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President's Message

So far it appears that the ground hog wasn't correct in predicting six more weeks of winter. With the likelihood of an early spring throughout New York State, the weather should be better than usual for the upcoming NYSCHP Annual Assembly at the Sagamore Resort in the Lake George area. If you haven't registered yet, be sure to take advantage of the early bird discount and remind your colleagues about the event. Details for programming and registration are available on the Council's website: www.nyschp.org

Speaking of the Annual Assembly, I am delighted to report that the planning committee has identified a number of pharmacy student-oriented programs throughout the weekend. Pharmacy students are our future members and leaders of our organization and it is important that they be included and integrated in our annual meeting. Our pharmacy school liaisons and student representative to the board, Maya Holsen, have provided invaluable guidance in further developing our student involvement. The Council's Board of Directors and Annual Assembly Committee are reaching out to the pharmacy schools throughout the state with a "sponsor-a-student registration" incentive for the Assembly. It is our intention that you will be rubbing elbows with more students than in past meetings.

At the House of Delegates, the Council will be discussing and debating many cutting-edge pharmacy issues being brought forth by our Chapters around the state. These resolutions often result in the position statements for our organization which can be readily accessed from the NYSCHP website.

The annual Pharmacy Lobby Day is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Consider taking part in this exciting day where hundreds of future and practicing pharmacists descend upon the state capital to advocate for our profession and the patients we serve. Our legislative priorities will include promoting the registration/certification of pharmacy technicians, authorizing trained pharmacy interns to immunize, and furthering our impact within the health care system through collaborative drug therapy management.

Hopefully, you have seen the Council's new website and updated logo! If not, take a few minutes to check them out and try out some of the new features at www.nyschp.org

There's still plenty of time to plan your theme-appropriate attire for the Friday night luau on April 28th! We will have long forgotten the ground hog's prediction by then.

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



NYSCHP2017 **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

Rebrand. Renew. Recharge.

April 28-30, 2017

The Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, NY

Yes, you heard it right. The online registration is now open for our Annual Assembly. This year we are heading back to beautiful Sagamore, New York.

This year the Council has undergone a major facelift with the introduction of its new logo. The new logo symbolizes the evolution and the advancement of our organization. The pharmacy profession has come a long way, and our organization has evolved alongside it. Besides the new logo, the Council has also launched a new website, just in time for the opening of our Annual Assembly registration. Please check it out!

The Committee of Continuing Competency (CCC) and the Annual Assembly (AA) Committee put together a phenomenal program this year, covering important and critical topics that affect health-systems pharmacists, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians. Our invited speakers have extensive experience and knowledge on the topics they will be covering, and will surely not disappoint.

Let us not forget our Annual Residency Research and Practice Forum. This is a great opportunity to learn about the different research projects conducted by residents throughout New York State.

Get your CE credits, enjoy the company of your peers, and get your groove on at the themed party. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Assembly.



STUDENT CORNER

Students Preparing to Take Action in Policy and Advocacy

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Did you know that pharmacy interns are allowed to immunize in 45 states?¹ However, New York is one of the five states in the United States in which pharmacy interns do not have this privilege. This has sparked great concern among our peers as there are high educational and practical benefits for students to have this right. The Interns as Immunizers bill is important to students as it will give us a greater ability to practice skills that will be necessary in our future profession. Practicing community pharmacists encourage students to get as much experience as possible under their supervision, however, our experience is currently limited due to the restriction placed on students in New York State. Students who travel out of state for their Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) have already immunized hundreds of patients without a single report of adverse reactions.

Throughout this academic school year, we have been serving as student liaisons to the Public Policy Committee, encouraging greater student involvement in legislation and advocacy at our respective schools of pharmacy. Through collaboration, and with a particular focus on the Interns as Immunizers bill, we have encouraged many of our Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (SSHP) members to become advocates for the profession and will continue to raise awareness about the importance of student involvement in public policy. The power of the student voice is vital to the development of policies that will affect all of us now and as we graduate to become licensed pharmacists. Involvement is always a key aspect of advocacy and students at all of the pharmacy schools have displayed their passion for advocacy in more recent years. The current Interns as Immunizers bill was drafted by pharmacy students themselves to allow us to have the right that has already been granted in so many states. We, as a student body, want to advance our profession and see New York State join the vast majority of states in this field. Collaboration between NYS schools' SSHP branches has aided in letter writing campaigns and becoming a united front for pharmacy advocacy. Together with the Public Policy Committee and the newly appointed position of Public Policy Chair on each school's SSHP, students are now becoming more involved in legislative affairs.

