President’s Message
Whitney White, PharmD, BCPS

Greetings!!

Thanks to everyone who attended our Annual Clinical Meeting in Birmingham and who helped make it a success! Not only did we have exceptional educational programming for pharmacists and students, but we hosted the annual Alabama Residency Showcase with a record number of residency programs and students in attendance! As part of the business meeting, we voted to approve a bylaws revision, introduced the membership to our new Executive Director Steve Glass, and installed our new officers for 2016-17:

Whitney White, PharmD, BCPS: President
LeeAnn Cain, RPh: President-Elect
Jeff Kyle, PharmD, BCPS: Council Director for Educational Affairs
Kellye Knight, RPh: Secretary/Treasurer
April Yarbrough, PharmD, BCPS: Council Director for Professional Affairs

I am truly delighted to continue my service to ALSHP as President! I joined our great organization many years ago as a student and began to discover all the tremendous benefits of being an ALSHP member – excellent continuing education, numerous networking opportunities, and advocacy for the

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2016

December 2:
ALSHP Winter Poster Session
Birmingham, AL
1:00PM- 3:00PM

December 4-8:
ASHP Midyear Meeting
Mandalay Bay Convention Center
Las Vegas, NV

December 5:
Alabama Reception-
5:30PM – 7PM
Mandalay Bay Hotel

December 31:
Deadline for ASHP Committee appointments

2017

June 11-13:
ALSHP Summer Meeting
The Henderson Hotel
Destin, Florida

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profession. In addition, I have had the privilege to serve ALSHP as a former Council Director, Delegate and committee member. And over the years, I have learned that ALSHP has a unique distinctive – we are THE organization in the state focused on the needs of health-system pharmacists and how we can build our knowledge and skills to best help patients in Alabama. Our voice matters!

We have many great initiatives I hope to build upon this year. One main area of focus will be furthering advocacy for collaborative drug therapy management legislation in Alabama. We are one of two remaining states in the US that do not have collaborative practice legislation. Many of our members function in this capacity every day through collaboration between physicians and pharmacists in hospitals and clinics. But our state practice act does not currently include collaborative practice within our scope of practice. And the national level Provider Status legislation defers to states’ scope of practice for what services a pharmacist can provide and be compensated for. ALSHP has made great efforts to keep this discussion going and to work with the State Board of Pharmacy and other organizations to further this initiative. In 2016-2017, I hope that you will join us in this endeavor! Help us reach our goal: to allow pharmacists statewide (in all practice settings) the opportunity to provide and be compensated for providing optimal patient care through collaborative practice.

We have amazing members, and we saw a lot of membership growth last year! I hope this trend continues, and the Board of Directors will work to find ways for each member to serve and engage in the many opportunities ALSHP provides! One way to engage is to serve on a committee. You will see a call for committee service coming soon. Please join us and bring your skills and expertise to an ALSHP committee! We will also be reaching out to pharmacy directors this year – you are such a vital part of our organization and we want to provide additional resources for you, including forums to connect with other directors across the state to share ideas and discuss challenges. More to come, so stay tuned!

Lastly, ALSHP is getting a new website and logo! The new website should roll out in the next couple of weeks; so be sure to check it out! We are wrapping up our re-branding process and part of that process included designing a new logo. The membership will be asked to vote on the best design soon!

Don’t forget to join us in Las Vegas at ASHP Midyear! The Alabama reception will be held at the Mandalay Bay Hotel on Monday, December 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm. The 2017 Summer Meeting with be June 11-13 at The Henderson in Destin, Florida.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this year!

All the best,

Whitney
Happy Belated National Pharmacy Week!!

How did you celebrate National Pharmacy Week?

We hope that you had an excellent week of celebration and appreciation during National Pharmacy Appreciation Week which was October 16-22, 2016!

We sent a call-out to our member to see how you celebrated and/or served during the week. Our members at Children’s of Alabama in Birmingham got on board with their current theme of “Heroes Heal Here” and had a Flu-shot drive during pharmacy week. Member of the pharmacy team dressed as super heroes, and they gave (and received) flu vaccines to promote pharmacy and preventative medicine.

Pictured here are Children’s of Alabama Pharmacists: Boopathy Sivaraman, Anna Curl, Hannah Coulson, and Anna Daniels.
Annual Meeting Review

This year’s Annual Meeting was held on September 29-30th at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham. We had a very successful meeting with an outstanding attendance including 77 pharmacist members, 5 residents, and 96 students.

On Thursday, we provided student-centered programming and hosted the ALSHP Residency Showcase. There were 200 Auburn and Samford students who attended the conference and showcase. Thirty one residency programs from Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee were on hand to promote their programs and fellowship with the students.
Also on Thursday, the Directors of Pharmacy from across the state participated in a Reverse Expo with 10 vendors. A special thanks to the Directors and the vendors for making this event a success.

