

The Rho Chi Society



National Committee Reports

99th National Convention

The Rho Chi Society's 99th Annual Meeting

Report of the National President

February 22, 2023

It is truly my pleasure to provide a summary of the Society's achievements since the 2022 virtual National Convention. This past year marked a milestone for the Rho Society with a series of monumental events, activities, and initiatives. The most memorable and celebrated revolved around the Society's 100th anniversary which began with a tremendously successful and joyous Centennial Celebration in March. The momentum of the past 100 years carried forward with many achievements, updates, and opportunities for member engagement as outlined:

- The Society welcomed Julie Seeger as its new Program Manager. Julie has been actively involved in taking over the reins from Cindy Diakow who will be pursuing new and exciting endeavors. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation for Cindy's unwavering dedication to the Society and its efforts. Her presence will be missed but her indelible mark will remain for years to come.
- A new medallion design was reviewed and evaluated this past year. After much deliberation, a traditional solid purple ribbon and antique medallion with the new logo were selected and will be available for purchase by Rho Chi members via the Award Concepts store once the legacy medallion inventory runs out this Spring.
- In light of the success with virtual business meetings over the past few years, a decision was made to conduct the business components of the Annual Convention virtually and acknowledge the Lecture Award recipient with a remote presentation moving forward.
- Given the current financial landscape, Treasurer Brad Boucher recommended evaluating the possibility of reallocating funds to account for market changes. The Executive Council reviewed potential options and voted to reallocate short and long-term investments in collaboration with MidWest Trust to \$67,563 for Short Term (as of 9/19/22) and \$532,725 for Long Term (as of 9/19/22).
- The Communications Task Force led by Regional Councilor Amanda Stahnke proposed the formation of a new Communications Committee and provided associated descriptive language for review. Bylaw changes were presented to and accepted by the Executive Council with minor revisions. The Communications Committee proposal with associated language has moved forward for a vote by members during the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- 2023 is the last year of the current Strategic Plan. Arrangements for developing the Society's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan have begun. David Zgarrick will be leading the strategic planning process with an introductory meeting in spring 2023 and comprehensive planning seminar prior to the AACP Annual Meeting in July 2023.
- The Executive Council discussed and continues to evaluate annual reception and networking opportunities for alumni engagement. Consideration is being made for

collaborating with other organizations and rotating venues to expand interactions with alumni.

- Executive Vice President Karen Farris from the National Office identified and presented proposals for multiple bylaw revisions and updates including defining attendance at National Convention (Article IV), changing election process from written ballot (Article V), adding Communications as standing committee (Articles VI and VII), and updating language about Credentials Committee for alternative voting processes. These items will be voted on during the Annual Convention.
- The Town Hall Task Force led by Immediate Past President Emmanuelle Schwartzman held its second Town Hall which involved a Chapter Development Webinar. Chapter Achievement and Project Proposal Award winners from three institutions (Alpha Nu – University of Tennessee, Alpha Xi – University of Kentucky, Beta Tau – Northeastern University) shared noteworthy practices and ideas associated with innovative activities at their chapters. This helped chapters imagine and execute new activities that aligned with chapter and community needs. In addition to the webinar, the task force evaluated potential topics, structures, and timing for future events. It was decided that one town hall will be conducted annually with the next program to occur in fall 2023. The topic will focus on Fellowship and Residency planning and preparation.
- The Awards Task Force led by President-Elect Andy Smith developed the “Most Improved Chapter Procedures 2022” to clarify eligibility criteria that must be met for the Most Improved Award. The procedures include evaluating all eligible chapters regardless of region, listing a forced rank as the preferred method for evaluation, and providing some additional considerations for ranking. The task force also reviewed the overall Chapter Achievement Award rubric and added context in various sections to assist chapters in completing detailed reports and provide Regional Councilors with more guidance during their evaluation process.

In addition to the Society’s standing committees and task forces, whose charges are outlined in our bylaws, two new task forces were appointed in late 2022 to conduct their work in 2023.

- The Student Executive Council Task Force led by Lindsay Brust-Sisti (Alumni) and Lucio Volino (President) is charged with evaluating other pharmacy organizations’ student leadership missions and structures. The group will then look at the potential role and structure of a Rho Chi Student Executive Council. This Task Force’s critical work will serve as the foundation for how the Society engages its members to further develop and support pharmacy’s intellectual leaders.
- The Alumni Task Force led by Lori Duke (Region III-S Councilor) and Fatima Amjad (Alumni) will identify methods for bridging the gap from member induction through career placement while enhancing interactions with alumni members. The Alumni Task Force is charged with engaging Rho Chi alumni, aligning initiatives with communication-based activities, and evaluating the need for an Alumni Committee moving forward. I

believe that this will be a phenomenal opportunity to strengthen our membership base and its connection to the National Office.

For complete records of the Executive Council's work, please refer to the archived approved minutes, accessible on the Society's website, rhochi.org.

Thank you to our chapters, Rho Chi members, Faculty Advisors, Regional Councilors, and Executive Council Members including Immediate Past President Emmanuelle Schwartzman, President-Elect Andy Smith, Program Managers Cindy Diakow and Julie Seeger, and Executive Vice President Karen Farris. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience drive the Society forward. Without you, none of this could be possible. I truly appreciate you and applaud your continued dedication to advancing the profession and Rho Chi through your intellectual leadership.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucio R. Volino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lucio R. Volino, PharmD, CTTs
National President 2022 – 2024
The Rho Chi Honor Society



February 22, 2023

The Rho Chi Society National Office
University of Michigan, College of Pharmacy
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RE: Report of Audit of 2022 Rho Chi Financial Records

Dear National Office,

The Rho Chi Audit Committee consisting of Susan Skledar (Chair), John Bentley, and Jeffrey Sherer, was charged to review the 2022 financial records of the Society. Julie Seeger, Program Manager, provided the Society's Financial Records to the Committee's members.

