



2017 - 2018 MPhA ANNUAL REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES May 31, 2018

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PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS, A YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been an honor to serve as your President and to work as an Ambassador for Minnesota Pharmacy this past year as together we have successfully “Charted a Course for Change” which was our theme for the year. I have marveled at the passion and level of commitment of our volunteer leaders. It’s been my pleasure to experience the energy and synergy we create as we work together. As President, I have been committed to supporting the association’s mission and vision through a three pronged approach: **developing future pharmacy leaders; advancing pharmacy practice; and collaborating with stakeholders.** As an association, I feel we have made progress in all three of these areas. Past President Molly Ekstrand and President-Elect Jason Varin have been invaluable partners this year. I appreciate the great purpose of the longitudinal succession planning. In addition to Molly and Jason, the Board members and officers below have also contributed a tremendous amount of their time and knowledge to the thoughtful guidance of MPhA:

- Molly Ekstrand, Past President, Executive Finance Committee, St. Louis Park
- Jason Varin, President-Elect, Executive Finance Committee, Eden Prairie
- Doug Lobdell, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Finance Committee, Eden Prairie
- Tony Olson, Speaker of the House, Executive Finance committee, Duluth
- Reid Smith, Rural Board Member, Esko
- Michelle Johnson, Rural Board Member, Mounds View
- Tim Affeldt, Metro Board Member, Minneapolis
- Ann Byre, Metro Board Member, Minneapolis
- Sarah Anderson, Board Member at Large, Minneapolis
- Amanda Brummel, Board Member at Large, Minneapolis
- Cheng Lo, Board Member at Large, Roseville
- Rebecca Pickler, Board Member At Large, Sartell
- Sarah Westberg, Board Member At Large, Minneapolis
- Lauren Lemke, MPSA Liaison and Board Member, Minneapolis
- Jorgen Kvaal, MPSA Liaison and Board Member, Minneapolis

Ex-Officio

- Cheryl Hetland, Pharmacy Technician Representative
- Travis LaCore, Minnesota American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (MN-ASCP) Representative
- Dana Simonson, Minnesota College of Clinical Pharmacists (MCCP) Representative
- Bruce Benson, College of Pharmacy Representative
- Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP)

MPhA Mission: Serving Minnesota pharmacists to advance patient care.

Marsha Millonig, has continued as our Interim Executive Director, and serves as the liaison with our Ewald team to ensure we have strong bridges and lines of communication. Marsha's connections in the pharmacy world have allowed many additional opportunities for partnerships. She continued to devote a great deal of time and energy to help guide our Association this past year.

Special thanks to our team at Ewald who executes our priorities and visions. Remarkably they pull it all together for us. Bryan Mowry is our team's primary lead and staff director with the departure of Jacquie Durant in late September. Jacquie was hired as the CEO of the Minnesota Dental Association Foundation. Other Ewald superstars include Amanda Ewald with finances, Blake Finger with sales, Bridget Fox as our events coordinator, Jillian Blanc and Laurie Pumper with communications, and Larry Bell and Jessica Gill with the webinars and technology. On the financial side, MPhA saw improvements in both our balance sheet and budget performance in 2017, contributing to a profitable year. Our goal now is to modestly build the reserves that may allow us to attract a permanent Executive Director. I would like to recognize and thank Doug Lobdell, who has continued to do an amazing job serving as Treasurer. We will miss him and thank him for his outstanding contributions in this role. We are fortunate Doug will remain actively involved in the association in numerous capacities.

Our Association is strong because of our volunteer leaders. They have passion for our Association and a great vision for our profession. I appreciate the diverse perspectives they all bring. Our Association is stronger because of our diverse practice settings, geography, and generations represented. MPhA is a member-driven organization. Members who serve on our committees do a large share of the work of MPhA. Each of these Committees has provided a report of the outstanding work they have done for you this year. I want to thank the co-chairs, these amazing volunteer leaders, of our committees below:

Public Affairs Committee

Jeff Lindoo

Julie Freeman

Professional & Organizational Affairs Committee

Anita Sharma

Lee Mork

Education & Events Advisory Committee

Denise Frank

Michelle Johnson

Editorial Advisory Committee should I say something like...they continue to work on.....

David Hoang

Reid Horning

Student & New Practitioner Committee

Lauren Lemke

Jorgen Kvaal

Awards Committee

Allyson Schlichte

Lisa Hillman

Member Engagement Subcommittee

Brittany Symonds

Kaylan Wilson

Developing Future Leaders:

One focus this past year has been developing future leaders. MPhA was blessed to work with the University of Minnesota leadership residents on an advocacy rotation during legislative session and Anjoli Punjabi and Kaity Kuske's enthusiasm and hard work was unparalleled. The leadership residents also proudly represented MPhA at the APhA House of Delegates. MPhA's Student and New Practitioner Committee planned and executed several successful events with the students this past year allowing the opportunity for MPhA members to work directly with the students. MPhA had members engage at several MPSA meetings each semester and we had active student participation at our Association events throughout the year. The student pharmacists are our pharmacy's future and our future is bright!

Advancing Pharmacy Practice:

Another focus this past year has been advancing pharmacy practice. I've appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Pharmacy Advocacy Task Force (PATF) where key Minnesota pharmacy stakeholders convene regularly to envision a strong future for Minnesota Pharmacy. Jill Strykowski represents MPhA in the co-chair position. She does a marvelous job bringing a longitudinal perspective and her leadership skills are greatly appreciated. Buck Humphrey of Hill Capitol Strategies, Inc. continued to serve as the PATF lobbyist. The PATF priorities this legislative session centered around pharmacists becoming part of the solution in healthcare in areas where we could play a larger role in helping our patients such as naloxone, hormonal contraceptives, travel medications, and tobacco cessation. PATF also supported pharmacist as mental health care providers and pharmacist medication administration.

