

# WMSHP Newsletter

~ Happy Holidays & New Year ~



## December 2014

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Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year to come! You have elected your new Board Members for 2015. We are excited to see more interest from our members in becoming actively involved in all levels of the society varying from leadership to committee involvement. We are only as strong as our members. We would like to thank you all for your support throughout the years and the upcoming ones. Please join us for our kickoff meeting in January in order to celebrate the past and upcoming year ahead.

*Monique, ASHP Delegate  
2014 - 2016*



Dear WMSHP members,

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President this year. Our society has had a full, exciting year of continuing education events, non-CE events as well as pharmacy week celebratory events, family picnic and student networking events. This year WMSHP's Membership Committee is proud to present a Mentoring Program for first year pharmacists, students, residents, fellows and technicians. The goal of this program is to mentor, assist, and support first year pharmacists, residents, fellows, students and technicians in pharmacy practice. Our Programming Committee has also been working hard to create more CE opportunities for the rest of 2014 and also 2015. We even have selected and finalized the dates for 2015 all day CE meetings. We will be hosting the all day CE programs (worth a total of 12 live CE's) at the 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy, Chase, MD on May 30, 2015 and September 19, 2015. This upcoming spring, we will again partner with DC-CCP society for a joint meeting. Please continue to visit our website ([www.wmshp.org](http://www.wmshp.org)) for a complete listing of our events.

Many new ideas, strategies and plans have been developed and instituted this year. WMSHP has completed strategic planning with ASHP for the year 2014 to 2015. We have also developed WMSHP's yearly calendar of events and generated more additional revenue for the society as well as instituted ASHP's Qualtrics for voting. In addition we have provided a new website link for our Technician members called "Resources for Technicians from ASHP." Technicians can utilize this web link for CE, Tech teaching tips and training information.

Please join our many committees (Programming, Legislative, Membership, Nomination, Finance or Publication Committees) if you are interested in being an active member of WMSHP. Please bring your creative ideas and positive energy and make WMSHP a great society to belong to. See everyone at our many events this year and wishing everyone happy holidays!

Vicki - WMSHP President, 2014

My name is Wafaa Abou-Zeineddine, PharmD. I am a clinical pharmacy specialist at Medstar Washington Hospital Center. This year I celebrated my fifteenth year at Medstar Washington Hospital Center where I passed through the ranks of staff pharmacist, resident, clinical pharmacist I, II and clinical specialist. My fulfilling job involves rounding with the healthcare team, overseeing other staff and clinical pharmacists, making ACPE presentations, precepting students and residents, and best of all playing a vital role in the improvement of the health and lives of the patients who entrust their lives to healthcare professionals. I value the difference we in the pharmacy profession make in improving the quality of life of our patients and clients.

This is an exciting time for our profession as we strive to obtain provider status. By so doing, we are able to be more involved in patient care. I hope that the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health System Pharmacists takes a vital role in obtaining our professional goals.

As the new 2015 president of WMSHP, I hope to continue the fine work of my predecessors Vicki and Leon. In so doing I will need the help of our membership to join our various committees --- legislative, finance, nominations, programming, membership and publications/websites maintenance. I especially encourage an increased student involvement in co-chairing the latter 2 committees.

It is with great excitement and expectations that our Board of Directors launch a new year filled with interesting educational opportunities, fun social events and changes in legislation that will lead to provider status. Our fine Society will propel us to reaching our goals.

Thank you very much. I hope to see you at our next event on January 15, 2015 for our Kick off meeting and ACPE presentation by Paul Abramowitz, PharmD, ScD (Honorary), FASHP and CEO of ASHP.

Wafaa Al-Awar Abou-Zeineddine, PharmD - WMSHP President-Elect, 2014

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## 2015 WMSHP JANUARY (Kick Off) MEETING



WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN SOCIETY  
OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS



# TRANSFORMING PATIENT CARE: PARAMOUNT ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN PHARMACY PRACTICE

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015**

**PRESENTER: PAUL W. ABRAMOWITZ, PHARMD, SC.D. (HON)**

**FASHP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ASHP**

**6 PM TO 8 PM**

**ACPE ACCREDITED: 0.1 CEU**

**MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY RESTAURANT**

**5333 WISCONSIN AVE NW**

**WASHINGTON DC, 20015**

**202-966-5500**

### Physician Group Endorses Role of ED Pharmacists 10/28/2014

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) yesterday passed a resolution supporting clinical pharmacy services in the emergency departments. Members of the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists' advisory group on emergency care worked with ACEP's New York affiliate to introduce and champion the resolution.

