Dr. Diana Quach currently practices in Las Vegas, Nevada as the Clinical Pharmacy Manager at Southwest Medical Pharmacy & Home Medical Equipment (a part of OptumCare) and is a Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist. Her variety of experience spans from traditional long term care consulting to alternative types of consulting in a variety of settings including assisted living, ambulatory surgery centers, urgent cares, dialysis centers, and hospice. She also has experience in pharmacy operations, management, IV infusion, pharmacy automation, and regulatory affairs.

Dr. Quach promotes the value of senior care pharmacists and the integration of pharmacists in the interdisciplinary team. She is very active in state and national pharmacy association efforts and has participated in numerous ASCP committees including Antimicrobial Stewardship Think Tank, Educational Advisory Committee, and Health Information Technology Committee. She has published articles in Pharmacy Times and the Journal of the American Geriatric Society and has authored an ambulatory surgery center manual for consultant pharmacists. Dr. Quach also received the 2010 Pharmacist of the Year Award from the Nevada Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

In her current role, Dr. Quach has been an integral part in creating and expanding the medication reconciliation program, assisting hospitals and nursing facilities during patient transitions of care. She also manages the expansion of consultant pharmacy services relating to medication management and antimicrobial stewardship.

Her formal training includes a doctorate of pharmacy from Roseman University College of Pharmacy and an Executive Residency in Association Management from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) in 2005.
What will you bring to the table to help ASCP retain current members and attract new members?

Retaining current members can be accomplished by continuing to provide the excellent educational materials and resources that ASCP provides. I like the direction that ASCP has been heading for the last few years with additional webinars and more frequent outreach to members. To attract new members, I have always felt that the operational long term care pharmacists are a large untapped market. These operational pharmacists have a need for the specific geriatric knowledge in order to better to serve patients. In addition, since more seniors are at home and out of the traditional LTC settings, I do feel that more community pharmacist outreach would be an interesting outlet. In addition, I would like to see ASCP continue their student outreach and programming to foster excitement about geriatric pharmacy practice for the future generation of pharmacists.

What are your individual goals for ASCP and the region that you will represent?

I come from a state (Nevada) that does not currently have a local ASCP chapter. I would like to see the region's chapters communicate more regularly within the region. Whether that's through a quarterly newsletter or a method on the ASCP website to foster more frequent discussion.