The Committee finds all financial records to be in good order and noted only the following discrepancies on the Treasurer's Report.

- The Centennial expenses are noted as \$39,469.54 on the Treasurer's report. In the Financial Summary pie charts, this expense is noted as \$36,696, which does not include the Centennial Gift Box Shopping (\$2773.80). In addition, \$3,802 is noted on the Financial Summary pie chart as an expense for "Meetings," but is included in \$137,555 total for the National Office Expenses on the Treasurer's Report (travel expenses of \$3801.92); thus, it is being double-counted on the expenses pie chart.

From the statements provided, the end of year market value of the Midwest Trust Short and Long-Term Investment Accounts are properly recorded and there are no discrepancies. The \$120,000 transferred into the Trusts (\$20,000 from BOAA Savings/Checking #3809 to short-term investments; \$20,000 from BOAA Savings/Checking #3809 to long-term investments; and \$80,000 from BOAA Checking #3276 to long-term investments) described in the Banking Summary, is accounted for in the Midwest Trust account summaries, and is noted on the Treasurer's final report.

The Committee notes that revenue in the form of donations in the amount of \$8,874.12 was received in 2022, and this is properly accounted for. The breakdown of overall revenue/income and expense for CY 2022 is national dues (69%; \$202,433.91) and insignia (certificates/jewelry; 20%; \$60,467). The major expenses are for the National Office (57%; \$137,555.48) and the Centennial Celebration (16%; \$39,470). This breakdown is similar for CY2021 and CY2022, with the following differences in income/revenue between the two years:

- Less income from new member dues/new chapters/insignia in CY2022 (\$29,602.60)
- Less income from royalties (online product sales/spirit recognition/honor cords) in CY2022 (\$15,911.50)
- Increased expense for AFPE first-year graduate scholarship (\$3000)
- Increase expenses for National Office salaries (\$10,371.01)

Overall, operating income exceeded annual expenses by \$54,634.96, which is a roughly a 58% reduction in net revenue from CY2021 (i.e., revenue in excess of expenses). That being said, the Society's finances continue to support a solid foundation for the future. The Committee views the following items as important for future budgeting and financial projections:

- The new membership dues/insignia continue to be the primary revenue stream. As noted last year, this will continue to decline as pharmacy school enrollments decline.
- Revenue/income from donations and from royalties particularly honor cords, will continue to be a benefit to Rho Chi.
 - The National Society should consider a campaign to Rho Chi alumni donors to secure donations beyond the Centennial year.
- Continuing the national and regional meetings on the virtual platform continues to be cost-effective.
- The budget forecast for CY2023 is that operating income will approximately equal operating expenses, which is a reasonable assumption in the current environment. At this time, the budget forecast assumes no donations for CY2023.
- The \$20,000 allocated in the budget forecast for CY2023 for the AACCP Strategic Planning Meeting is necessary, especially as the ACPE Standards will be changing soon.
- The Midwest Trust Company continues to create the opportunity for increased income and growth in assets. Although CY2023 was a challenging year with respect to the performance of the market, this is not expected in the long-term. Transferring \$120,000 to these accounts was a wise decision in the face of decreasing revenue and increasing expenses for the Society.

The Committee recommends for subsequent years that the Treasurer's Report and the Banking Summary continue to be included as the base documents for comparison for this audit. We also recommend that the "Income/Expense Comparison by Category," containing values for the current year and previous year, continue to be included in the base documents made available to the Audit Committee.

On behalf of the Committee's members, we thank you for the opportunity to serve Rho Chi in this capacity.

Sincerely,



Sue Skledar, RPh, BS Pharm, MPH
Chair, Rho Chi Audit Committee

cc: Karen Farris, Executive Vice-President
Julie Seeger, Program Manager
Brad Boucher, Treasurer
John Bentley, Audit Committee Member
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2022 National Treasurer's Report February 21, 2023

Calendar year 2022 was a stable year financially for the Rho Chi Society. A summary of these events is outlined below.

- Utilization of the Rho Chi Society Investment Policy for Short and Long- Term investment for the first full year that were created and approved in 2021.
- The Centennial Donation Campaign donations totaled \$8,874.12 that were used to help offset the Centennial Celebration expenses of \$39,469.54. Donations raised in 2021 totaling \$8,028.61 were also used to help offset the event expense.
- Operating revenue exceeding expenses by \$54,634.96. Of particular significance from the revenue and expense report were \$20,231.50 in revenue from royalties for Rho Chi Merchandise sold by external vendors and \$10,105.25 and an additional \$1,636.55 from national Rho Chi Society headquarter sales. For the third consecutive year the Society had a major reduction in expenses due to the National Convention being held virtually instead of at the American Pharmacists Association's Annual Meeting & Exposition.
- Midwest Trust Company continued to manage the Rho Chi Society investments in compliance with the Rho Chi Investment Policy. As of December 31, 2022, the Short-Term Investment Fund assets value was \$67,708.97 and the Long-Term Investments Fund assets value was \$533,190. Noteworthy was the transfer of \$20,000 from cash reserves to the Short-Term Investment Fund and \$100,000 to the Long-Term Investment Fund in 2022.
- Successful audit of the 2022 Rho Chi Society financial records by the Rho Chi Audit Committee in their letter dated January 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley A. Boucher, Pharm.D.
National Treasurer, The Rho Chi Society



Karen B. Farris, PhD, Executive Vice President
The Rho Chi Society
2023 National Convention
February 1, 2023

1. Growth

At present, we have 136 active chapters and 146 chartered chapters historically, with 1 new chapter pending election results.

