

The Rho Chi Society

2024 Ballot Information



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The Rho Chi Society
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Dear Rho Chi Executive Council,

We are writing to express our sincere desire to establish a Rho Chi chapter here at Pacific University School of Pharmacy in Hillsboro, Oregon. As you review our petition, you will discover that our school maintains a rigorous academic standard and embodies the ideals of Rho Chi. We apply to you now because the school recently adopted a new curriculum and changed to GPA-based grading, making it easier to quantify our students' academic success.

The Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society has promoted intellectual achievement and the advancement of the field of pharmacy for over a century. As dedicated pharmacy students at Pacific University, we wholeheartedly submit this petition so we may share in that goal. You will find that the students of this school are well prepared to uphold the mission and vision of Rho Chi. Due to the accelerated nature of Pacific University's 3-year pharmacy degree program, it attracts driven, intelligent, and dedicated students. In addition to the 3-year program, the school recently launched a 5-year pathway that upholds the same standards of academic and ethical integrity with a schedule that accommodates a near-full-time job or family care responsibilities. The students in this new pathway demonstrate the same commitment to the profession while balancing their other responsibilities. The addition of a Rho Chi chapter at this school would foster our continued professional and academic growth as students and as pharmacists, strengthening the profession.

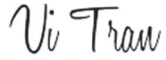
Thank you for considering this petition for a new chapter of Rho Chi. You will find all of the necessary documents outlining the history of the university and school of pharmacy, a description of the curriculum, how eligibility will be determined, a list of honor societies, a list of each faculty member and their credentials, a list of Rho Chi members within the faculty, a list of all petitioners and their signatures, a letter of recommendation from the dean of the Pacific University School of Pharmacy, and the contact information for the future advisors.

Below are the signatures of the qualified and enthusiastic students pledging their commitment to establishing a Rho Chi chapter, and who look forward to contributing to the legacy of excellence this organization upholds.

Sincerely,

The petitioning students at Pacific University School of Pharmacy

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Sylvia Oh



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September 25, 2023

To whom it may concern:

it is my great honor to provide this letter of recommendation in support of our petition as Pacific University's School of Pharmacy to establish a new Chapter for the Rho Chi Pharmacy Academic Honor Society.

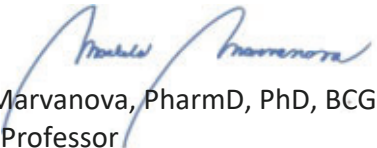
As a Rho Chi member myself, I am very excited about this opportunity for our School of Pharmacy, students and faculty to establish this chapter recognizing academic and intellectual achievements, inquiry and advancement of the profession of pharmacy and intellectual leaders. Our recent curricular changes and launch of our new PharmD curriculum and move from pass/fail grading to letter grades enables us to establish this chapter with our current students and meet necessary number of petitioners to establish the Society Chapter.

I am happy to confirm that the School is fully ACPE-accredited and also a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). The list of our eligible petitioners accompanying this application have met the requirements set forth in Article III: Members of the 2010 Revision of the National Bylaws of The Rho Chi Society and attests that the petitioners have no known disciplinary action for academic reasons or for unprofessional conduct.

I fully support the efforts of our faculty and students in this initiative.

Thank you for your consideration of our petition.

Sincerely,


Marketa Marvanova, PharmD, PhD, BCGP, BCPP, FASCP
Dean and Professor
Pacific University School of Pharmacy

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Nominating Committee

National President-Elect

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- **Esther P. (Penni) Black (Kentucky)**

Bio: I have been a faculty member at the University of Kentucky, College of Pharmacy, in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences since 2004. As an Associate Professor, I also hold the administrative position of Director of the PharmD program. I maintain a small research group of graduate, undergraduate, and pharmacy students together studying methods of personalizing lung cancer therapies using molecular and health records data. My instructional duties include a foundational molecular and cellular biology class for our P1 students and Integrated Drugs and Disease-Oncology class for our P3 students.

I have served as the advisor for the Alpha Xi Chapter of the Rho Chi Society since 2010. Our Chapter has been awarded a Chapter Proposal multiple times during my tenure and was named National Chapter of the Year for our 2019-20 academic year proposal. Additionally, I served as Region IV-E Councilor on the Rho Chi Executive Council from 2018 to 2020.

