

Region 1 Director's Report

Local Units:

ACAP – has had 2 more successful continuing education meetings:

January 8 – Urinary Tract Health by VA Residents

February 12 – Rheumatoid Arthritis by Dr. Kim Schnackey

ACAP hosted the Local Unit Leaders meeting in January with FPA. For more details please see the February issue of Pharmacy Today.

ACAP currently has 253 members and is in better financial shape than at the beginning of the year due to using the UF COP for meetings however members are not supportive of staying at this location so other locations are being investigated. Plans are to go back to North Central Baptist Church for May and June meetings. ACAP is supporting Grace Marketplace Pharmacy (for the homeless in Gainesville) by providing pharmacist, technician and student volunteers, it is run by Tim Rogers and more volunteers are requested. ACAP is busy working on its Legislative Days effort in coordination with UF COP through our APhA-ASP student representative. Bill Garst and Charlie Brown are spearheading the effort to make handouts for the students, pharmacist volunteers and legislators. We are also currently gathering resolutions to be approved later this spring by the membership before submitting to the HOD.

Escambia County Pharmacy Association – I had the pleasure of visiting Pensacola Dec 18th and present a 1.5 hour CE on IBS vs IBD as well as bring announcements for Legislative Days and the election. Escambia leadership reported that they are struggling as their meeting attendance has dropped over the past few years and no one is willing to help. Preston Manning represented Escambia County at the Local Unit meeting and is interested in getting more ideas to take back to their area to try to revitalize the group.

At the December meeting of both ACAP and ECPA, a report from FPA board was given by me to the members present.

Meetings Attended:

Dec 11 – ACAP General Membership CE meeting, made announcements regarding Legislative Days, election, T-shirts available as fundraiser.

Dec 18 – ECPA General Membership CE meeting, made similar announcements, gave CE presentation, met with board members.

Jan 8 – ACAP General Membership CE meeting, made announcements including bringing attention to STAT News item on BOP new rule for pharmacist supervising offsite technicians, invited members to local unit leaders meeting.

Jan 15 – Visited UF COP APhA-ASP student leadership meeting to discuss legislative efforts.

Jan 19 – Local Unit Leaders Meeting

Jan 26 and 27 – Attended FPA Conference in Destin, FL and announced election.

Jan 29 – ACAP Executive Meeting

Feb 12 – ACAP General Membership CE meeting, made announcement for Legislative Days, promoted FPA membership at registration desk

Feb 26 - ACAP Executive Meeting

Local Events, Issues, etc.

ACAP is working on several resolutions, one that was suggested by FPA after Hurricane Michael was to submit a resolution in combination with Escambia County, requesting a disaster relief fund be set up in the Florida Pharmacy Foundation to help in times of natural disaster. Work is ongoing on this issue.

ACAP continues to schedule its continuing education meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. This year that conflicts with Legislative Days. The speaker that had already been identified, could not move her presentation so we are expecting a smaller turnout with some ACAP board members being involved with Legislative Days and many students planning to be in Tallahassee also.

Florida Board of Pharmacy met in Tallahassee Feb 4th in Tallahassee but I was unable to attend. I understand Mr. Jackson was in attendance and am hoping he will provide a detailed report to the Board on the issues raised there. The next Board of Pharmacy meetings are April 2-4 in Gainesville but I will be out of the country but have already started asking ACAP board members to make it a priority to attend on my behalf.

Personal

I wanted to congratulate those who will be continuing on the work for the next few years – Joe Scuro, Kimberly Jones, and Preston Manning (who will be taking over for Region 1) as well as the other esteemed Regional Directors from odd numbered Regions. I know the association will be in good hands and I will support you all in moving the profession and the association forward. I also suggest that you consider revising the Regional lines or consider adding more Directors as some regions are much too large!

I will soon be a US citizen! On March 14th I have been scheduled for my citizenship ceremony and look forward to the responsibilities that entails.

April 1-11, I am going to Israel, which is an item on my bucket list. I will be happy to help with any issues before or after those dates but will be unable to assist if an emergency arises while I am out of the country.

Respectfully Submitted,

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