2. Rho Chi Society National Office staff

The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy is pleased to continue to host The Rho Chi Society National Office. Julie Seeger is now our Program Manager in the National Office. We also work with Brian VanDerziel at the College and he supports our website updates.

3. 2022-23 Priorities

Our priorities in the National Office were:

- Centennial activities (described below)
- Support the work of the Rho Chi Executive Council officers, committees, and task forces
- Manage agenda, technology, and voting for National Convention
- Finalize documentation of 501c3 nonprofit status for all chapters
- Hosted the Rho Chi Town Hall on April 19, 2022, focusing on chapter development, with presentations from leaders of our award-winning chapter
- Evaluate our strategic plan and develop a new plan for 2023 – 2028 in summer 2023

4. Centennial Celebrations were the focus of 2022

- Initiated fund-raising campaign, with donor packages for different levels of support. We have raised \$17,130 to date! View our supporters on the Rho Chi Donor Wall: <https://rhochi.org/about-rho-chi/donor-wall/>
Donate Online: <https://rhochi.org/donate/>
- Provided Centennial celebration gifts to every chapter in early 2022
- Hosted successful Centennial Celebration reception in March at APhA 2022, with ~200 attendees including alumni, students, and faculty
- Created Centennial webpage to capture history and Past Presidents' video messages. <https://rhochi.org/centennial/>
- Created Centennial video to capture the history of the Society, with celebratory messages from Rho Chi past presidents, as well as messages from the three founding chapters. To view, visit: <https://youtu.be/je4440h-lik>
- Commissioned update of our historical booklet, *The Rho Chi Society*, that is undergoing editing at this time.

5. Website Update on rhochi.org

Rho Chi has added an interactive Chapter Map to our website to allow easy collaboration between chapters. Explore the new map to see all active chapter information, officers, and

social media profiles of each chapter. Please update your chapter information through an Advisor login.

6. Social Media

Our Rho Chi Society social media groups continue to grow. We anticipate that our SM presence will increase as we develop the activities for what we hope is a new standing Communications Committee (bylaw change on 2023 ballot). We encourage sharing your chapter content on your chapter social media pages, tagging Rho Chi, sharing on our Rho Chi national group pages, and following other chapters. [**#rhochiforlife**](#)

7. Update on Financials

The financial viability of The Rho Chi Society is positive, and the Treasurer and Audit reports attest to this status. The EVP works with the Treasurer and Executive Council to determine what financial resources should be reinvested in the Society. The upcoming strategic plan will provide guidance on using our investments and donation campaign funds.

8. Virtual conventions and future in-person gatherings

We will continue to host our National Convention virtually. We intend to host in-person receptions at various professional meetings.

9. PLS Collaboration

We have begun to explore collaborations with Phi Lambda Sigma at annual meetings to host networking receptions beginning in 2024, either for our members and/or advisors.

10. Proposed bylaw changes

We managed the development and voting of four potential bylaw changes, and these results will be announced after the ballot is tabulated. The bylaw changes include

1. Defining attendance at National Convention (Article IV),
2. Changing election process from written ballot (Article V),
3. Adding Communications as standing committee (Articles VI and VII), and
4. Updating language about Credentials Committee for alternative voting processes (Article XI).

Respectfully Submitted,



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Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Graduate/Undergraduate Education
Director, Clinical Pharmacy Translational Sciences Graduate and Fellows Program
Faculty Lead, Digital Education, Institute for Healthcare Policy & Innovation
Executive Vice President, The Rho Chi Society



The Rho Chi Society Scholarship/Fellowship Committee 2022-2023

Committee Members

Chair: Andrew J. Smith (University of Missouri - Kansas City)
Term 2017-2023 (chair, 2019-2023)

Members: Nathan Cherrington (University of Arizona) – Term 2019-2025
Dana Strachan (Palm Beach Atlantic University) – Term 2022-2028
Ellen Woods (AFPE President) - ex officio

Committee Charge

It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to promote the availability of all Rho Chi Scholarships and Fellowships, review applications and determine recipients for scholarships, the number and amount of which, if any, is determined by the Executive Council.

Awards

Clinical Research Scholarship 2023-2024

- No applications received

American Foundation of Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) First Year Graduate Fellowship 2022-2023

- One application received 5/2/22
- The committee reviewed that application and awarded the fellowship to Christopher Godwin, Ph.D student at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

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2024 Lecture Award Committee Report

Executive Council

March 1, 2023

The 2023 Rho Chi Lecture Award recipient, Dr. Marie Chisholm-Burns will deliver the recorded lecture, “The Power of You: Unleashing the Possible” on Saturday, March 18, 2023, during the Rho Chi Virtual Annual Meeting. Chapters are encouraged to join others across the country to attend this inspiring lecture.

