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Special points of interest:

- Check out the new forum page on our web site. Post new topics and contribute to on going discussions!
<http://nvshp.com/forum>
- Watch for new CE opportunities coming up in February and March. Updates and links will be posted on our web site:
<http://nvshp.com/ce>



Message From The President



Julie Rodgers
NVSHIP President

How quickly time passes. I can't believe it is already the end of my term as President of NVSHIP. With every end is a beginning and I have the strongest of confidence in Kathryn Craven as NVSHIP's next president. NVSHIP is off to a strong start. We have a robust membership which will continue to foster success. I had the chance to attend the 2008 Presidential Officer's Retreat in November, in Ft. Worth. The meeting was extremely informative and I brought back many new ideas.

Topic discussions with other affiliates ranged from leadership development to technician membership. Making contacts with the other state societies will promote our position as the newest state affiliate and create alliances for questions and guidance. With our reputation growing, more opportunities present themselves which help to further cultivate NVSHIP. Here's to upward achievements in 2009!

Sincerely,

Julie

Words From The President-Elect

First of all, I would like to say, that I am very eager to start my term as President of NVSHIP! To start off, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I have been working at Sunrise Hospital for the past 22 plus years and I really enjoy my practice site. I graduated from University of Utah in 1985 with a B.S. degree. In 2001, I decided to finally start working on a PharmD degree through the University of Florida and in 2004; I completed

and achieved my PharmD degree. For any of you who have been toying with the idea to go back to school and accomplish this feat I would just like to say that, I found the whole experience very rewarding.

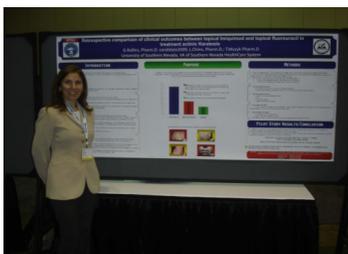
When I look back over the last couple of years of the NVSHIP history, I can not believe how far we have come. Our membership numbers keep climbing and we had a very successful Annual Meeting. I will be working hard as

President to make sure that this coming year will be as exciting and rewarding as last year.

Since this year is a renewal year for pharmacists, I am working with the Board of Pharmacy to promote and present a Law CE about the new Nevada Sterile Compounding Regulations. I hope to meet you at one of these programs.

Sincerely,

Kathryn "Katie" Craven



2008 ASHP Midyear Meeting

The 43rd annual ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting was held December 7 thru 11 in Orlando, FL. More than 20,000 attendees and over 100 exhibitors were expected to come together at one of the largest gatherings of pharmacists in the world.

Featured speaker Elizabeth Edwards gave a keynote speech in the opening session Monday. Other events included a spotlight on science presentation from Dr. Steven Kaler, the ASHP Best Practices Award Reception, an evening street party at Universal Studios theme park, and a networking luncheon with featured speaker Kevin Carroll.

Student programming included the clinical skills competition, a pharmacy board exam workshop, and a personal placement service event for grads and job

seekers.

Professional education programs were offered in the form of pre-meeting workshops, student and resident poster presentations, and hundreds of hours of CE credit.

Director at Large, Jeff Rosenblatt and president, Julie Rodgers, attended the State Affiliate meeting on Decision to Volunteer where we discussed the characteristics of volunteers, how and why people volunteer, understanding effective volunteer recruitment and retaining volunteers and attracting non-volunteers.

Adam Porath (NVSH member) attended the State Affiliate Legislative Meeting.

Discussions at this meeting included the 2009 advocacy agenda of ASHP at both the Federal and State level. Key advocacy

issues for the coming year include re-instating PGY2 Residency funding, establishing Pharmacist Provider status, and further fostering the ASHP Technician Initiative that would require as a prerequisite for state board registration, completion of an ASHP-accredited pharmacy technician training and Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) certification.

Nevada had 4 residency booths in the showcase: VA Southern Nevada Healthcare system, Renown, University Medical Center and Sierra Nevada VA. Current residents had poster presentations as well.

The amazing educational and networking opportunities made this year's Midyear conference a truly unforgettable experience!

Clinical Skills Competition

Congratulations to USN's overall winning team from the 2008 ASHP Clinical Skills Competition (CSC): **P3s Ali Rejali and Maryam Rejali**. Ali and Maryam represented our University against one team from each College of Pharmacy in the U.S. at the National Clinical Skills Competition Finals that took place Saturday, Dec. 6th, during the ASHP 43rd Annual Midyear Clinical Meeting.