The resolution will result in a formal policy statement from ACEP that calls for "collaboration among emergency medicine providers in order to promote safe, effective, and evidence-based medicine practices." ACEP's policy also promotes emergency-medicine related research and support for emergency medicine pharmacy residency training.

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### Pharmacists Praise New Medicare Billing Opportunities [January 15, 2015, AJHP News]

Kate Traynor

BETHESDA, MD 23 Dec 2014 – Recent updates to the incident-to-billing requirements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have created new opportunities for medical practices to be reimbursed for pharmacists' patient care services.

"Change is happening," said Sandra Leal, medical director of pharmacy at El Rio Community Health Center in Tucson, Arizona. "What's exciting is that there is more consideration from CMS to have pharmacists participate in teams and to . . . bill with the physician," she said.

- See more at: <http://www.ashp.org/menu/News/PharmacyNews/NewsArticle.aspx?id=4154#sthash.8hzL9FrI.dpuf>

## Save the Date



WMSHP Spring Meeting  
National 4-H Youth Conference  
May 30, 2015  
Chevy Chase, MD

ASHP Summer Meeting &  
Exhibition  
June 6 - 10, 2015  
Denver, Colorado



WMSHP Fall Meeting  
National 4-H Youth Conference  
September 19, 2015  
Chevy Chase, MD

2015 Midyear Clinical Meeting and  
Exhibition  
December 6 - 10, 2015  
New Orleans, LA

## Welcome our newly elected Board members:

### **ASHP Alternative Delegate: Captain John Quinn R.Ph. M.S. USPHS**



My name is John Quinn and I am a Public Health Service Officer who works for the FDA in Silver Springs. I have been a WMSHP member since 1996 and have previously served as a Board Member, Delegate and on different committees. If elected and our primary delegate is unable to serve, I look forward to attending the regional delegate conference and writing an article for our newsletter to seek input on the important platform issues that will be voted on.

Delegates have the opportunity to try to pass resolutions that can be part of the platform or to author more specific suggestions that are handed directly to the president of ASHP. If WMSHP membership or leadership wants to utilize either of these options I will work to make that happen. I will also be part of the WMSHP legislative committee to get their input on issues being voted on.

### **ASHP Delegate: Mr. Mark Zwaska**



When I came to Washington, DC from Wisconsin two years ago, I approached WMSHP leadership to help me with some important aspects of my relocation. Since then, I have found the membership of this organization equally helpful and friendly. One thing I can offer back is my time and experience in working with our national organization. Currently, I am a Clinical Pharmacist at George Washington University Hospital. While we have capitalized on technology areas like CPOE, bar coding and drug delivery systems, hospital pharmacy continues to struggle with “simple” transitions of care and information flow. Innovative practice model initiatives are being developed at both state and national levels.

Provider status has become a professional reality and a healthcare upgrade for our patients. I would like to work with the leadership of ASHP to not only address these important patient care issues, but to make their solutions accessible to all members and affiliates. I would also like to continue to bring forward our WMSHP issues to the House of Delegates using the resources and networks at our disposal. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our organization.

Hospital Pharmacy Director-24 years!, Past President PSW (Wisconsin)!, Past President SDSHP (South Dakota)!, ASHP Delegate 1997, 1992!, ASHP Legal Affairs Council 1989-1992

**Welcome our newly elected Board members:****President-Elect: Dr. Vaiyapuri (Puri) Subramaniam, PharmD., MS., FCP, FASHP, FASCP**

I am honored to be nominated for the position of President-elect for WMSHP in 2015. I look forward to your support. As President-elect of WMSHP, I would continue our outreach and service to our membership of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and students from multidisciplinary fields in the Washington DC metropolitan area and promote existing and innovative CE offerings. I will uphold the goals and objectives to support our shared values in vital aspects of WMSHP's strategic plans with members to advance pharmacy in all practice settings through effective leadership programs. As President-elect, I will be able to utilize my past experiences in public policy, pharmacy practice

leadership in professional organizations for our members and raise awareness of WMSHP as we demonstrate and educate key stakeholders on our successful and financially viable models in society management. I will work to educate and network with pharmacy organizations and future practitioners to showcase the clinical and professional impact of WMSHP's initiatives.

