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Texas Pharmacy Congress Report February 19, 2014

Since the last meeting of the Texas Pharmacy Congress, TSHP has:

- Conducted the Texas Reception at the ASHP Annual Seminar. Co-sponsors of the highly popular event included Texas Tech University Health Science Center Texas A&M University Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy, Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, University School of Pharmacy, University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy, University of Houston College of Pharmacy, University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy, University of North Texas College of Pharmacy, as well several TSHP local chapters.
- Announced the 2014 TSHP Poster Competition, scheduled for the April 11-13 TSHP Annual Seminar in Houston. Changes to the format this year include allowing 'display only' posters on a 'space available' basis; moving the submission deadline to 4 weeks prior to the Seminar, to maximize the time for authors to finalize posters and assist Residents in finishing their research; announcement of category winners at the opening of exhibits (and posters) on Friday evening, to allow participants to view winning entries. Posters will be in the exhibit hall once again. The changes were necessitated by the growing popularity of the Poster Competition and space limitations.
- Announced the opening of applications for TSHP R&E Foundation Scholarships for 2014. This year the Foundation will provide up to \$19,500 in scholarships for Texas pharmacy students. A new endowed scholarship was established during the past year – the Micheline & Bourjois Abboud Scholarship – which will provide a \$1,000 scholarship to an individual who has completed an undergraduate degree or pre-pharmacy coursework at a college outside of Texas, or completed of high school outside of Texas.
- Announced the preliminary slate of candidates for TSHP officer elections in 2014. Nominated for President-Elect are Sidney Phillips and Stewart Wirebaugh; Nominated for Treasurer-elect are Aaron Bond, Randy Martin and Lance Ray. Nominations will also be received from the floor during the 2014 TSHP Annual Seminar in Houston before a ballot is distributed to TSHP voting members.
- Provided recommendations for appointment to the TSBP Technician Task Force and participated in the first meeting of the Task Force.
- Kicked off the TSHP R&E Foundation Annual (fund raising) campaign. Targeted scholarships for this year are the Robert Leonard Scholarship; the Hudlow/Tamble Scholarship; and the Grace Coggin/MSHP Scholarship. All three are close to full endowment and an appeal has been made to help achieve the 'next level' of funding for these funds.
- Conducted elections for Texas delegates to the ASHP House of Delegates. A new policy has been put in place to create staggered terms for delegates to assure continuity of the delegation as well as a term limit policy to allow more members to serve as a delegate over a period of time. 2014 Delegates include 2-year terms: Lou Cuéllar; Julie Nelson and Jim Wilson; 1-year terms: Butch Habeger, Lance Ray, Diane Fox; First Alternate: Larry Egle.
- Austin Area pharmacist Deana Dossey was the recipient of the most recent TSHP Special Recognition Award from the TSHP Board of Directors. She was honored for her outstanding organizational activities, including serving as an officer, organizing local chapter meeting, and serving as such a role model for colleagues and students. She is a Senior Pharmacist and the PIC at the Baylor Scott and White Hospital – Taylor.
- Announcement of the 2014 Clinical Skills/Disease State Management Competition was made. There will be changes to the format at the Annual Seminar, again due to the overwhelming success and numbers of students interested in competing. Residents will no longer be allowed to participate and the undergraduate pharmacy students have been divided into 4 categories based on their year in school (P1-P4).
- One issue of the TSHP Journal has been published online.