

It is now my honor and privilege to confer the status of Honorary Member to one of the Society's most prestigious members.

William A. Gouveia graduated from the Northeastern University School of Pharmacy of the Bouve College of Health Sciences in 1964 --- as part of the first class of the newly merged New England College of Pharmacy and Northeastern University. This was also the year he started his memberships with ASHP and MSHP. Bill's first article appeared in AJHP in 1968 and it described the basic principles of computers and implications to hospital pharmacy practice. Soon thereafter, he became an AJHP contributing editor for a column covering computer concepts in the hospital medication system.

In 1969, Bill became the president of MSHP and then continued to serve on the Board of Directors for many years. He received the MSHP Leadership Award in 1969 and was named the Hospital Pharmacist of the Year in 1973. Over his fifty years of membership, Dr. Gouveia supported the society in numerous capacities, including the annual installation of officers. Adding to his list of 'firsts', Bill, became the first Fellow of MSHP, in 2008.

Bill assumed the Director of Pharmacy position at New England Medical Center in 1972. His first initiatives involved implementing a unit-dose and IV additive program, and he brought Jerome Janousek aboard to help with that.

Bill also wanted NEMC to be the first hospital in Massachusetts with a clinical program, and recruited Richard Scheife to assist with that. In the end, NEMC was the first hospital to have a combined unit-dose/IV additive/clinical pharmacy program in Massachusetts. Unlike hospitals in other states that featured strong clinical programs at the expense of drug distribution, Bill felt strongly that the clinical and drug distribution programs could not be separated.

In 1975, in conjunction with ASHP, Bill established a hospital pharmacy residency program. In the nearly 40 years of the program, over **110** residents have benefitted from Bill's mentorship and this rigorous and highly-regarded program. A legacy of his program, is a yearly "letter" that Bill compiled, from the feedback of all of his former residents --- which he shared with both his current and former residents.

In recognition of his own mentor at MGH, Bill established the John W. Webb Lecture Award Program through Northeastern University to recognize someone "who has distinguished herself or himself through extraordinary dedication to fostering excellence in pharmacy management". A few years ago, he worked with ASHP to transition the administration of the Webb award to ASHP. As such, it is now a joint award of Northeastern University and ASHP. In addition to ceremonies in Boston, the recipient also presents his or her lecture at the annual ASHP Leaders Conference. And, although Jack Reynolds couldn't be here tonight, as he had a speaking engagement in New York, he *did* want to be sure that I passed on congratulations from not only himself, but also the entire Northeastern University School of Pharmacy community --- and to let you know how proud they all are of you, and your accomplishments.

Other local activities include membership in the Boston Druggists' Association since 1972, where he served on their Executive Committee from 1982 to 1990 and as President from 1986 to 1988. He also served on the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, from 2004 through 2010. And, if that wasn't enough, he was a member of the Coordinating Committee of the MA Poison Control System from 1976-1987, the United States Pharmacopeia Convention (representing Tufts University School of Medicine) from 2000 to 2008 and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education from 2004 – 2009.

In addition to his local commitments, he also found time to be extremely active on the national stage. On top of his 50 years of active membership in ASHP, Bill has served on various Commissions and Committees both as a member, and as a Chairman or Vice-Chairman, such as the: Committee on Hospital Drug Control Systems and Standards, Council on Communications, Council on Education and Manpower, Commission on Goals, the Board of Directors *and* the Advisory Panel on Awards through the ASHP Foundation. He also has served in a multitude of editorial roles, for AJHP from 1970 through 2013. In addition, he has published over **85** articles in AJHP -- - an accomplishment that he calls "truly a labor of love".

For all of these efforts, and more, Bill has been acknowledged by the profession in a variety of ways:

- In 1982, he was the recipient of the Achievement Award for Sustained Contribution to the Literature, from the ASHP Research and Education Foundation
- In 1989, he received the John W. Webb Visiting Professor Award, where his thoughts centered on “Turbulence and Tranquility in the new decade: pharmacy leaders-managers in patient care
- In 1993, he was recognized as a Fellow of ASHP
- In 1999, he was awarded the prestigious Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award and his speech was entitled: “At center stage: pharmacy in the next century”
- As another ‘first’, in 2011, Bill was award the first-ever ASHP Award for Sustained Contribution.
- And, during the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, in New Orleans, in 2011, Bill received formal acknowledgement of his “remarkable record of 40 years of creative and energetic service” to AJHP, during a private award ceremony.

Believe it or not, all I described to you is STILL not a COMPLETE picture of Bill’s innumerable contributions to the field of pharmacy, and does not even begin to do justice in describing the impact on the THOUSANDS of practitioners over his illustrious career. But, I hope that it gives you *some* insight in to the type of man that Bill is and his truly undying devotion to furthering the field of pharmacy and pharmacy practitioners, as individuals.

It is for these reasons, that the MSHP Board voted unanimously to confer the status of HONORARY MEMBER to William A. Gouveia. Please join me in congratulating him.

At this time, it is also my pleasure to present Bill with this citation from the Governor of Massachusetts, Deval Patrick, in recognition of his longstanding commitment and dedication to health-system pharmacy practice in Massachusetts.