- **Amanda Stahnke (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 PharmD 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 served as Rho Chi National Secretary from 2021-2023. During her time as Regional Councilor and Secretary Dr. Stahnke assisted in the installation of several new chapters. While Secretary she chaired the Communications Taskforce that expanded Rho Chi's social media presence and led the development of the Communications Committee. Dr. Stahnke has served in other local, regional, and national leadership positions within several other professional organizations, including the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES) and 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, managing many chronic disease states including diabetes mellitus, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. She assists in coordination of Ambulatory Care topic discussions for KCVA preceptors, students, and residents and serves as preceptor to General Medicine I and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience students and Post-Graduate Year 1 and 2 residents. In addition to experiential education, Dr. Stahnke provides didactic education throughout the curriculum at UMKC. She coordinates the Physical Assessment and Professional Communication lab and teaches a variety of topics within several required courses, including type 2 diabetes mellitus, hypertension, urinary incontinence, and multiple sclerosis within the pharmacotherapy series.

Her scholarly areas of interest including diabetes mellitus, multiple sclerosis, and scholarship of teaching. 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.

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- **John P. Bentley (Mississippi)**

Bio: John P. Bentley has been a faculty member at the University of Mississippi School of pharmacy for nearly 25 years. He is a pharmacist, biostatistician, health services researcher, and avid baseball fan (a passion he shares with his spouse, Sandy). He previously served as the Program Coordinator for the University's Graduate Minor in Applied Statistics and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Administration. In the pharmacy curriculum, he has taught elements of research design, biostatistics, epidemiology, and drug literature evaluation. At the graduate level, he teaches several applied statistics courses.

John has conducted research projects in a variety of areas, including: patient-reported outcomes in health care; pharmacoepidemiology; measurement of medication adherence; and pharmaceutical marketing and patient behavior. He has been a member of many interdisciplinary research teams, consulted with numerous researchers concerning statistical analysis, published research in over 70 different journals, co-edited two textbooks, and served on the MS or PhD committees of over 180 students from various disciplines. He is a Fellow of both American Pharmacists Association and the National Academies of Practice and is a recipient of the UM School Pharmacy's Faculty Research Award, the UM Graduate School's Excellence in Graduate Teaching and Mentoring Award, the UM Faculty Achievement Award for Outstanding Teaching and Scholarship, the UM Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award, and the Outstanding Article of the Year Award for a paper published in *Quality of Life Research*.

John received his BS in Pharmacy and MBA from Drake University, MS and PhD in Pharmacy Administration from the University of Mississippi, and MS and PhD in Biostatistics from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). He was initiated into Rho Chi as a pharmacy student (Alpha Sigma Chapter, Drake University) and is also a member of the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health. He has served the Chi Chapter of Rho Chi (UM) as chapter secretary (5 years) and faculty advisor (20 years) and has been a member of the National Rho Chi Auditing Committee since 2021.

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Nominating Committee

Region II Councilor

Region II Councilor

- **Daniel J. Canney (Temple)**

Bio: Dr. Canney received his B.S. in Pharmacy from Temple University in 1979. Dr. Canney went on to earn a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry at Temple University under the direction of Peter H. Doukas and was inducted to Rho Chi Honor Society while a student at Temple. He then accepted a position as a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Pharmacology and Molecular Biology at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis working on the development of novel anticonvulsant agents with Douglas Covey and James Ferrendelli. He later joined the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Radiology (Section of Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry) as a research assistant professor where he worked with Hank Kung on the development of organ and receptor-specific imaging agents for use in SPECT imaging studies (technetium and radio-iodinated ligands).

Dr. Canney joined the faculty of TUSP in 1993 as assistant professor of medicinal chemistry and is currently associate professor. He has served as Director of Graduate Studies (2002-2020) and served as Chair of Pharmaceutical Sciences from 2011-2017. Dr. Canney has faculty responsibilities at both the professional (Med Chem II, and III) and graduate levels (Advanced Med Chem, Pharmaceutical Analysis) and also is involved in the direction of graduate student research (M.S. and Ph.D.). In the Pharm.D. program he also serves as the Faculty Advisor for the Rho Chi Pharmaceutical Honor Society (currently co-Advisor with Dr. Rotz) and the Committee on Addiction and Substance Abuse (C.A.S.A., Rx).

