President's Message
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This has been a busy year for ALSHP and the Board of Directors. In my last message, I mentioned that in December of 2015 our management company, Centric Management and Consulting decided to change directions and only manage non-healthcare related organizations. While Centric was not able to provide full management services to ALSHP in 2016, they did stay on to help on to help with our summer meeting at the Marriott Grand in Point Clear. Thanks go to the Board of Directors and committee members who, in addition to their full time jobs, have helped tremendously by working directly on projects typically reserved for a management company.

We appreciate your patience and understanding over the last year as we have been transitioning our management. During the spring and summer, I appointed a search committee led by Marshall Cates and Whitney White to lead ALSHP through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process in order to look for a new management company to replace Centric. We had 12 different management companies submit proposals for review. The Search Committee, with the help of ASHP, reviewed all RFP's, interviewed candidates, and presented their findings to the Board of Directors this summer. Based upon the recommendations of the Task Force ALSHP has selected Glass Management Company, Executive Director, Steve Glass from Tallahassee, Florida. Steve is a pharmacist and a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and his wife is also a pharmacist and serves on the Florida Board of Pharmacy. Steve has been the Executive Director of the Georgia Society of Health System Pharmacists for over 25 years.
years, and has served as Executive Director of the Virginia Society of Health System Pharmacists for approximately four years. ALSHP is excited to have Steve join us as Executive Director and we look forward to seeing what opportunities for growth await the organization based upon Steve’s expert experience! If you have a moment, please stop by and introduce yourself to Steve at the upcoming Annual Clinical Meeting.

The ALSHP Summer Meeting and Exhibit Show at the Marriott Grand in Point Clear June 5th -7th was a great success! Over 125 ALSHP members were in attendance for great programming and lots of networking. Feedback on the programming and the site was great and based on the attendance at this meeting; ALSHP will continue to look at Mobile as a rotation site for future summer meetings. The 2017 Summer meeting will be held at "The Henderson," June 11-13, 2017. See you there!

The 64th Annual Clinical Meeting (ACM) will be held in Birmingham, Alabama September 29th and 30th. A new addition to the ACM will be the Alabama Residency Showcase. In the past the showcase occurred separately, once at Auburn University and once at Samford University. This year ALSHP has moved the Alabama Residency Showcase (ARS) to occur in conjunction with the ACM. The Showcase will occur on Thursday, September 29th. From 9 am until noon there will be student programming at the conference.

Programming will include topics including Curriculum Vitae writing, Interviewing Skills, and Managing the Midyear Process. Lunch will be provided to students in attendance, and the highlight of the afternoon will be the Showcase itself on Thursday afternoon. At the time of this writing 25 residency programs will be present from Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Alabama to interview students interested in regional residency programs.

Running parallel to the Showcase will be a networking meeting for Pharmacy Directors and Managers from across the state. The morning will start with a reverse exposition and will lead to lunch and a Directors only meeting with a variety of discussion topics that will last until 5 pm. The ACM and annual business meeting will be on Friday and the program will open with a number of clinical programs including a Practice Advancement Initiative Presentation sponsored by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) and given by Kimberly Braxton-Lloyd on "Pharmacist Reimbursement in the State of Alabama." Emily Scarborough Waite will present on Pediatric Anticoagulation and the New Practitioners Committee will have a session on Clinical Pearls. The afternoon will include sessions including a New Drug Update on Biosimilar Agents by Chris Allen and Agents for Diabetes Mellitus given by Joshua Settle, and an Update on Hepatitis C from Spencer Durham. The lunch hour will include a seated lunch, awards, board reports, and induction of new officers. We hope that you are able to attend this popular meeting and look forward to seeing you there!

Over the last year the Communications Council including the Website and Social Media committee has been working on a brand new ALSHP website. As many of you who have ventured to the ALSHP website have found, many links on the old ALSHP website did not work and ALSHP did not have direct control over the website so it was very difficult to make timely repairs to the website. ALSHP has associated with Wild Apricot, a website, blog, and membership management company to develop our new website. The website is very close to being ready and we hope to introduce later this fall.

In addition to a new website the Board completed an update to the ALSHP Bylaws (which will be voted on at the ACM), and task force of the Board have worked on developing a new and updated logo and brand to represent ALSHP. Another Board task force identified,
interviewed and selected 3 potential candidates to send to Governor Bentley for the next Alabama Board of Pharmacy Institutional Seat.

At the end of the year, Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy and ALSHP will again hold a reception at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas Nevada. The Reception is scheduled for Monday, December 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Islander AF Meeting Room in Mandalay Bay. If you are attending the ASHP Midyear Meeting we hope to see you there!

Thank you for allowing me and the current Board of Directors to represent you this past year. I have enjoyed the opportunity immensely. I hope to see you at the ACM, and again at the ALSHP Summer Meeting in Destin.

Calendar of events:
September - 2016
   29-30: Annual Meeting- Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama

October- 2016
   7: Auburn HSOP Clinical Skills Competition
   11: Samford's MSOP's ASHP Clinical Skills Competition

November - 2016
   9: Birmingham Area Social- Perry's Steakhouse @ 6:00pm
   14: Deadline for recommendations for ASHP Committee appointments

June - 2017
   11-13: Annual Summer Meeting- The Henderson Hotel in Destin, Florida

Annual Meeting:
- The ALSHP Annual Meeting is quickly approaching! The Annual Meeting is September 29-30 at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham. There will be programming for all pharmacists! There are specific tracks for students, pharmacy directors, and a clinical pearls forum designed specifically for new practitioners. To register and to see the details and scheduling, please visit the website at http://www.alshp.org/programsMeetings.php

Staying Connected:
- Work in Progress: As many of you have probably noticed, the ALSHP website has not been updated and many links are non-functional. This is because we as an organization did not have direct control over the website, and we were unable to make timely updates and repairs. We are now associated with Wild Apricot who will manage and develop our website. The development has been underway for a few months and will be ready for unveiling this Fall!