I currently serve as Associate Chief Consultant in the VA/VHA Pharmacy Benefits Management Services. My prior experiences include 12 years in the US Food and Drug Administration and 13 years in hospital pharmacy practice as clinical pharmacist teaching coordinator and director of pharmacy services. I received my PharmD degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and earlier received the MS degree in Management from National Louis University, the BS in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and the BA from Ohio Wesleyan University. I completed the Executive Management Program for Pharmacy Leaders from the Wharton School University of Pennsylvania and a one-year Fellowship from the Excellence in Government Leadership Fellows Program. In 2007 I received the WMSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award. I am the 2014 ASHP Alternate Delegate and previously was ASHP Delegate for 2 years where I represented WMSHP in the 2014 and previous sessions of the ASHP House of Delegates on policies and practices and apprised WMSHP of their impact. I am a former WMSHP President (1996/1997). I was appointed to ASHP's Council on Public Policy for 2 years and contributed best practice approaches in pharmacy policy and pharmaceutical regulatory oversight. I serve as an appointed Member in the USP Sterile Drug Compounding Expert Panel and the NIOSH Hazardous Drug and USP Monograph Naming Advisory Committees.

## Welcome our newly elected Board members:

### **Treasurer: Dr. Minhee Kang**



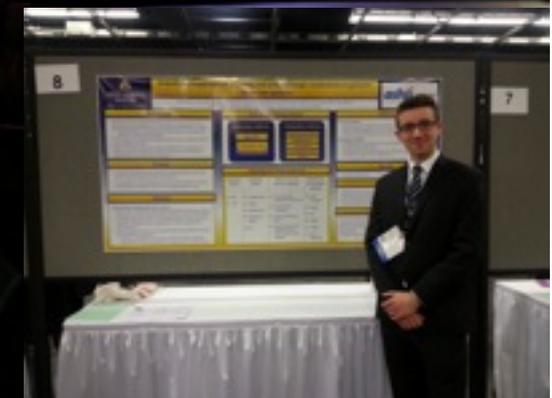
I am truly honored to be nominated to run for the treasurer of Washington Metropolitan Society of Health-System Pharmacists. After joining our organization, I have served as a member in Membership Committee. Over years, the achievements and dedications of our Society's leadership impressed me enough for me to engage in more active way. I would like to devote my knowledge and skills to continue previous achievements and to meet the prospect of our growing society by following John Pelosi as Treasurer.

I acknowledge the roles and responsibility of treasurer in one of the large regional professional organizations and those responsibilities will be one of my top priorities to continue my service. I am pretty sure my trustworthiness and optimism will bring positive results to any possible challenges I encounter while I am serving this role.

### **Board Member: Mr. Leon Vandenberg**

After being President and Past President for the past 3 years, I want to still be a part of the on going projects we have started. When I took over as President in 3 years ago, our society was in shambles. Three years ago I was elected to be President Elect; however, due to the resignation of the President, I was thrown into the position of President. My one concern was our society and it membership. The year prior if you were a member and paid your dues plus the fee for the small amount of C.E, that was given, you actually paid more for that amount of C.E. than someone who was not a member and attended the same event. We only had one C.E. event worth 6 hours!! My first year as President you were able to obtain 20 hours of C.E. at no cost other than the dues you paid to be a member. Over the next two years of my Presidency and this last year as Past President we have been able to continue the free C.E. and through my leadership and I cannot say enough about the leadership of Vickie who followed me we have created a society that not only allows you to obtain C.E at a very low cost; but have also created a society that is getting back to where it once was. We now have a number of social events, Non C.E. dinners, leadership that is really starting to lead, committees that were non existent, student membership, technician tract. an industry advisory group, and are working with ASHP in strategic planning for our future. Did I mention our membership has grown from approximately 70 when I took over to currently 350 members and did I mention the 15-16 hours of free C.E. each year. I can't say I have done all of this without the leadership of your board. The board I had and the board we have now has been fantastic. I feel we still have a long way to go and I want to remain on the board to add my knowledge and thoughts. I am an old dog. In a few years you the younger members are going to have to take over. I want to be there for the next few years to see that transition.

# 2014 MIDYEAR CLINICAL MEETING - ANAHEIM, CA



## Policy Positions & Guidelines

**ASHP is considering 29 new policy recommendations and your comments are invited. Review and provide your insights on Connect by January 15, 2015.**

- See more at: <http://www.ashp.org/menu/PracticePolicy/PolicyPositionsGuidelinesBestPractices.aspx#sthash.uMdJU97K.dpuf>

**\*\*\*\*\*Call for Resolutions for the 2015 House of Delegates is now open\*\*\*\*\***

- **ASHP's Resolution process offers a mechanism for ASHP members to have direct input into the House of Delegates. Resolutions require sponsorship by two active members, who need not be delegates. Resolutions must be submitted by March 9, 2015.**

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### WMSHP Committees

**Interested in becoming actively involved in WMSHP?**

**Join and participate in one or more of our Committees**

Finance	Legislative
Membership	Programming (monthly meetings)
Nominations	Publications (newsletters, website)

**\*\*Send email with interest to Committee Chairs posted on [www.wmshp.org](http://www.wmshp.org)\*\***