His current research interests include structure-activity relationship (SAR) studies involving molecules that modulate pharmacologically important protein targets. The development of efficient and versatile synthetic routes to pharmacologically useful building blocks is another interest of the group. Dr. Canney's research has been funded through internal grants (Temple Office of the VP for Research) and external grants from the NIH (NIDDK, NIDA) and foundations (CCFA). Recently, Dr. Canney has become a principal in a start-up company based on IP generated in his laboratory. That start-up, Praeventix, LLC, has successfully negotiated a license agreement with Temple University. The 5-HT7 project continues to be carried out in collaboration with Praeventix, LLC. Dr. Canney serves on NIH study sections, on Editorial Advisory Boards and as a reviewer for numerous journals. He has also served as Associate Editor of Life Sciences.

My responsibilities as Faculty Advisor for the Beta Lambda Chapter of Rho Chi at Temple Pharmacy School began in 1998 with the retirement of Dr. Paul Zanowiak. Since that time I have attended many annual meetings held in conjunction with APhA and the online meetings held in recent years. During my tenure, the chapter became increasingly more visible and is recognized as an active student organization on campus. More recently, a co-advisor (Dr. Melissa Rotz) from the Pharmacy Practice Department shares responsibilities with Dr. Canney. A review of our annual reports in recent years shows an active group involved in many aspects of student professional and social life. Our chapter hosted the 2nd Regional (Region II) meeting in 2004 that was well attended and considered a great success. Student representatives and I attended the 3rd Regional Meeting at Rutgers the following year also. Our students are involved in tutoring, community service and pharmacy related events each semester. Tutoring remains an important service the chapter offers to struggling students in the PY1 and PY2 years. For many years our chapter was involved in supporting Research Recognition Day at the School of Pharmacy. The event is designed to showcase the clinical and basic science research and increase interactions and improve communication between Pharm.D. and graduate students. As a fund raiser, our chapter has hosted a march madness basketball game between students and faculty, and more recently a volleyball game. It had become an annual custom that both the students and the faculty look forward to and enjoy. The pandemic put a stop to this activity but we hope to get things started again this year. The games improved the visibility of the Society and was great for student morale.

- **Susan J. Skledar (Pittsburg)**

Bio: Susan Skledar received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Master of Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh. Since 2016, she serves as Director of Experiential Learning and Continuing Professional Development at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy (Pitt Pharmacy). She is a Professor in the Department of Pharmacy & Therapeutics at the School of Pharmacy, precepting and lecturing in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum. She has been a clinical faculty member since 1992. Susan has been a long-standing member of Rho Chi at Pitt Pharmacy, first being inducted as a student pharmacist, and she has been Faculty Co-Advisor of Rho Chi since 2008. During her work with the Rho Chi student members, the Alpha Omicron Chapter at Pitt Pharmacy has won the Most Improved Chapter and Chapter Achievement Awards multiple times, and has been recognized with the Project Proposal grant awards three times. Susan has served on the Rho Chi National Auditing Committee since 2019, and is Chair of this Committee for 2023-24. She was honored with national Faculty Advisor of the Year in 2023, and was named to the 2023 national Alumni Honor Roll. She leads the PA Coalition of Experiential Learning Leaders, which is comprised of all seven schools of pharmacy in Pennsylvania, and is an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) site team evaluator. Susan's experiences in clinical practice are based in hospital and health-system pharmacy. Prior to 2016, she served as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in formulary management and drug use policy at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), an integrated health care delivery system operating more than 20 academic, community and specialty hospitals across its care network. This work has yielded over 400 hospital guidelines, over 50 peer-reviewed publications, and 20 book chapters/articles related to pharmacy practice changes. She has published approaches to teaching innovations in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education, the Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning, and the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy,

Susan has received national and regional recognition for her work from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), American Pharmaceutical Association, Institute for Safe Medication Practices, National Association of Healthcare Quality, Hospital and Health-System Association of Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She, as part of interdisciplinary care teams, is a two-time honoree of the ASHP Best Practices Award in Health-System Pharmacy in 2000 and in 2012. She was an individual winner of the APhA Pinnacle Award for Healthcare Quality Improvement, and was recognized as a Fellow of the ASHP. In 2013, she received the ASHP Distinguished Service Award for her work in inpatient pharmacy practice advancement and interdisciplinary collaboration. She was awarded Preceptor of the Year at Pitt Pharmacy in 2011 and again in 2016, and received Pitt Pharmacy Teacher of the Year in 2021.