Collaborating with Stakeholders:

In order to advance pharmacy practice, it is important that we both develop new and grow existing relationships. Collaborating with stakeholders was a third goal we focused on this past year. MPhA's Public Affairs Committee collaborated throughout the year with the PATF working on bills which would allow patients access to pharmacist-provided services. In addition, the committee was actively at work on legislation aimed at ensuring PBM/Patient fair practices.

MPhA collaborated with several stakeholders this past year including: the Minnesota Medical Association; Minnesota Nurses Association; Minnesota Nurse Practitioners; Minnesota Chapter of American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology; ClearWay Minnesota; Minnesota Department of Human Services; Minnesota Retailers Association; Minnesota Grocers Association; Minnesota Board of Pharmacy; Generic manufacturers; Brand manufacturers; Minnesota Health Action Group; Minnesota Psychiatric Association; The Steve Rummeler Hope Network; Fairview Health Services; Health Partners; and of course the legislators.

360 Overview:

The past year started with programming and our Leadership Summit and House of Delegates in June. I've enjoyed how we frame this day to enthusiastically envision our future, meaningfully develop our leadership skills, and energize our member base. This is our premier event to gather individual member input and guidance to the governance and policy positions of our Association. Our Professional & Organizational Affairs Committee contributes significant work to review and make recommendations on our policies and bylaws to be debated and adopted at this event. Frequently referring to our policy manual this past year, I have a greater appreciation for how important this process of individual member input is to the vitality of our Association.

Based on existing policies in the MPhA Policy Manual and the policy algorithm, the Board of Directors publicly expressed MPhA's support of the following organizations or coalitions:

- H.F. 3820 Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances. Letter submitted to Representative Baker in support of H.F. 3820 along with the Minnesota Retailers Association and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.
- Immunization value, safety, and effectiveness - signed on to joint letter of support on of immunizations with Minnesota Childhood Immunization Coalition.
- FDA Drug Quality Security Act – letter submitted to Minnesota Board of Pharmacy and State Board of Medicine in regards to concern about implementation - re: Compounded and Repackaged Medications for Office-use
- PBM Fair Practices – letter submitted to U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary along with the National Community Pharmacists Association
- Medical Cannabis Monograph – letter submitted to USP urging development of drug monograph for cannabis.

In terms of our events and education programming, we consistently hear how people appreciate the opportunity to network with colleagues. Members want their live programming to be different than what they can do in a self-study or home webinar. We're purposely designing programming to allow more networking, interacting, and collaborating with colleagues

Our industry, like others, is continually evolving and our professional associations are serving a different purpose through these evolutions. Adaptability and agility are paramount to our future success as an association. With respect to membership, overall we are holding steady and showing a positive trend line in some member groups.

Our Annual Learning Networking Event's theme this year was "Charting a Course for Change" and was held in September. This event provided an outstanding program and tracks for MTM, Pharmacy Management/Practice and clinical topics. We received great reviews on our speaker line-up. We also partnered once again with the Minnesota Pharmacists Foundation (MPF) and held a Great Minnesota Pharmacy Get Together themed event and raffle as one of our fundraisers for the MPF Scholarship Fund. The MPF event proved a great way to network with a large group of colleagues while raising money for the Foundation. It was also a great pleasure to honor colleagues at the awards reception prior.

In November, we once again partnered with the Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE-Minnesota) on a joint continuing education program. Past President Molly Ekstrand has been pivotal to this event as well as many others – thank you Molly! In addition, we held five town hall events across the state. Thank you to our members that championed these events.

Moving on to Legislative Day in February, always one of my personal favorite events, we partnered with the Minnesota Society of Health Systems Pharmacists, the Minnesota Retailers Association, the Minnesota Grocer's Association and PATF. The event was very well attended and we completed a record number of legislative visits – with over 75 legislator visits advocating for the role of pharmacists – thank you to all the student pharmacists for scheduling all these appointments! We enjoyed the Best Western Capitol Hill's close proximity to the capitol. We kept the meeting space all day, allowing colleagues to visit and network in the afternoon, between their visits with Legislators. Our official programming included updates from the members of the PATF, Sara Drake who provided an excellent overview of Medicaid and its role in US healthcare, Dr. Steve Schondelmeyer from the University of Minnesota who presented on healthcare reform, and Cody Wiberg presented a Minnesota Board of Pharmacy Issue update.

In January, we held another Twin Cities Town Hall event which included a panel focused on Prior Authorizations. My sincere gratitude to friend and colleague, Molly Ekstrand for coordinating the program.

In partnership with APhA and local trainers, the Association also facilitated one Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery Certification programs and two Delivering Medication Therapy Management Services Certificate programs to enhance the clinical skills of pharmacists.

This year, we continued the Virtual Coffee Break webinars to engage members and the community in current and relevant pharmacy topics. These Webinars are recorded for later viewing. We're hopeful that this type of programming continues to offer value to our members and will continue to gain momentum in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to review the other reports presented to the House of Delegates. Your Association has accomplished a great deal this past year through the passion and commitment of these amazing volunteer leaders.

With gratitude for serving you,



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