The work for the 2024 Lecture Award is progressing as the call for nominations occurred in the fall semester of 2022. Rho Chi Chapters received monthly e-mails during the fall semester requesting nominations for the 2024 Rho Chi Lecture Award. The initial e-mail provided an outline of the process and links to the Rho Chi website for submission. The Rho Chi National Office posted Lecture Award announcements on social media outlets. Communications targeted Rho Chi Chapters, Chapter Presidents, Advisors and College of Pharmacy Deans.

The Lecture Award Committee appointed for the 2024 Lecture Award includes Dr. Harold Mann 2021 Rho Chi Lecture Award Recipient, Dr. Jean Nappi 2022 Rho Chi Lecture Award Recipient, Dr. Jack Reynolds, Past President of the Rho Chi Society and Dr. Cynthia Phillips Rho Chi National Historian. In her role as National Historian, Dr. Cynthia Phillips serves as Ex-Officio Committee Chair

Committee members received eleven dossiers for review. Seven nominations from the previous cycle were moved forward for consideration, with one updated and four new nominations were received for 2024. The committee is completing the review of the dossiers and will provide the results to the Executive Committee at the June 2023 Executive Council Meeting.





The Rho Chi Society

Chapter Awards Committee Report

March 1, 2023

Committee Members

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| Chair: | Andrew Smith (President-Elect, University of Missouri Kanas City) |
| EC Members: | Sara Grossman (Region I, Long Island University) |
| | Thomas Franko (Region II Councilor, Wilkes University) |
| | Cathy Worrall (Region III-E, Medical University of South Carolina) |
| | Kristy Wahaib (Region III-W, Belmont University) |
| | Lori Duke (Region III-S, University of Georgia) |
| | Lynette Moser (Region IV-E, Wayne State University) |
| | Steven Scott (Region IV-W, Purdue University) |
| | Jeanne Frenzel (Region V, North Dakota State University) |
| | Brooke Gildon (Region VI, Southwestern Oklahoma State Universtiy) |
| | Jenny Wong (Region VII, University of Washington) |
| | Jennifer Trujillo (Region VIII, University of Colorado) |

Review of Charges

According to the National Bylaws of The Rho Chi Society, the Awards Committee is charged with “selecting recipients for the Rho Chi Chapter Achievement and Rho Chi Chapter Project Proposal Awards”.

Activities

The Awards Committee reviewed Chapter Reports and Project Proposal Award submissions throughout the year. Councilors conducted most of their work remotely and submitted evaluations electronically.

A virtual orientation was held in July 2022 with a presentation reviewing committee responsibilities, timelines, and evaluation materials. An interactive mock report and evaluation form review session was held after the presentation. Scoring rubric feedback was collected and discussed.

Chapter Achievement Award Review Process Overview*

Round 1

- Councilors review and score reports from another region.
- Top two chapters from each region (total of 22) move on to the next round.
- This year 24 chapters moved on to the second round due to ties in the two regions

Round 2 (Top 10 Selection)

- Each Councilor reviews and scores 10-12 new reports for round two.
- Each report is scored by at least 5 councilors
- The top 10 ranked reports based on average scores move to Round 3.

Round 3 (Winner Selection)

- Councilors review and score all reports not previously scored by that Councilor in Round 2.
- Top scoring report is selected as the Chapter Achievement Award Winner.

**Note: Report scores are averaged in each round to determine rank, progression to the next round, and winner.*

The Most Improved Chapter Award material distribution, review, and winner selection occurs in conjunction with the Chapter Achievement Award. Historically, only one chapter per region moved on to the second round in this award. The award taskforce determined that the most improved award will not be judged in regions, all chapters submitting for the award will be evaluated equally. This year there was only ten eligible entries, so ranking started with Round 2.

Most Improved Chapter Award Review Process Overview**

Round 1 (Top 10 Chapter Selection)

- This round was not required this year (only ten eligible entries).

Round 2 (Top Chapters Ranking and Selection)

- Councilors review and rank top region reports.
- Top 3 chapters reports are selected for final review.

Round 3 (Winner Selection)

- Councilors review and vote on the top chapter.
- Top voted report selected as the Most Improved Chapter Award Winner.

***Note: Report scores are averaged in each round to determine rank and progression to the next round. Movement into the final round is based on the number of top rankings. The final round is a vote for the top chapter (only one vote per councilor, the chair serves as tie breaker if needed).*

Chapter Report and Project Proposal Award Review Summary 2021-2022

Chapter Report Submission

- 2022: 130 Chapters submitted a report for their work conducted in 2021-2022.
- 64 Chapters did not submit a report by May 15 for award consideration.
- All active Chapters submitted a report.

Chapter Achievement Award

- 47 Chapters met eligibility for the Chapter Achievement Award.
- 19 Chapters submitted on time but did not meet all required eligibility criteria.
- Reports were distributed to the Committee for review on July 15th, 2022.
- Councilors reviewed and scored chapter reports for the Chapter Achievement Award Round 1 review by August 31st, 2022.
- Top 24 chapters were selected as Round 1 Finalists and sent to the Committee for Round 2 review and scoring on October 14th, 2022 with evaluations due by November 8th, 2022.
- Top 10 chapters were selected as Round 2 Finalists and sent to the Committee for Round 3 review and scoring on November 30th, 2022 with evaluations due by January 10th, 2023.
- Top scoring chapter was selected for the Chapter Achievement Award in January 2023 and will be announced at the Rho Chi Virtual Annual Meeting on March 18th, 2023.