Ali and Maryam both received a complimentary meeting registration, cour-

tesy of ASHP, and free airfare and hotel, courtesy of USNCOP and the Student Alliance. Our campus runners-up were **P3s Wendy Nissen and Erica Zelickowski**.

As ASHP rules only allow space for CSC teams from multi-campus institutions based upon their accreditation approach, USN was unfortunately only able to send one team total from both our campuses combined. This marked our first year with teams competing from our South Jordan campus, so special

thanks to Dr. Strohecker and Dr. Fannin for establishing the competition up in Utah.

Special thanks also go out to the entire LLRC staff for all of their help, to Student Alliance President Ana Negrete and Student Alliance Special Events Coordinator Jennifer Chalcomb for their assistance with competition logistics, and to Dr. Barclay, Dr. Bhakta, and Dr. Kullgren for judging the event.

Student Article: Should Pharmacy Residency Serve as A Prerequisite for Direct Patient Care?

By: Immanuel Ijo

At the 2007 ASHP's Summer Meeting, the House of Delegates proclaimed their approved resolution: "All pharmacy school graduates should be required to complete an ASHP-accredited post-graduate year one residency."

According to Henri Manasee, ASHP CEO, graduating pharmacists may not possess the clinical maturity to serve as pharmacotherapy experts in today's progressive health care systems. New graduates endeavoring to provide direct patient care should complete a post-graduate residency, which will expose them to the depth of clinical knowledge and experiences necessary for practice in today's progressive health care systems. ACCP also endorses the proposal, affirming the vision that policies should strongly encourage residency training for pharmacy practitioners whose roles encompass direct patient care

Does ACCP and ASHP's collaborative recommendation necessarily obligate all pharmacists to complete a post-graduate residency? No, the proposal is not a blanket statement applicable to all pharmacist roles. For instance, those who mainly provide order fulfillment services may not need residency but rather additional postgraduate training in informatics and systems engineering. On a similar vein, a Master's or Ph.D. degree, instead of residency, may be required for those interested in pursuing a research career. Therefore, although the proposal strongly encourages residency as prerequisite for pharmacists assuming direct pa-

tient care, it is not a requirement for contemporary graduates inclined towards clinical pharmacy in their future practice.

Although the majority of ACCP faculty members favored the proposal, those who resisted the recommendation have raised critical questions and concerns. Should state and licensure regulations mandate the residency prerequisite? Will experienced pharmacists, who have not undergone residency training prior to their current role in direct patient care, be required to receive residency training? Considering the challenges of seeking financial resources and manpower to develop new residency positions and expand existing ones, many critics of the proposal do not perceive the prospect of developing 7500 available residency programs by the year 2020 as pragmatic or achievable.

In spite of the hurdles confronting ACCP and ASHP's proposal, there prevails a growing interest among graduates towards a post-graduate residency program. In 2007, the number of applicants pursuing residency training peaked at 1900, a record high compared to 802 candidates five years ago. Paralleling this surge of student interest is the rise in residency opportunities, which has swelled to a current pool of 653 ASHP-accredited residency programs. Clearly, graduates have demonstrated a heightened awareness of the need to expand their clinical knowledge base pivotal to their future roles as experts in evidence-based therapeutics.

NVSHP Legislative Committee Calendar of Events

January

14-15th Nevada State Board of Pharmacy Meeting in Las Vegas (<http://bop.nv.gov/>)

15th ASHP State Legislative Conference Call, 11:30am-12:30pmPST, (888)824-5783, code 64108533#

February

6th NVSHP Legislative Call, 12noon-1pm, (888)824-5783, code 31764964#

19th ASHP State Legislative Conference Call, 11:30am-12:30pmPST, (888)824-5783, code 64108533#

March

4-5th Nevada State Board of Pharmacy Meeting in Reno (<http://bop.nv.gov/>)

6th NVSHP Legislative Call, 12noon-1pm, (888)824-5783, code 31764964#

19th ASHP State Legislative Conference Call, 11:30am-12:30pmPST, (888)824-5783, code 64108533#

April

3rd NVSHP Legislative Call, 12noon-1pm, (888)824-5783, code 31764964#

15-16th Nevada State Board of Pharmacy Meeting in Las Vegas (<http://bop.nv.gov/>)

16th ASHP State Legislative Conference Call, 11:30am-12:30pmPST, (888)824-5783, code 64108533#

Upcoming Events:

Health Legislative Day at the Nevada Legislature in Carson City (date to be determined)

Nevada 2009 Legislature is in session and the Bill Draft Request (BDRs) List of the 74th Session is now posted. There are several drafts that may relate to the practice of pharmacy. View the BDRs and available language at: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/BDRlist/>.



