



Candidate for the Office of APhA-ASP Speaker of the House

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GOAL STATEMENT

If elected to APhA-ASP Speaker of the House, my goal is to expand the impact of student pharmacists in policy and advocacy. First, I will work to increase student pharmacist engagement and ownership in the policy process by maximizing opportunities for education about the process, as well as discussion about key legislative issues during the academic and state/federal legislative calendars. Additionally, I will work with Policy Vice Presidents, Regional Delegates, the National Policy Standing Committee, and state associations to bolster advocacy tools and personalized support networks available to student pharmacists to make our voices heard. I also look forward to helping build stronger relationships with interprofessional partners and continuing to demonstrate pharmacy's integral role in the multidisciplinary, patient-centered health care team. Finally, as Speaker I would work closely with the National Executive Committee to help support the mission of the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists and to achieve the collective vision of student pharmacists in making positive, impactful changes and moving our profession forward.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

APhA-ASP Leadership:

- **Chapter President, 2017-18** (President-elect, 2016-17)
 - In coordination with Duluth Chapter President, lead a membership of nearly 500 student pharmacists across two campuses with the Minnesota Pharmacy Student Alliance
- **Carl F. Emswiler Summer Intern, 2017**
- APhA-ASP Region 5 Midyear Regional Meeting, 2015-2017
- APhA Annual Meeting, 2016-17
- **Region 5 Regional Delegate, 2016-17**
 - Member of Resolutions Committee
 - APhA-ASP Delegate at APhA House of Delegates at APhA Annual (2017)
- APhA-ASP Summer Leadership Institute, 2017
- Chapter Delegate at APhA Annual, 2016
- Chapter APhA-ASP Planning Committee, 2015-16
- Chapter Midyear Regional Meeting Committee- Fundraising Team, 2015

State Association Involvement (Minnesota Pharmacists Association, MPhA):

- Minnesota Pharmacy Legislative Day, 2016, 2017 (also planned for February 2018)
 - Visit with Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN60B) (2017)
- MPhA Annual Learning and Networking Event, 2016-17
- MPhA Leadership Summit and House of Delegates- Student Delegate, 2016
- MPhA Town Halls (Provider Status Initiatives, Complexities of Prior Authorization), 2016-current
- Minnesota Pharmacists Foundation- Fundraising Support Team, 2016

Other Advocacy:

- South Dakota University APhA-ASP Legislative Meeting- Student Panelist, 2017
- Capitol Hill visits at offices of Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Rep. Richard Nolan (D-MN8)

Other Leadership:

- University of Minnesota Center for Leading Healthcare Change- Student Fellow, 2017-current
- Basic Life Support CPR Instructor, 2016-current
- Phi Lambda Sigma, Alpha Phi Chapter, 2016-current
- Phillips Neighborhood Clinic, 2015-current
 - Pharmacy Clinician
 - Dispensing Pharmacy Core Member
- University of Minnesota Student Affairs Committee, Class of 2019 Representative, 2015-current

PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

APhA-ASP is unique in providing opportunities for student pharmacists to engage in nearly every step of the life cycle of policy development and implementation, from articulating an idea that impacts our shared profession, to determining how to put into practice passed resolutions (with the Policy Standing Committee). We are student pharmacists, but we are not just student pharmacists. Truly, each of us has a voice and can leave our mark. Looking back at the APhA-ASP Adopted Resolutions, student pharmacists have worked together to address issues ranging from drug shortages to federal loan repayment programs to a national controlled substance registry. Since 1973, informed debate, policy background research, and personal experiences have led to passed resolutions representing APhA-ASP's collective voice.

Another very special aspect of APhA-ASP is the deliberation, dedicated time, and careful decision-making that occurs in every policy-related committee of APhA-ASP. As part of the APhA-ASP Resolutions Committee during my time as Region 5 Regional Delegate, I was impressed by the variety and depth of experiences and areas of policy expertise, as well as comfort with having crucial conversations, among the Regional Delegates and Speaker. During the Summer Leadership Institute, I had the opportunity to have a glimpse into the care that the National Policy Standing Committee placed into every toolkit, communication, webinar, and action item for passed resolutions. Furthermore, at my third MRM this past October, the 100% participation by Region 5 Policy VPs and active discussion among chapter members reminded me why I continue to be so passionate about ensuring student pharmacists are represented and engaged in policy and advocacy.

As the 2017 Carl F. Emswiler Summer Intern, I had a unique opportunity to see some of the behind-the-scenes work at APhA and with the Academy of Student Pharmacists. The Association's dedication to innovation, collaboration, and inclusion strongly aligns with my approach as a leader, and having the opportunity to work with the APhA Government Affairs and Political Action departments in coordinating Capitol Hill visits for the Summer Leadership Institute also highlighted these values in practice.

It is not only APhA-ASP (as the organization) itself that inspires me to deepen my involvement with Academy. From my first MRM through serving as the Regional Delegate, to my current role as Chapter President, every student pharmacist and practitioner member of APhA I have met has humbled me by their passion for and perseverance in leading positive change. The team dynamic of this nationally spanning group of student pharmacists naturally engenders professional development, leadership development, and development of lifelong friendships. From Student Outreach visits to APhA-ASP staff and NEC who have been selfless in their availability, there is a clear commitment to an environment of support and transparency. I am grateful to APhA-ASP for providing a professional home for countless student pharmacists, myself included.

I am incredibly proud to be an active member of APhA-ASP. I hope to have the opportunity to serve the Academy of Student Pharmacists as a resource and motivator for sustainable impact in policy and advocacy.

SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

Research, Synthesizing Information, and Writing

- Wrote a policy background paper for the APhA Policy Committee
- Drafted sections of APhA comments to the FDA (Re: Administering the Hatch-Waxman Amendments: Ensuring a Balance Between Innovation and Access (FDA-2017-N-3615))
- Worked with three other team members to formulate a monograph, dossier evaluation and value proposition, 25-minute presentation, and study assessment report for local AMCP Pharmacy & Therapeutics Competition
- Miscellaneous clinical projects: fluoroquinolone drug utilization evaluation, drug monograph, institutional heparin utilization safety project

Teamwork (Virtual, In-person, Interprofessional)

- Co-coordinate cross-campus weekly chapter general meetings, weekly Executive Board meetings, annual summer leadership retreat
- As Region 5 Regional Delegate, achieved 100% participation of Chapter Delegates in the 2017 Annual Meeting House of Delegates, as well as 100% submission of MRM resolutions and Chapter Delegate participation from each Region 5 chapter at MRM 2017
- Coordinated Capitol Hill visits for APhA-ASP Summer Leadership Institute 2017
- At the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic, work with an interdisciplinary care team (medicine, physical therapy, social work, law, nursing) to optimize therapies for patients

Education

- Taught approximately 50 students as BLS/CPR/AED-Certified Instructor
- Participated in health fairs with various patient populations
- Served as a teaching assistant in an academic preparatory center for students in elementary school to college preparatory levels and as a Korean language teaching assistant for students from kindergarten to the seventh grade