Most Improved Chapter Award

- 18 Chapters indicated an interest in being considered for the Most Improved Chapter Award, but 8 chapters were not eligible.
- A total of 10 Chapters were eligible and reviewed for the Most Improved Chapter Award.
- Reviewed started in conjunction with Round 2 of the Chapter Achievement Award.
- Councilors were instructed to rank the ten chapters. Materials were provided October 14th, 2022 with evaluations due by November 8th, 2022.

- After averaging the rankings, the top 3 Chapters were shared with the Committee in January and the committee was asked to vote on the top chapter by January 30th, 2023.
- Top ranked chapter was selected for the Most Improved Chapter Award in January 2023 and will be announced at the Rho Chi Virtual Annual Meeting on March 18th, 2023.

Chapter Project Proposal Award

- Submissions Summary
 - Summer 2022: 5
 - Spring 2023: 6
- Committee members reviewed and approved or ranked proposals they deemed worthy of being evaluated and accepted in July 2022 (Summer Cycle) and February 2023 (Spring Cycle).
- Two proposals were accepted for the Summer Cycle and the Spring Cycle evaluations are still pending at the time of this report.

Rho Chi Chapter Award Finalists and Recipients Summary

Chapter Achievement Award

Top 10 Finalists – Alphabetical by Chapter

| Chapter | Region | School |
|---------------|--------|--|
| Alpha Eta | II | Rutgers University |
| Alpha Omicron | II | University of Pittsburgh |
| Alpha Theta | VIII | University of Colorado |
| Alpha Xi | IV-E | University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy |
| Beta Beta | III-S | Samford University |
| Beta Nu | IV-E | University of Cincinnati – Medical Center |
| Beta Theta | I | Long Island University |
| Delta Eta | VI | University of the Incarnate Word |
| Omega | I | University at Buffalo |
| Theta | VIII | University of Southern California |

Most Improved Chapter Award

Finalists – Alphabetical by Chapter

| Chapter | Region | School |
|-------------|--------|--|
| Alpha Alpha | V | Creighton University |
| Alpha Eta | II | Rutgers University |
| Alpha Xi | IV-E | University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy |
| Beta Beta | III-S | Samford University |
| Beta Nu | IV-E | University of Cincinnati – Medical Center |
| Beta Theta | I | Long Island University |
| Delta Eta | VI | University of the Incarnate Word |
| Epsilon Rho | VIII | Chapman University |
| Gamma Theta | III-S | Nova Southeastern University |
| Omega | I | University at Buffalo |

Chapter Project Proposal Award Recipients

- *Summer 2022*

- Alpha Eta Chapter (Rutgers University): *“My Wellness Path Clinic: Promoting Healthy Choices and Knowledge to Previously Incarcerated Individuals”*.
 - Alpha Iota Chapter (Medical University of South Carolina): *“Continuous Glucose Monitoring Device Educational Workshop for Healthcare Students”*.
- **Spring 2023**
 - Pending

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Nominating Committee Report

February 13, 2023

Committee Members

Chair: Emmanuelle Schwartzman (Chapman, Immediate Past President)
Thomas Franko (Wilkes; Region II Councilor)
Lynette Moser (Wayne State; Region IV-E Councilor)
Steven Scott (Purdue; Region IV-W Councilor)
Brooke Gildon (Southwestern Oklahoma State; VI Councilor)
Jennifer Trujillo (Colorado; Region VIII Councilor)

Charge (as stated in the Bylaws)

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past-President, who serves as Chair, and the Regional Councilors. Councilors from the even-numbered regions shall be appointed to the Committee in even-numbered years and those from the odd-numbered regions shall be appointed to the Committee in odd-numbered years. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to provide nominees for the office of President-elect and Councilors for the even-numbered regions in odd-numbered years and for Secretary, Historian, and Councilors for the odd-numbered regions in even-numbered years. The Committee shall develop a slate of new officers and Councilors by October when the Committee will present the slate for review by the full Executive Council.

Chair Notes

- The Nominating Committee met over the course of several months to seek out and nominate candidates for each open position.

Tentative Slate

- **National Historian**
 - Cynthia Phillips, Incumbent (South Carolina)
 - Unopposed
- **National Secretary**
 - Amanda Stahnke, Incumbent (Missouri-Kansas City)
 - Jelena Lewis (Chapman)
- **Region I Councilor**
 - Sara Grossman, Incumbent (Long Island)
 - Unopposed
- **Region III E Councilor**
 - Riley Bowers (Campbell)
 - Sarah Wheeler (Ohio State)
- **Region III W Councilor**
 - Kristy Wahaib, Incumbent (Butler)
 - Kelly Covert (East Tennessee State)
- **Region III S Councilor**
 - Courtney Watts Alexander (Auburn)
 - Melissa Santibanez (Nova Southeastern)
- **Region V Councilor**
 - Jeanne Frenzel, Incumbent (North Dakota State)
 - Linda Sobeski (Nebraska)
- **Region VII Councilor**
 - Angela Stewart (Washington State)
 - Unopposed

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Nominating Committee

National Historian

National Historian

- **Cynthia Phillips, Incumbent (South Carolina)**

Bio: Originally from Memphis, Tennessee, Cynthia M. Phillips obtained her B.S. in biology from the University of Tennessee at Martin, received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis and trained at University of Alabama Birmingham for her pharmacy practice residency.

Dr. Phillips currently serves as National Historian for the Rho Chi Society. As part of these responsibilities, she chairs the Rho Chi Lecture Award Committee and has been privileged to work with past Lecture Award recipients. She served as Rho Chi Regional Councilor (2014-2019). During her tenure with Rho Chi, she has served on the Rho Chi Bylaws Committee, Communications Committee, Collaborative Task Force for the Development of the Advisor Guidebook, and the Centennial Task Force.