One day that always stands out is Pharmacy Lobby Day in April. We want to encourage as many students, as well as pharmacists, to come out and show support for our profession. A major setback for student involvement in Lobby Day, however, is lack of confidence in the newest legislation and where we stand as a profession - but it is our job as students to increase confidence among our peers! Through raising awareness by means of letter writing, presentations, and collaboration with other professional organizations on our campuses, our goal is to prepare as many students as possible for active participation. As liaisons, we are able to transfer what we have learned through the Public Policy Committee to our student bodies to prepare them for this essential Lobby Day for our profession. Students are the future of the pharmacy profession, but legislators will make the decisions that impact us most. We must therefore become more involved to influence

their decision making. As students we must actively engage in legislative affairs in order to advocate for our present and future profession and let our voices be heard.

What can students do to become active in public policy?

- Participate in activities with a professional organization at your school that addresses legislative matters
- Write a letter or meet with your legislators asking them for support on the Interns as Immunizers bill
- Attend Pharmacy Lobby Day in Albany on April 25th
- Attend ASHP's Student Advocacy day in Washington DC on March 6th and 7th
- Use social media to your advantage and encourage others to become involved
- Invite a pharmacist to present to your student body on policy updates and advocacy
- Contact us at Stephanie.Lombardi@acphs.edu and faisalmi@buffalo.edu for any help in your local chapters

1- American Pharmacists Association. Pharmacist Administered Vaccines: May Student Interns Administer Vaccines? [Internet]. 2015 [cited 6 Feb 2017]. Available from:

http://www.pharmacist.com/sites/default/files/files/Pharmacist_IZ_Authority_1_31_15.pdf

Student members! Interested in contributing to the news brief? Want to have your article featured in the next issue? Please contact NYSCHP Director of Communications Dr. Catherine Millares-Sipin at cmillaressipin@gmail.com for more information.

NYSCHP House of Delegate Timeline

March 7, 2017	2nd House mailing (reach delegates by March 23)
April 5, 2017 12 Noon	Open Hearing Conference Call
April 21, 2017 12 Noon	Resolutions Committee Conference Call
April 27, 2017 1-1:45 PM	Open Hearing
April 27, 2017 2 PM	House of Delegates, 1st Session
April 29, 2017 2:00 PM	House of Delegates, 2nd Session

Virtual House of Delegate

Click [here](#) for more information.



NYSCHP and Local Chapter Upcoming Events

March

- March 9th: NYCSHP Mentoring Event
- March 11th: WNYSHP CE Program
- March 14th: LISHP CE Program – Resident Research Symposium
- March 15th: WCSHP CE Dinner Program
- March 16th: NYCSHP CE Program
- March 23rd: NYCSHP Networking Dinner Program
- March 25th: NYCSHP Special Projects CE Program
- March 29th: Royal Counties CE on Pharmacists Role with LVAD Patients, at Gargiulo's, Brooklyn, NY

April 2017

- April 11th: NYCSHP Student Round Table event
- April 12th: NYCSHP New Practitioners CE Program
- April 18th: WNYSHP CE Program
- April 19th: QUAD Chapter CE Program (Hosted by NYCSHP)
- April 28th: NYCSHP 56th Annual Assembly

May 2017

- May 11th: NYCSHP CE Program
- May 17th: LISHP CE Program
- May 17th: Royal Counties CE Program
- May 21st: NYCSHP AIDS Walk
- May 24th: NYCSHP New Practitioners Networking Dinner

June 2017

- June 20th: Royal Counties Installation Dinner
- June 21st: NYCSHP Installation Dinner Program
- June 27th: LISHP Installation Dinner and CE Program