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Nominating Committee

Region IV-W Councilor

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- **Stephanie L. Enz (Butler)**

Bio: Dr. Stephanie Enz is an Associate Professor in the Pharmaceutical Sciences department at Butler University. She received her B.S. in Pharmacy from The Ohio State University and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. In her current role, she coordinates and teaches in the pharmaceuticals lab sequence, teaches a first-year pharmacy practice course (Approval to Administration - How Drugs Get to Patients), precepts an academic rotation, and advises pre-professional students. Dr. Enz serves on the admissions committee for the college and coordinates the pre-professional Exploring Pharmacy courses. She is actively involved with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Her research is focused on the Science of Teaching and Learning and has included topics such as multi-tasking, collaborative test-taking, and teaching empathy. Dr. Enz has received multiple teaching awards including the Outstanding Pharmaceutical Sciences Faculty Award in 2011, 2014, 2016, and 2018, 2019. She has served as co-advisor for the Alpha Phi chapter of Rho Chi at Butler University for sixteen years. During her time as faculty advisor, she has helped to implement a successful peer-to-peer tutoring program through which Rho Chi members offer one-on-one tutoring sessions, review sessions, and exam reviews to campus-based and online students. Dr. Enz helped to increase the emerging tutoring program's visibility by handing out pieces of fruit with a Rho Chi information sticker attached to them at various points during the semester. She has worked with Rho Chi officers to plan every initiation and recognition event for the past sixteen years, including a meaningful virtual initiation during COVID, and has hosted a yearly appreciation dinner at her farm for all the fifth-year Rho Chi tutors.

- **Melany P. Puglisi-Weening (Chicago State)**

Bio: Melany P. Puglisi-Weening is the Director of Interprofessional Educations and a Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Chicago State University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She received her Ph.D. degree from the University of Mississippi College of Pharmacy in 2001 and then went on to complete postdoctoral fellowships at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California at San Diego and the Smithsonian Marine Station, National Museum of Natural History. Dr. Puglisi is a founding member of the CSU College of Pharmacy and the founding advisor of the Delta Xi chapter of CSU College of Pharmacy's Rho Chi chapter since 2012. She has received multiple Teacher of the Year and Preceptor of the Year from CSU. In 2016, she joined the Editorial Board of the Journal of Natural Products. She served a member of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Pharmacognosy for eight year and as Secretary to the ASP Foundation. Her research interests involve the scholarship of teaching and learning to improve classroom outcome and scientific research collaborations concerning the chemical interactions between benthic marine organisms and microorganisms.

Dr. Puglisi-Weening was elected to the Chi Chapter of the Rho Chi Society as a graduate student in the Department of Pharmacognosy at The University of Mississippi in 1999. Since, she has been involved as a founding faculty advisor for Rho Chi at Lake Erie College of Pharmacy and CSU. During her leadership, Delta Xi at CSU has implemented programming within the mission of Rho Chi and the university to support and enhance the pharmacy program by: 1) bringing in yearly speakers to address the different career paths for pharmacists; 2) providing additional academic support through a Rho Chi sponsored tutoring program, and 3) providing resources that prepare pharmacy students to apply for residency. In addition, two Rho Chi members were chosen as AACP scholar awardees.

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Nominating Committee

Region IV-E Councilor

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- **Bradley E. Hein (Cincinnati)**

Bio: Bradley E. Hein, BS, PharmD, BCPS, is currently Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Associate Dean for Professional Education and Assessment at the University of Cincinnati James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy. He is an internal medicine clinical pharmacy specialist at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati and is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Dr. Hein has published over 90 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters and abstracts in areas of practice and research that include palliative care and pain management, geriatrics, anticoagulation, inpatient hyperglycemia and the scholarship of teaching and learning. He has given over 70 local, state and national presentations on a variety of clinical and academic topics.

Dr. Hein received his B.S. and Pharm.D degrees from the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy in 1996 and 1998, respectively. He completed residency training in internal medicine at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1999. Dr. Hein joined the University of Cincinnati James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy in 2005 and was appointed to an Associate Dean role in 2016. Dr. Hein maintains an active practice site as an internal medicine specialist and coordinates a Therapeutics course in the PharmD curriculum.

Dr. Hein has received the Rho Chi Faculty Excellence Award in 2009 and 2013. He has also received the Faculty Excellence for Teaching for the Second Professional Year in 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2012 and 2022. Dr. Hein was inducted into Rho Chi as a student in 1994 and has served as the advisor since 2012. Dr. Hein was selected for the national Rho Chi Society Faculty Advisor Award in 2019 and his Beta Nu chapter has been a Top 10 finalist for the Chapter Achievement Award in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

- **Kari Vavra Janes (Ferris State)**

Bio: Kari Vavra Janes, PharmD, BCPS, is a professor of pharmacy practice at Ferris State University and she practices in inpatient general medicine at Corewell Health in Grand Rapids. She has held this position since 2010. Kari graduated from Ferris in 2009 and completed a pharmacy practice residency at Sparrow Health System in 2010.

