

The Rho Chi Society

Nominating Committee Report

February 25, 2026

Committee Members

Chair: Lucio Volino (Rutgers, Immediate Past President)
Maria Kostka-Rokosz (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy-MCPHS; Region I Councilor)
Cathy Worrall (Medical University of South Carolina-MUSC; Region III-E Councilor)
Kelly Covert (East Tennessee State; Region III-W Councilor)
Courtney Alexander (Auburn; III-S Councilor)
Linda Sobeski (Nebraska; Region V Councilor)
Angela Stewart (Washington; Region VII 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.

Tentative Slate

- **National President-Elect**
 - Thomas Franko (Wilkes)
 - Unopposed
- **National Treasurer**
 - John P. Bentley, Incumbent (Mississippi)
 - Unopposed
- **Region II Councilor**
 - Lindsay Brust-Sisti (Rutgers)
 - Unopposed
- **Region IV-W Councilor**
 - Dan Majerczyk (Roosevelt)
 - Unopposed
- **Region IV-E Councilor**
 - Bradley E. Hein, Incumbent (Cincinnati)
 - Kari Janes (Ferris State University)
- **Region VI Councilor**
 - Beth H. Resman-Targoff, Incumbent (Oklahoma)
 - Unopposed
- **Region VIII Councilor**
 - Paul J. Wong, Incumbent (Southern California)
 - Unopposed

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National President-Elect

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- **Thomas Franko (Wilkes University)**

Bio: Dr. Franko is a 2011 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He completed a PGY1 residency at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Affairs Medical Center. After residency he developed a pharmacist-run medication therapy management clinic focused on chronic non-cancer pain at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA.

Dr. Franko joined the faculty at Wilkes University in 2013 with a focus in pain management and substance use disorder and maintained a clinical practice site at the Wright Center for Community Health in Wilkes-Barre. While at Wilkes, Dr. Franko authored several papers on innovative education methodologies for pain management, opioid use, and pharmacist involvement with naloxone. He was named Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice in August 2023. He has presented over forty hours of continuing education on pain and substance use disorder issues at the state and national levels. He is the advisor for the Wilkes chapters of Rho Chi, the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association and the American Pharmacists Association. He is the faculty liaison for Pennsylvania Pharmacist Recovery Program and was named a Cardinal Health Generation Rx Champion for Pennsylvania in 2018. He is highly involved in the Pain, Palliative Care and Substance Use Disorder Community as well as the House of Delegates for the American Pharmacists Association, served on the Board of Directors for Rho Chi, and is a past president of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association.

Vision Statement: As an organization, Rho Chi is well-positioned to grow its presence both within and outside of the traditional campus environment. While traditionally known as an organization aimed at the top performers in a class, I believe Rho Chi can become a beacon to all student-pharmacists. As the needs of the current generation of learners become more complex, Rho Chi can leverage its strengths to develop best practices to support students in need and provide current members with the tools to do it. Through strategic partnerships with organizations like PLS and AACP, Rho Chi can lead the way in addressing the needs of students and faculty across the country. Furthermore, this mindset gives Rho Chi the opportunity to gain visibility beyond pharmacy, as these partnerships can lend to improving educational opportunities for students in various professions. It is through this that Rho Chi will become known as the premier health-related honor society in the country.

- **Unopposed**

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National Treasurer

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- **John P. Bentley, Incumbent (University of Mississippi)**

Bio: John P. Bentley has been a faculty member at the University of Mississippi (UM) School of Pharmacy for over 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 90 different journals, co-edited two textbooks, and served on over 200 MS or PhD committees for students from various disciplines. He is a Fellow of both the 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 (Upsilon Chapter, UAB). He has served the Chi Chapter of Rho Chi (UM) as chapter secretary (5 years) and faculty advisor (22 years). He was a member of the National Rho Chi Auditing Committee from 2021-2024 and has served as the National Treasurer since 2024.

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Region II Councilor

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- **Lindsay A. Brust-Sisti (Rutgers)**

Bio: Lindsay Brust-Sisti, PharmD, BCPS, is a Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy (EMSOP) at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, with a clinical practice site at Jersey City Medical Center (JCMC). Dr. Brust-Sisti is a proud Rho Chi alumna and has held leadership roles within the Society, including co-chairing the Student Executive Council Task Force (2023–2024) and the Regional Meeting Planning Task Force (2024–2025). In these roles, she contributed to evaluating national student leadership models, assessing chapter needs, and developing recommendations to enhance member engagement and collaboration, in alignment with the Rho Chi Society's mission of intellectual leadership and academic excellence. These efforts led to her current role on the Member Engagement Task Force, where she continues to serve the Society by supporting initiatives that enhance member engagement, promote member recognition, and foster alumni connections.