As a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy, she serves as course coordinator, instructor, and preceptor. She teaches throughout the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum with areas of focus and research in diabetes, nutrition and obesity, dyslipidemia, and drug interactions. Most recently she served as the Chair for the Faculty Governance Committee and led efforts to update the College of Pharmacy Bylaws.

She is passionate about advancing the scholarship of pharmacy trainees. As faculty advisor for the Beta Alpha Chapter (1996-present), Dr. Phillips collaborated with Rho Chi student members to develop the Rho Chi Tutoring Program which improved student attitudes and academic skills in first professional pharmacy students. Through this service opportunity, she has worked with Rho Chi members to develop their intellectual leadership skills. Her research interests include exploring the role of peer mentors in tutoring and improving outcomes for patients with diabetes.

Dr. Phillips currently practices as an Ambulatory Care Pharmacist with Prisma Health Medical Group where she works with a multi-disciplinary team to provide care for a variety of patients. As a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist, she focuses on improving the quality of life and outcomes for her patients.

- **Unopposed**

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Nominating Committee

National Secretary

National Secretary

- **Amanda Stahnke, Incumbent (Missouri-Kansas City)**

Bio: Amanda Stahnke, PharmD, BCACP, is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy (UMKC). She received her Pharm.D. from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy (SIUE) and completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL. Post residency she accepted a Clinical Assistant Professor position with SIUE before joining UMKC faculty in 2012. Dr. Stahnke has been a member of Rho Chi since 2009. She has served as co-advisor for the Alpha Omega chapter of Rho Chi since 2014 and previously served as co-advisor for the Beta Delta chapter at SIUE. She served two terms as Regional Councilor for Region VI of Rho Chi from 2016 until 2020 and is currently serving as Rho Chi National Secretary. Dr. Stahnke has served the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES) as Member Affiliates Council member, leader of the Missouri Coordinating Body and Pharmacy Community of Interest and served as chair of the programming committee for the Missouri Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP).

Dr. Stahnke provides patient care services at the Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center (KCVa) in primary care. She has been involved in research projects within the university and at the KCVa. Currently, she is working with colleagues at the KCVa to determine the impact of assessing and providing targeted interventions for Diabetes Distress on glycemic control.

She received Rho Chi Teacher of the Year from UMKC in 2019 and 2021, Preceptor of the Year from UMKC in 2015 and Volunteer of the Year from MSHP in 2014.

Dr. Stahnke looks forward to the opportunity to continue to serve as Rho Chi National Secretary.

- **Jelena Lewis (Chapman)**

Bio: Dr. Jelena Lewis is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Director of Residency and Fellowship Programs at Chapman University School of Pharmacy in Irvine, CA. She is also a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, and she holds a California Advanced Practice Pharmacist license. Dr. Lewis received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree and completed her PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the University of Southern California (USC). Upon completion of her residency, she worked as a clinical pharmacist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Care Foundation where she managed patients with chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. She is currently a faculty in residence at Providence Medical Foundation where she works as a clinical pharmacist in team-based care with a primary focus on diabetes management.

Dr. Lewis was inducted into the Rho Chi Theta Chapter at USC in 2007 and Phi Kappa Phi All-University Honor Society in 2008. In 2018, Dr. Lewis and her faculty colleagues submitted a petition to establish the Rho Chi Society Chapter at Chapman University School of Pharmacy. In Spring 2019, the Epsilon Rho Chapter was the 129th to be organized and approved by all other member chapters. Upon approval of the Epsilon Rho Chapter, Dr. Lewis took on the faculty advisor role at the school and in July 2019, she helped induct the inaugural Rho Chi Epsilon Rho Chapter class. With Dr. Lewis's guidance Rho Chi Epsilon Rho Chapter student members now provide tutoring and supplemental instruction services at Chapman. Over the next few years, Dr. Lewis hopes to work with the current student members to develop the chapter further with community outreach services that align with the mission and vision of the society. Additionally, she would like to become more involved with the Rho Chi Society's Executive Council in order to help foster collaboration with other chapters and continue to develop intellectual leaders.

Dr. Lewis has also been very involved with the American Pharmacists Association and specifically the APhA-APPM Medical Home/ACO SIG group. She is the past APhA-APPM Medical Home/ACO SIG coordinator and past chair of the SIG's Education and Resources Committee. Additionally, this year she is serving as a member of the APhA-APPM Policy Standing Committee.

Her research interests include population health management and implementation and outcomes of a pharmacist run chronic disease management program in team-based care.

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Nominating Committee

Region I Councilor

Region I Councilor

- **Sara Grossman, Incumbent (Long Island)**

Bio: Sara Grossman, PharmD, is Co-Director of the Leonardi Institute for Health Analytics and AI (formerly: International Drug Information Center) at Long Island University where she also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Grossman received her PharmD degree from Long Island University in 2007.

In her role at the College, Dr. Grossman has established partnerships with healthcare organizations and other user groups for the provision of drug information services to both healthcare professionals and consumers. She facilitated the development, funding, and launch of the first post-PharmD fellowship at Long Island University, the focus of which is on drug information and medical communications. Since that time, Dr. Grossman has been responsible for bringing additional post-PharmD fellowship programs to fruition at the College.