On Friday, we provided 6 hours of CPE credit opportunities featuring Dr. Kimberly Braxton-Lloyd who discussed “Pharmacist Reimbursement in the State of Alabama.” During the Business Luncheon, the Board presented their reports for the year, announced the 2016 yearly awards, and swore in the new ALSHP Board officers.
The 2016 ALSHP Award Recipients:

**Service Awards:**
Mike Kendrach, PharmD, BSPharm, FASHP
Marshall Cates, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP, FASHP
Rachel Slaton, PharmD, BCPS
Charles Cook, PharmD
Allison Meyer, PharmD, BCACP
Jonathan Bunn, PharmD, BCOP, BCPS
Boopathy Sivaraman, MSc., PharmD

**Health System Pharmacist of the Year:**
Tim Martin, PharmD

**Outstanding Health System Pharmacist:**
Meagan Fowler, PharmD, BCPS

**New Practitioner of the Year:**
Sarah Blackwell, PharmD, BCPS

Upcoming ASHP Midyear Meeting

The Midyear ASHP meeting is quickly approaching. It will be held December 4-8 at Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV. Please follow the link below for the full meeting information in addition to information for all planned ASHP events.

[http://www.ashp.org/menu/Events/Conferences](http://www.ashp.org/menu/Events/Conferences)

Also, ALSHP will be hosting an Alabama Reception at ASHP Midyear. It will be Monday, December 5 from 5:30pm to 7pm at the Mandalay Bay Hotel. We hope to see you there!
Social Events

The most recent Birmingham area social was held Wednesday, November 9th at Perry’s Steakhouse (4 Perimeter Park S, Birmingham, AL 35243). It was a huge success. There were 32 ALSHP members present for an outstanding dinner and a lively discussion about “Rare Blood Disorders: Acquired Hemophilia A and Severe Congenital Protein C-Deficiency”. We are grateful to our sponsor- Salveo Health Communications™ who were wonderful to work with!

Our next event is in the works! More details to come- watch your emails! Hopefully, we will soon be planning some socials in areas other than the Birmingham area. If you are interested in having an event in your area or if you know of a potential sponsor for one of these or other ALSHP events, please contact ALSHP’s Director of Communications, Jonathan Fowler at jafowler@samford.edu.
Member Announcements/Committee Updates

Performance Improvement Committee

The Performance Improvement Committee would like to remind all members to regularly check the Performance Improvement section of the new ALSHP website for descriptions of quality related projects contributed by fellow ALSHP members, information on ISMP recommendations, and a list of recent literature references addressing quality issues on drug use.

Research and Scholarship Committee

ALSHP is offering a new opportunity for Research Poster Presentations for pharmacy students and residents. The ALSHP Winter Poster Session will be on Friday, December 2nd from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Birmingham, AL. We look forward to a great poster session and hope to see you there!

Call for Committee Members

Are you interesting in getting more involved in ALSHP? We would LOVE for you to join one us and help ALSHP grow! With over TWENTY active committees and subcommittees, we are sure we can find the right fit for you! Please email Whitney White, PharmD, BCPS at cwall@samford.edu with your name and areas of interest, and we will get you involved today!

A Day in the Life Of...

A section about getting to know a little about one of our fellow pharmacists

Jarrod Pescatore, PharmD, BCPS  
Internal Medicine Pharmacist  
UAB Hospital

Where did you graduate pharmacy school and complete residency (if applicable)?
I graduated from Auburn University in 2011 and completed a PGY-1 residency at Shands Jacksonville (now known as UF Health) from 2011-2012.
**What is your typical schedule?**
I am evening shift, 7 on/7 off. I generally work 1330-2300 during the weekdays, and 1030-2300 on weekends.

**What area do you work in and how many patients do you cover?**
The areas I cover include a hospitalist floor and the Tinsley Harrison Service (internal medicine floor). My units have changed over the years, but I’ve covered anywhere from 60-100+ patients. Currently, I have about 60 active beds on my units.

**Briefly describe an average work day.**
When I arrive to work, I take over the pagers from day shift and immediately begin working on orders and new consults while also answering phone calls. We are a decentralized practice, so nurses and physicians routinely come by my office to ask questions as well. New admissions from the emergency room or direct admits commonly come up to the floor during my shift, so I spend much of my time helping with the medication reconciliation process, evaluating new orders for appropriateness, completing new consults, and following up with drug levels/labs.

**Describe a medication error that you were proud to catch.**
I can’t recall a specific medication error, but I take pride in preventing medication errors associated with anticoagulants. With the introduction of some of the new agents, I am able to prevent drug errors associated with these and parenteral agents (e.g. bridging heparin/enoxaparin and rivaroxaban/apixaban)

**What do you enjoy most about your job?**
I appreciate being an important resource for everyone on my floors as well as other pharmacists on my shift. From helping a new intern decide on an antibiotic regimen to helping a nurse solve an automated dispensing cabinet (ADC) issue, I enjoy the problem-solving aspect of my job.

**What do you enjoy most about working at your institution?**
The people. There is great camaraderie among the pharmacists at UAB that fosters a “working together” environment. I am able to bounce ideas and thoughts off as many people as I can call (especially the other evening shift pharmacists). I also have great relationships with all the physicians, nurses, CRNPs, PAs, technicians, etc.

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**Newsletter Callouts**

- 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

- We would love to learn about a Day in the Life Of…… YOU!!!  We would love to feature a wide variety of pharmacy positions and roles in this new segment to allow pharmacists, students, and residents across the state to have an opportunity to see the variety that our profession provides. Please answer the questions in the section and send an (optional but desired) headshot to alshpnewsletter@gmail.com— you just may be our next featured member!