

Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists Texas Pharmacy Congress Report

November 9, 2017

Conducted Interviews. Several candidates were selected from among numerous applicants for interviews for the position of TSHP Executive Director. Finalists met with the TSHP Board on October 20 and an offer has been extended to an individual.

Legislative/Regulatory. TSHP President Tammy Cohen and Austin pharmacist, Cynthia Glover met with representatives of the Board of Pharmacy and Department of State Health Services to preview plans for new regulations on return of unused prescription medications to health-system pharmacies.

Meetings. TSHP officers and staff attended a number of meetings during the past 3 months. Participation in the ACPE Administrator's Workshop, TSAE New Ideas Conference, the Panhandle Society of Health-System Pharmacists chapter meeting as well as the Central Texas and Austin Area Societies Fall Seminars were among the major destinations. The inaugural meeting of the South Plains Pharmacy Symposium (a joint effort by the Lubbock Area, Panhandle, and West Texas Societies) was held at Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy in Lubbock, October 14.



Annual Seminar. Planning continues on the 2018 TSHP Annual Seminar, April 6-8 at The Woodlands, TX. Calls for presenters and meetings to identify preferred topics have been ongoing.

Texas Reception. TSHP continues to coordinate the highly successful Texas Reception during the ASHP Mid-Year Clinical Meeting. This year's event will be held December 3 at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando, FL. All Texans and 'wanna-be Texans' are welcome!

Seeking Leaders and Recognitions. The annual call for Nominations (ASHP Delegates, TSHP Board of Directors), Award Recognitions, and applicants for the Pharmacist Practitioner Recognition Program have been issued, with most deadlines coming up between November 15 and December 15.



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TSHP Mentorship Program. Another successful session of Mentor-Mentee matching was announced in late September, with just under 100 mentees participating in the program this year. Mentors and Mentees are actively setting up introductions and first meetings as they shape the future of pharmacy in Texas.



Board Meetings. Meetings of the TSHP Board of Directors (Houston) and TSHP R&E Foundation Board of Directors (Dallas) have been held. Scholarship levels for 2018 R&E Foundation scholarships; consideration of a new named lecture series for the Annual Seminar; review of investment performances; and coordination of seminar and Alcalde Leadership Conference events were among the topic covered by the Foundation Board. The TSHP Board reviewed its board travel reimbursement policy; financial investment strategies; re-launch of the *TSHP Journal*; plans for revisions to the TSHP website; and re-deployment of TSHP Forums.

- A Special Recognition Award for Educational Service was approved by the board for Divya Varkey for her work with Residents, undergraduate training and assistance in creation of the Roger Anderson Leadership Program at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy.
- Special Recognition Awards for Professional Service were approved for Taryn Bainum and Caitlin Gibson with Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy and the University of North Texas, respectively, for their work within their professional practice roles as well as outside services to the community and pharmacy students.



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