Dr. Grossman serves as a lecturer in a drug information and literature evaluation course and precepts students completing an advanced pharmacy practice experience in drug information. She also serves as a lecturer for the School of Health Professions at LIU Brooklyn and has served as an international guest lecturer at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev – Faculty of Health Sciences.

Dr. Grossman was selected for membership in the Rho Chi Society as a pharmacy student in 2005 and served as a historian for the chapter during the following academic year. She has served as an advisor to the Beta Theta Chapter since September 2014 and since that time, has been instrumental in increasing the impact of the Chapter on the LIU Community, surrounding community, and through the Chapter's generation of scholarly material, on the profession as a whole.

- **Unopposed**

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Nominating Committee

Region III-E Councilor

Region III-E Councilor

- **Riley Bowers (Campbell)**

Bio: Dr. Bowers is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice with CPHS. He also serves as the Residency Program Director for the PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency at Cape Fear Valley Health. At Cape Fear Valley, he serves as a clinical specialist in adult internal medicine and heart failure, and precepts Internal Medicine I & II APPE rotations along with multiple residency rotations. Dr. Bowers completed a pharmacy practice PGY1 residency with Harnett Health and Campbell University, followed by a PGY2 residency in Internal Medicine and Academia at Duke Regional Hospital. His research interests include the scholarship of teaching and learning, cardiology, and pharmacy practice/service-based research.

Dr. Bowers has served as the faculty advisor for the Gamma Iota Chapter of Rho Chi for the last 4 years, is the advisor for the ASHP student organization, and serves as a member of the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists Board of Directors. Dr. Bowers is also a member of AACP's Academic Leadership Fellows Program Cohort 19. In his free time, Dr. Bowers enjoys traveling with his wife, Elizabeth, playing golf, and is a self-proclaimed fly-fishing enthusiast.

"Thank you for considering me for the Region III-East Councilor position. During my time in the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society as a student and faculty advisor, I have had the opportunity to be involved with the implementation and continuation of our walk-in tutoring led by Rho Chi students at Campbell University. Through this experience, I have learned the impact this can provide on an institution and the broader impact we can have as a Society. It would be my honor to extend my service as a Region Councilor."

- **Sarah Wheeler (Ohio State)**

Bio: Dr. Wheeler was inducted into the Rho Chi Upsilon chapter at The Ohio State University and graduated with her PharmD degree in 2018. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Cleveland Clinic Akron General and a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Dr. Wheeler has experience in pharmacy across different practice areas including community pharmacy, inpatient staffing and clinical pharmacy, and ambulatory pharmacy including primary care and specialty clinics. She is passionate about pharmacy practice advancement and student development and currently serves as the Rho Chi Gamma Omicron chapter co-advisor and as the ACCP Ambulatory Care PRN Student Committee Vice Chair and the lead for the PRN student mentorship program. Despite her relatively short tenure as a Rho Chi advisor, she has prior experience as the chair of the APhA-ASHP Awards Standing Committee, which will serve her well in the Rho Chi Region III-East Councilor role.

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Nominating Committee

Region III-W Councilor

Region III-W Councilor

- **Kristy Wahaib, Incumbent (Belmont)**

Bio: Kristy Wahaib is a graduate of Butler University College of Pharmacy in Indianapolis, Indiana. Following graduation Dr. Wahaib completed an ASHP-accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri as well as a Specialty Residency in Internal Medicine with University Medical Center Brackenridge and The University of Texas in Austin, Texas. She joined the Belmont University College of Pharmacy faculty during the summer of 2010 and became a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist (BCPS) in 2012.

As Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Dr. Wahaib teaches courses related to clinical science, such as Pathophysiology and Therapeutics and Therapeutic Case Studies, and she offers an elective course in Cardiology each spring semester. Additionally, she is coordinator of the Belmont University Teaching Certificate Program offered each year to area pharmacy residents. Dr. Wahaib's practice focus is Internal Medicine. She has established a practice site at Vanderbilt University Medical Center where she provides direct patient care on a daily basis and precepts students completing their APPEs during the fourth year of the pharmacy curriculum. Dr. Wahaib has received numerous teaching awards at Belmont, including Preceptor of the Year in 2012, 2013, and 2021, and Faculty of the year in 2015. It is evident that her passion lies in the student-educator dynamic in both the didactic and clinical setting. Dr. Wahaib is actively involved in many college committees and student organizations, including The Rho Chi Society. She has served as advisor for Belmont's Rho Chi chapter since its inception in 2013 and has worked with members, year after year, to build a Rho Chi led tutoring program that serves the needs of the college. Additionally, she has served as Regional Councilor for the past two years is looking forward to the possibility of serving for an additional term.

- **Kelly Covert (East Tennessee State)**

Bio: Kelly L. Covert, PharmD, BCPS is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the East Tennessee State University Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in 2014 and then went on to complete a 24-month Pharmacotherapy Residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Covert currently practices as an inpatient Family Medicine specialist at Johnson City Medical Center and serves as a preceptor for IPPE, APPE, PGY1, and PGY2 Internal Medicine Residents. Dr. Covert has been involved in the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, the Tennessee Society of Health-System Pharmacists, ACCP, and AACP, in addition to several college committees. Further, Dr. Covert has served as co-advisor of the Delta Epsilon chapter of the Gatton College of Pharmacy's Rho Chi chapter since 2016. Dr. Covert's current teaching and research interests include gastroenterology, nephrology, infectious disease, and post-graduate development and training.

