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Policy Doesn't Have To Be Scary

As October comes to a close it means many things to us: Halloween, a presidential election, the semester's halfway point and MRM is getting closer. In this year of presidential debates and "world changing" elections, it's important to think about how all of this will affect pharmacy and MRM gives us a great venue for just that!

The word "policy" gets thrown around a lot by some APhA-ASP members. "We need to get policy together for MRM." "We voted that into policy last year." What does it mean? ASP policy is just the APhA-ASP's official views on things that are important to us as students and to us in the future as practicing pharmacists. Are they laws? No, but it is important for the organization to present the

unified voice of pharmacists (and student pharmacists) for lawmakers, pharmacists and everyone else to see. It leads our profession in the direction we want it to go.

You don't have to be a genius to write a policy. You don't have to be a person who knows the ins and outs of politics. You just have to care about your future profession.

I sat in that seat last year, munching on pizza and thinking, "This doesn't matter. I'm a student, what difference can I make?" then I went to a meeting (like MRM!) and got excited about it. I saw how passionate and informed the students were. I got to sit in on APhA's House of Delegates at

the annual meeting and I saw the unified voice of the students be expressed in policy that will have an effect on pharmacy now, before we graduate. We are not "just students." We have an important voice. We can make a difference.

Keep this in mind as you go to work or school and think about it. Next time you think, "Why do we do this this way? Why don't we . . ." think about how you could make that into a policy for APhA-ASP. If you care about it, chances are someone else does too.

-Amanda Galiano
 VP of Communication

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Fightin' Off the Flu!

October's been a busy month so far! In only 3 short weeks, we have helped immunize hundreds of patients against the flu as part of this year's Operation Immunization.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped at these sites. Our profes-

sional projects would not be successful without your help. If you did not get a chance to participate, and would like to, there are still some openings at our upcoming sites. Thanks again for everything!

-Marci Smith
 VP of Professional Projects



The APhA-ASP 2004 Golf Tournament at War Memorial Golf Course.

2004 Food Drive

It is reaching the time of year where we are all thinking about one thing . . . Thanksgiving Break. Not only will we get a couple of days out of school, but we get to spend time with our families and eat a lot of food! However, there are some people that will not have the same luxuries this holiday season.

That is why ASP is sponsoring a food drive again this year. Last year ASP donated 22,410 food items to the Amboy Community Food Pantry! The Amboy

Pantry was almost empty when ASP arrived with the food the members had collected, and they used the food to feed 946 families throughout the holidays.

October 20th is the official kick off of the ASP food drive and it will last until the next ASP meeting on November 17th. To keep things interesting, the classes will be competing again this year to see which class can bring the most food items. Each class's total will be counted at the end of the food drive and

the winner will be announced at the November meeting.

Members of the winning class will be put into a drawing for prizes. I hope everyone will help in making this year's food drive an even greater success than last year's.

-Maegan Rogers
VP of Logistics and Operations



2004 Golf tournament at War Memorial Golf Course.



Officer Spotlight:

National Member at Large

Just what is a Member at Large?

There are two APhA-ASP members at large. Both are students, as are all APhA-ASP officers, and both serve one term in office.

The members at large do a lot of different things including: maintaining regular contact with chapters, chairing the education and publication standing committees, serving as delegates to the APhA House of Delegates, presiding over opening and closing business sessions at APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meetings, conducting open candidate review and regional elections and travel in August-September on APhA Student Outreach Visits

Who are they?

The 2004-05 Members at Large are

- ◆ Charles Mollien from Ferris State University (Region 7)
- ◆ Kevin Mays from Nova Southeastern University (Region 4)

How Are They Chosen?

They are elected officers, chosen at the Annual Meeting by APhA-ASP member delegates. To "run" for office, you must submit an application, participate in an open candidate review and be interviewed by a nominating committee. Candidates give a speech at the APhA-ASP House of Delegates at the annual meeting and participate in a Q&A session with the members.