of the enclosed membership application, post them in your break room, discuss at staff meetings, GET THE WORD OUT! All current and new memberships will renew on June 30, 2008.
- ◆ **Become an Interim Board Member.** We are currently looking for a member interested in legislative matters to attend Board of Pharmacy meetings and participate in ASHP legislative teleconferences. If you are interested please contact Julie Rodgers ( [Julie.Rodgers@va.gov](mailto:Julie.Rodgers@va.gov)).
- ◆ **Join a committee!** NVSHP is an all volunteer organization with an aggressive agenda. Our committees are Awards and Nominations, Membership, Education, and Legislative. Contact an Interim Board member to join!
- ◆ **Seriously consider running for a Board position.** NVSHP will be conducting elections for NVSHP President, Secretary and Treasurer in the very near future. Contact Julie Rodgers ( [Julie.Rodgers@va.gov](mailto:Julie.Rodgers@va.gov)) if you're interested in running.
- ◆ **Represent Nevada in the ASHP House of Delegates.** The House of Delegates meet at the annual meeting, usually held in June. Next year the annual meeting will be in Seattle, WA. A delegate serves for 2 terms, we also elect alternate delegates. NVSHP will hold elections in early 2008. Contact Diana Higgins ([Diana.higgins@va.gov](mailto:Diana.higgins@va.gov)) if you're interested in running.
- ◆ **Give us your input!** What recurring or new topics do you want to see addressed in the Newsletter? Please contact Diana Higgins ([Diana.higgins@va.gov](mailto:Diana.higgins@va.gov)) and provide your suggestions!

## NEWS AND NOTES

### ◇ ASHP GRANTS NVSHP AFFILIATE STATUS

The ASHP Board granted Nevada full state affiliate status at their board meeting in April of this year. ASHP provided grant funding to NVSHP in order for us to move forward and form an affiliate. We have formed an Interim Board, written Bylaws and developed a Strategic Plan. Many thanks to ASHP and Dr. Hannah Vanderpool, a Nevada native, for her assistance in providing such helpful organizational tools. Hannah has provided the teleconferencing line for our monthly meetings. Even though Hannah resides near ASHP HQs, she participate in our board meetings (despite being 3 hours ahead!). Hannah's long distance guidance and efforts have been and continue to be of great benefit to our new state organization. Hannah, thanks for looking out for us!

### ◇ HOUSE OF DELEGATES HIGHLIGHTS:

Megan, Caryn and Diana (Higgins, alternate delegate) attended the ASHP Annual Meeting and House of Delegates Sessions. Caryn and Meg served actively in the House and were an integral force behind several key decisions. They were not shy about taking the mic! Nevada presented 3 proposals to the ASHP Board for consideration. You can check out the ASHP press release at [http://www.ashp.org/s\\_ashp/article\\_press.asp?CID=168&DID=2037&id=21121](http://www.ashp.org/s_ashp/article_press.asp?CID=168&DID=2037&id=21121)

### ◇ FUTURE EVENTS:

\*Membership cards....coming soon! In appreciation for all of her hard work and dedication the Interim Board voted to make Diana Quach member number 1!

\*NVSHP reception in association with the 2007 ASHP Mid-Year Clinical meeting. Look for more information in the next newsletter!

\*CE events. NVSHP will bring hot topics pertinent to our profession to both Northern and Southern Nevada.

If you have not been receiving e-mail correspondence and would like to be, or if you need to update your contact information, e-mail [nvshp@yahoo.com](mailto:nvshp@yahoo.com)

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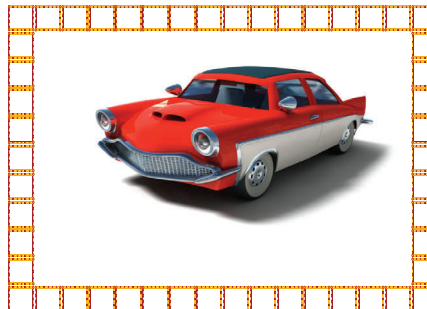
## HOT AUGUST NEVADA LAW CE

We hope that by now you have received the information on our exciting upcoming Nevada Law CE event. Larry Pinson, Executive Secretary for the Nevada State Board Pharmacy will be speaking.

The event for the North will be held at the National Automobile Museum, The Harrah Collection on Wednesday August 8. Beginning at 6 pm guests may tour the museum, enjoy a refreshing beverage and catch up with colleagues.

The Law CE program and dinner (catered by the Siena) will begin at 7 PM, at 8 PM we will have a

presentation by a special guest Sergeant Dave McNeely and K-9. Sgt. McNeely will be discussing



illicit methamphetamine use in our community.

This event in Reno promises to be exceptional especially since it will be held during the annual

Hot August Nights car show! Please share this information with your colleagues.

The event in the South is tentatively scheduled for October and is in the early planning stages. Keep a look out for the informational flyer or contact Dr. Rosenblatt at [jrosenblatt@usn.edu](mailto:jrosenblatt@usn.edu) for more information.

We can always use volunteers at these event to assist with checking in attendees. If you would like to volunteer please contact Dr. Mambourg in Reno or Dr. Rosenblatt in Las Vegas.