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NVSHP Election Results

The results are in for the NVSHP election:

President elect:	Caryn Bing
Director at Large:	Corrine Bailey
Treasurer:	Paul Oesterman

Congratulations to our newest board members!



CARYN M. BING

I have served in my current position with Critical Care Systems (CCS), a national infusion and specialty pharmacy provider, since 2004. I am also Residency Programs Manager and a Preceptor for the CCS Pharmacy Residency programs in multiple states. I have nearly 30 years of pharmacy practice and management experience. I am a Charter Member of the NVSHP, and have served as the Treasurer for nearly two years. I have been a member of ASHP since the beginning of my career, and my past professional association leadership roles include: President, Illinois Council of Health System Pharmacists; President of the Northern Illinois Society of Hospital Pharmacists; Director at Large, ASHP Section of Home, Ambulatory and Chronic Care Practitioners; Chairperson, SHP Task Force on Continuity of Care; and Chairperson/ten-year member of the National Home Infusion Association Education Committee. I have also served on the ASHP Council on Professional Affairs, various ASHP committees. I moved to Las Vegas in 2002. I welcome the opportunity to continue serving with NVSHP to enhance and strengthen our profession in

PAUL OESTERMAN

After receiving my PharmD degree, I became Director of Pharmacy Services for Lodi Community Hospital. After 13 years at the hospital, I accepted a position with Kaiser Permanente in Northern California. At both the hospital and at Kaiser, I have continually mentored pharmacy students, and in 1983 was awarded the State of California Preceptor of the Year award. Throughout my tenure, I participated in numerous community service projects including coordinating Su Salud Health Fairs, serving on the Habitat for Humanity Family Selection Committee, and helping coach youth sports teams. In 2001, I relocated to Las Vegas where I accepted a position as a Clinical Consulting Pharmacist with Merck-Medco and worked per diem at a number of retail sites. In May 2005, I became the early Experience Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at USN. I continue to serve the profession and community by continuing my service to Habitat for Humanity, being selected as a member of the State of Nevada Drug Utilization Review Board in 2006, serving on the Medical Reserve Corps since 2006, regularly assisting with Community Health Fairs, and serving since 2007 as a co-advisor for the locally and nationally recognized Drug Abuse Awareness Team.

CORRINE BAILEY

Corrine did not provide a bio about herself for the ballot. She was a pharmacist at University Medical Center for many years and has recently retired. Which means, of course that she will have plenty of time to spend with NVSHP and she should be a real asset to the Board!!!

NOCA Leadership Award Winner

Melissa Murer Corrigan, RPh, Executive Director and CEO of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB), was recently awarded the 2008 Certification Industry Leadership Award, the highest annual honor given by the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). Presented at the NOCA Annual Educa-

tional Conference, the award recognizes Ms. Murer Corrigan's "innovative leadership in developing, implementing, and researching programs or practices for the field of certification and licensure."

As the founding executive of PTCB, Ms. Murer Corrigan has certified more than 300,000 pharmacy

technicians. PTCB is the largest NCCA accredited national certification program for pharmacy technicians in the country and was recently recognized by APhA and ASHP as the benchmark and standard for ensuring patient safety in the growing pharmacy technician career field.



Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)

In a letter published October 1, 2008, in the American Journal for Health-Systems Pharmacy, APhA and ASHP reinforced their position regarding pharmacy technician certification to ensure a professionally recognized level of competency in individuals preparing and handling medications.

The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) was founded in 1995 to serve the need for a single national standard for pharmacy technician certification. Governed by five pharmacy organizations, including ASHP and APhA, PTCB has certified over 300,000 pharmacy technicians from virtually

every type of practice setting. Please refer to the for mentioned publication for specific ASHP and APhA policies.

Gans, JA, Manasse HR. Certification of Pharmacy Technicians. Am J Health-Syst Pharm. 2008;

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