

## **Colorado Pharmacists Society – 2012 Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Colorado Springs**

I would like to thank everyone for coming to the first ***Colorado Pharmacists Society Annual Meeting & Exhibition*** and for continually supporting our Society. I would also like to thank Laura Borgelt for a great year and for her hard work over the last year especially during the Pharmacy Sunset process as well as all of the mentoring that she has provided to me over the last year.

I am honored to be the incoming President of the Colorado Pharmacists Society. Over the next year I hope to work closely with the Board to continue the great work that has been done as well as look for ways to continue to grow our organization.

As the incoming President I have identified two goals that I hope to work with the Board to achieve over the upcoming year. The first goal will be to assist with the implementation of the legislative changes that have resulted from the 2012 Pharmacy Sunset. Our organization will be working closely with the Board of Pharmacy to assist with writing rules and regulations for some of the new or changed laws. We will also be assisting our membership as they work to incorporate or implement these changes in their pharmacies and institutions.

My second goal for the upcoming year is to continue to focus on increasing membership as well as increasing our member involvement within the organization. We have already taken one step toward this goal with the potential addition of a new academy for academicians in Colorado. The development of this new academy will allow faculty with our two Schools of Pharmacy to have an official voice in the organization. Additionally, I would like to continue to work with the Board to increase the involvement and membership of new practitioners in Colorado. We have a very active and engaged student academy but we need to work to keep the students involved once they have graduated. This past year we created a New Practitioner Committee and I hope to work closely with the committee to identify strategies to increase involvement in CPS.

The Academy of Health- System Pharmacists hosted a very successful happy hour at Katie Mullens a month ago and I hope to work with the Board to continue to encourage our academies as well as the organization as a whole to host networking opportunities for our membership. I also feel that it is important to continue to do needs assessment surveys of our membership and use this feedback to help guide our programming at the Annual Meeting and the CE and Ski Winter Seminar to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our membership and hopefully increasing attendance and involvement in the organization.

I also hope to increase membership and involvement of our members by working with the Board to create a Leadership Certificate Program for our members who are looking for guidance and training in management and leadership skills. Hopefully this certificate program will become recognized in the community and will help our membership to advance their careers.

Finally, I would like to continue to work to grow our distance learning opportunities to allow our members in all areas of Colorado to participate in academies, committees and learning opportunities despite their location in Colorado.

I am very much looking forward to the upcoming year. Thank you again for your support of this wonderful organization.

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