Dr. Brust-Sisti integrates the core mission of the Rho Chi Society through her leadership and service across professional and academic platforms. As an extension of her work with the Society, she contributes to the advancement of pharmacy practice and education through service to the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Adult Medicine Practice and Research Network (PRN), the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Laboratory Instructors Special Interest Group (SIG), and as Co-Chair of her school's Curriculum Committee. Her service focuses on programming, recognizing achievements through awards, and mentoring learners and pharmacists via CV reviews, poster feedback, and student advising. As a dedicated educator, she serves as a course coordinator and lecturer in several EMSOP courses, including the school's skills lab, which prepares students to apply essential clinical, communication, and interprofessional collaboration skills. At JCMC, she precepts student pharmacists and pharmacy residents and collaborates with other healthcare professionals to provide person-centered care. Dr. Brust-Sisti continuously strives for professional growth and intellectual leadership, with her passion for pharmacy evident in her dedication to teaching, clinical excellence, scholarship, and service.

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Region IV-W Councilor

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- **Dan Majerczyk (Roosevelt University)**

Bio: My name is Dan Majerczyk, Pharm.D., Ed.M., FCCP, BCPS, BC-ADM, CACP, and I serve as an Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences and Chair of Teaching and Academic Excellence at Roosevelt University College of Science, Health and Pharmacy. I have over a decade of experience in academia, during which I've led initiatives in curriculum development, accreditation readiness, and faculty professional development. Throughout my career, I've remained deeply committed to mentoring students, particularly those pursuing residency and fellowship training, and to fostering leadership and scholarship among future pharmacists.

As faculty advisor to the Epsilon Theta Chapter of Rho Chi, I've supported chapter leadership transitions, organized programming, and facilitated member inductions. I take pride in helping our chapter remain active, visible, and aligned with the mission of the Society. I believe in the power of academic honor societies to shape professional identity and inspire excellence, and I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as a Regional Councilor. I look forward to bringing my experience, collaborative mindset, and passion for academic leadership to support the continued success of chapters across Region IV-West.

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Region IV-E Councilor

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

Bio: Bradley E. Hein, BS, PharmD, 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 95 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 PharmD 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, 2022, and 2024. 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 Janes (Ferris State University)**

Bio: Kari 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, Michigan. 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. In her current role, she co-coordinates and teaches in the integrated pharmacotherapy course, precepts a general medicine rotation, and precepts pharmacy practice residents.

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, continuing education, Timme travel grant). She is currently the chair of the Pharmacy Education Development and Lecture Series, a teaching and learning curriculum for pharmacy residents. She is also actively engaged in scholarly activity and research. Her research interests include teaching and learning curriculums, practice-based projects, and student and resident wellbeing. Recent professional development includes completion of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Wellbeing Ambassador Program and the Wellbeing Elixir Course through Magna Publications.

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). At the national level, she is involved with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, serving on the Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Education Award Committee, serving as an abstract/scholarship reviewer, and serving as a mentor for the Women's SIG.

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Region VI Councilor

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- **Beth H. Resman-Targoff, Incumbent (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 have served as Rho Chi Region VI Councilor from 2008-2012 and 2024-2026 and very much enjoy learning about all the wonderful activities of Rho Chi chapters across the country. I coordinated 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 Nursing, Medical, Physician Associates, and Dental students. I precepted Pharmacy students and residents as part of my clinical practice in adult medicine at the Oklahoma University Medical Center. I recently received a Special Service Citation from the OU College of Pharmacy Alumni Association for contributions to the College and the profession. 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, Incumbent (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 practices with the surgical critical care team at Keck Hospital of USC.

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 novel event with the goal of providing students with the opportunity to grow their critical literature evaluation and journal club skills. He has served as the faculty advisor for the Theta Chapter since 2021. He was initially elected to serve as the Region VIII Councilor in 2024 and has been a member of the Member Engagement Committee since 2025.

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