Kari has served as a co-advisor for the Rho Chi Beta Mu Chapter since 2013. She attained Rho Chi membership in 2007 and served as Rho Chi Beta Mu President from 2007-2008. She has also been actively involved with committees at her university since 2010 (progressions, professional development, CE, Timme travel grant). She is currently the chair of the Pharmacy Education Development and Lecture Series, a teaching and learning curriculum for pharmacy residents. Beyond service, she teaches P2's and P3's in the didactic curriculum and precepts P4's on advanced pharmacy practice experiences. She is also actively engaged in scholarly activity and research.

Kari has been an active member of the Michigan Pharmacists Association, participating in the Young Practitioner Leadership Academy in 2012, serving on the new practitioner committee in 2014, and representing the house of delegates from 2013-2016. Kari has been involved with the Western Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists, serving as board member from 2012-2014 and president in 2015. Kari has also been involved with the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists, serving as board member in 2015 and treasurer from 2018-2020 plus various committees since 2013 (residency, organizational affairs, publications, informatics & technology).

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Region VI Councilor

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- **Brooke L. Gildon, Incumbent (Southwestern Oklahoma State)**

Bio: Brooke L. Gildon, PharmD, BCPS, BCPPS, FPPA is a Bernhardt Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) College of Pharmacy in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Dr. Gildon currently practices as a pediatric clinical pharmacy specialist at SSM Health in Oklahoma City. She has practice interests in asthma, infectious diseases, pediatric ambulatory care, transitions of care, and caring for children with complex medical issues. Dr. Gildon received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from SWOSU College of Pharmacy. Following graduation, she completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency and PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and OU Medical Center. Over the past 10 years, Dr. Gildon has been recognized as a Bernhardt Scholar, a Fellow of the Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA), a Board-Certified Pediatric Pharmacy Specialist, a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, and a Certified Asthma Educator. She has received numerous professional awards from PPA and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP) distinguishing her achievements in pediatric pharmacy practice and pharmacy education. Among her professional affiliations, she is a member of PPA, AACCP, Rho Chi, Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International, and American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Her research/scholarship interests focus on medication safety, pediatric pharmacotherapy, and pharmacy education.

Related to The Rho Chi Society, Dr. Gildon currently serves as the Region VI regional councilor. She has also been the chapter advisor at SWOSU since 2018.

- **Beth H. Resman-Targoff (Oklahoma)**

Bio: I have been a member of Rho Chi since 1972 and advisor to the Gamma Chapter since 1988. I have received numerous Outstanding Faculty awards from the Rho Chi Society, Gamma Chapter, and the 2018 Rho Chi National Faculty Advisor Award. I served as Rho Chi Region VI Councilor from 2008-2012 and very much enjoyed learning about all the wonderful activities of Rho Chi chapters across the country. I coordinate a pharmaceutical care course in rheumatologic and gastrointestinal diseases and have participated in numerous other courses at the University, teaching Pharmacy students as well as Dental students. I precept Pharmacy students and residents as part of my clinical practice in adult medicine at the Oklahoma University Medical Center. I received my Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo and did additional training at the Buffalo Veterans Hospital. I worked at Buffalo General Hospital and taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo prior to moving to Oklahoma. I am an author of numerous journal articles and book chapters and am a member of The Annals of Pharmacotherapy Editorial Board Panel on Rheumatology. I am a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and am active in numerous Pharmacy and Rheumatology organizations.

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Region VIII Councilor

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- **Paul J. Wong (Southern California)**

Bio: Paul J. Wong is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Southern California (USC) Alfred E. Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy, where he was also inducted as a student member of the Xi Chapter of Rho Chi. After graduation, he completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy followed by a PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at the University of Kentucky HealthCare. Dr. Wong went on to work as a critical care pharmacist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and become board certified in critical care pharmacotherapy prior to joining USC Mann in 2017. He currently maintains a practice site at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, working with the internal medicine teams. In 2019, he began collaborating with the students of the Theta Chapter of Rho Chi at USC Mann to develop and coordinate the LEAD Series, a new event aimed at creating opportunities for student pharmacists to practice and hone their critical literature evaluation skills. He has served as the faculty advisor for the Theta Chapter since 2021.

- **Unopposed**