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Nominating Committee

Region III-S Councilor

Region III-S Councilor

- **Courtney Watts Alexander (Auburn)**

Bio: Courtney Watts Alexander, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCOP, joined the Harrison School of Pharmacy as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacogenomics in the Department of Pharmacy Practice on August 1, 2020. Her practice site is the Auburn University Pharmaceutical Care Center (AUPCC) where her work focuses in the area of Clinical Pharmacogenomics. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of Alabama in 2008, she went on to complete her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy in 2013. Following graduation, she completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas and a PGY2 oncology residency at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Alexander became a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) in 2014 and a Board-Certified Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) in 2016. Prior to joining the Harrison School of Pharmacy, Dr. Alexander worked at Prisma-Health Upstate in Greenville, South Carolina where she served as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. In conjunction with this position, she served as an Affiliate Clinical Assistant Professor with the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville and an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. Dr. Alexander is an active member in the Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC), the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), and the Alabama Pharmacy Association (APA). She currently serves as content expert reviewer in the ACCP/ASHP Oncology Preparatory Review and Preparation Course for those wishing to become board certified in oncology pharmacy. Her clinical and research interests include pediatric and adult oncology and pharmacogenomics.

- **Melissa Santibanez (Nova Southeastern)**

Bio: Dr. Santibañez is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy with a clinical practice site focused on ICU outcomes at Memorial Regional Hospital. She received her Pharm.D. from Nova Southeastern University in 2015. As a fourth-year pharmacy student, she completed the 6-month Advanced Clinical Experience Program through Jackson Memorial Hospital, an intensive program intended to prepare students for post-graduate residency training. Dr. Santibañez completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2016, followed by a PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital in 2017. Prior to joining the faculty at NSU COP in January 2021, she was an Assistant Professor at Larkin University College of Pharmacy for 3.5 years. She is the faculty advisor for NSU's Rho Chi Gamma Theta chapter and a co-advisor for NSU's Legislative Task Force. She also serves as the chair of the ACCP Pulmonary Practice and Research Network (PRN) and as the State Regional Coordinator for the Florida chapter of SCCM. Her research interests include hemostasis and reversal of anticoagulation, antimicrobial stewardship in the ICU, pharmacist burnout, and pharmacy advocacy.

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Nominating Committee

Region V Councilor

Region V Councilor

- **Jeanne Frenzel, Incumbent (North Dakota State)**

Bio: Jeanne Frenzel, PharmD, PhD, BCSCP is a professor in the School of Pharmacy at North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND. She teaches complex pharmacy practice skills to students and graduate pharmacists. Her research involves innovative pedagogies using simulation and technology in the classroom.

Dr. Frenzel received a Bachelors of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Microbiology, a PharmD degree, and a PhD in education from North Dakota State University. She completed a PGY1 residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fargo, ND in 2004. Dr. Frenzel was named Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year by the North Dakota Pharmacists Association in 2008. She has received local and national teaching awards for her work with pharmacy students including the Peltier Award for Innovative Teaching, the Mary Berg Award for Excellence in Teaching, the award for Excellence in Course Assessment, School of Pharmacy Faculty Preceptor of the Year, and the Odney Excellence in Teaching Award from NDSU. She has also been recognized by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy through the Innovations in Teaching award, Laboratory Innovation and Teaching Excellence award, and Emerging Teaching Scholar award. Dr. Frenzel has been advisor to the Kappa Chapter of the Rho Chi Society since 2006. She has served three terms as Region V - Regional Councilor from 2013-2015, 2015-2017, and 2021-2023.

- **Linda Sobeski, (Nebraska)**

Bio: Linda Sobeski is a Clinical Associate Professor with Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She received her PharmD degree from UNMC in 1992 and completed a PGY1 residency in Pharmacy Practice at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, CO. She joined the UNMC faculty in February 2005. She was also Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Drake University from 1993-1994.

Dr. Sobeski was inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Rho Chi National Honor Society as a student in 1990. She has served as the Rho Chi Alpha Epsilon Chapter Advisor at UNMC for eleven years (2008-2014 and 2018 to present). She was elected and served as Rho Chi Region V Councilor from 2010-2013.

Dr. Sobeski is a member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacists, American Geriatrics Society, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, American Pharmaceutical Association, and the Nebraska Pharmacists Association. Dr. Sobeski was recognized as an Outstanding COP Faculty Member by the UNMC Class of 2022. She was the recipient of the UNMC Faculty Preceptor of the Year Award in 2020.

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Nominating Committee

Region VII Councilor

Region VII Councilor

- **Angela Stewart (Washington State)**

Bio: Dr. Stewart received her BS in Pharmacy from the University of Washington and her PharmD from the University of Texas, Austin and University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio (UTHSCSA). She completed a general residency at St. Joseph Hospital in Tacoma, WA and a specialty residency in Adult Internal Medicine at the UTHSCSA and Bexar County Hospital in San Antonio, TX. She is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist with more than 20 years of acute care experience leading clinical pharmacy services, providing direct patient care, teaching, and directing an accredited residency program. Dr. Stewart joined the faculty of the WSU College of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2014 and is a Scholarly Professor in the Department of Pharmacotherapy. She served as founding campus director and associate dean for the Yakima extension program and is now the Associate Dean for Rural Health. She assumed the role of Executive Director of the Yakima Valley Interprofessional Practice and Education Collaborative (YVIEPEC) hosted at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (PNWU) in March 2021. In this role, she leads the collaborative in offering interprofessional education programming, faculty and professional development, and community engagement and service.

- **Unopposed**