- Please like our Facebook page and follow our posts for up-to-date ALSHP information: https://www.facebook.com/ALSHPRX

- The 2016 ASHP House of Delegates now has web-links that can connect you to the
deliberations ongoing with the House of Delegates. The links are current through the June 2016 meetings. +

- General page for House of Delegates Information:
  - [http://www.ashp.org/menu/PracticePolicy/HOD.aspx](http://www.ashp.org/menu/PracticePolicy/HOD.aspx)
- Polices passed by the 2016 House of Delegates:
- Slideset for policies considered by the 2016 House of Delegates:
  - [http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Policy/HOD.aspx](http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Policy/HOD.aspx) [click on third item under "Session Information]
- Virtual House of Delegates FAQs:
  - [http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Policy/HOD/VirtualHODFAQs.pdf](http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Policy/HOD/VirtualHODFAQs.pdf)
  - [Next Virtual House runs from November 14-18](http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Policy/HOD/VirtualHODFAQs.pdf)

Social Events :

ALSHP held our most recent social at Rojo in Birmingham on August 19th. This event was a huge success that about 30 of our members attended. NovoNordisk® graciously sponsored the event- providing food, drinks and a speaker, Dr. Jonathan Marquess, CDE, PharmD, who discussed diabetic transitions of care. It was a great night of socializing and learning.
Our next Birmingham-area social is already planned!

- When: Wednesday, November 9
- Where: Perry's Steakhouse (4 Perimeter Park S, Birmingham, AL 35243)
- Details: This will be a "member's only" event sponsored by Salveo Health CommunicationsTM. There will be a speaker discussing "Rare Blood Disorders: Acquired Hemophilia A and Severe Congenital Protein C-Deficiency".
- Come join us for great company, a wonderful dinner, and some education!
- Be on the lookout for a formal invitation from Salveo in your inbox including out to RSVP!

ALSHP is aware that all of our scheduled socials to-date have been in the Birmingham area. If there are other areas in the state interested in organizing a social, please contact the Director of Communications, Jonathan Fowler- jafowler@samford.edu. We would love to extend these events to other member areas- we just need your help to organize!

In loving memory of Dr. Gary Bumgarner:
There really is no way to quantify the impact Dr. Bumgarner had on those that were fortunate enough to know him. He lived in a way that inspired us to be great in every facet of life. His dedication to the success of pharmacy students was unparalleled. This is why everyone that has learned under Dr. Bumgarner refers to him as their friend who was also their professor. Dr. Bumgarner, your love, generosity, and compassion will not be forgotten.

Member Announcements:

- Congratulations to our newly elected Alabama representatives in the ASHP Executive Board!
  - Dr. Jessica W. Skelley, Pharm.D., BCACP was elected Director-at-Large in the Section of ASHP Ambulatory Care Practitioners
  - Dr. Kim W. Benner, Pharm.D., BCPS, FASHP, FPPAG was elected Chairman in the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists

- Are YOU or someone you know interested in being involved at a NATIONAL level?
  - Recommendations for appointments to ASHP committees are currently being accepted for the June 2017 - May 2018 term. The deadline for recommendations is November 14, 2016.
  - ASHP President-elect Paul W. Bush, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoints members of ASHP Committees. ASHP members are encouraged to recommend themselves or other members for appointment.
  - In making recommendations for appointments, the President-elect takes into consideration geographic distribution, personal qualifications, and previous experience in ASHP and affiliated state societies.
  - ASHP is especially interested in having recommendations that help ensure sufficient diversity in appointments.
  - ASHP is also interested in identifying new practitioners, residents, and students who are well equipped to serve ASHP through an appointment to one of these bodies.

Members may recommend more than one individual for any particular body. The number of recommendations usually far exceeds the number of appointments.

- Members who have previously been appointed and who would like to continue serving must also submit recommendation materials.
- To recommend someone for appointment, an ASHP member must complete the online Appointment Recommendation Submission Form. The form allows members to provide comments on the candidate's (1) qualifications, (2) experience, (3) areas of special expertise, (4) previous involvement with ASHP or state affiliates, and (5) any special characteristics that will help ASHP achieve a balance of perspectives and diversity. Note that the candidate's curriculum vitae must be attached to the form when it is submitted.
- If you have any questions, please contact the ASHP Executive Office at
Samford McWhorter School of Pharmacy is looking for some practitioners to help judge the MSOP round of the ASHP Clinical Skills Competition! The competition will be held on Tuesday, October 11th in the afternoon/evening hours. Student teams of two have two hours to prepare a pharmacotherapeutic care plan on a provided case; then they present their plan to a panel of judges. Judges will score the presentations utilizing a rubric provided by ASHP. The national case and corresponding answers will be provided to the judges confidentially ahead of time. More about the competition can be found at [http://www.ashp.org/menu/AboutUs/Awards/ClinicalSkillsCompetition.aspx](http://www.ashp.org/menu/AboutUs/Awards/ClinicalSkillsCompetition.aspx).

Judging will begin around 5 pm, include a light dinner, and conclude when all student groups have presented, which is typically 8-9 pm. Please let Kim Benner know if you can help at kwbenner@samford.edu.

**Newsletter Call outs:**
- Would you like to have an event added to the newsletter calendar or make an announcement? Please send us your ALSHP-related events to alshpnewsletter@gmail.com.
- Do you or one of your students have a timely pharmacy-related article you would like to submit for publication? Please email your articles to alshpnewsletter@gmail.com

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