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SYMPOSIUM

March 15, 2006 was a historic day for Pharmacy in the state of Connecticut. The Connecticut Pharmacy Leadership Group (CPLG), consisting of representatives from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, Connecticut Pharmacists Association, Connecticut Chapter ASCP, Connecticut Society of Health System Pharmacists, University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy Alumni Association and the Connecticut Association of Community Pharmacies, hosted the first ever Connecticut Pharmacy Summit at the State Capitol building in Hartford. The purpose of the meeting was to educate legislators regarding pharmacy practices in Connecticut.

The summit began with opening remarks by Senator Christopher Murphy, Senate Co-chair of the Public Health Committee and Representative Peggy Sayers, House Co-chair of the Public Health Committee, recognizing the vital role that pharmacists play in the health care of our patients. Senator Murphy thanked pharmacists for the leadership role we have provided in navigating through the challenges of Medicare part D.

Dr. Robert McCarthy, Dean School of Pharmacy at the University of Connecticut introduced Dr. Andrea Hubbard, Associate Dean School of Pharmacy, who reviewed the UCONN professional program in pharmacy. Dr. McCarthy serves as chairman of the CPLG and moderated the day's events, including the introduction of the Pharmacy Practice in Connecticut Exemplars.

The Pharmacists Exemplars included:
Lisa Bragaw, R.Ph., CDM, a Medicare Part D Outreach Specialist with Brooks Eckerd Pharmacy in Essex. Lisa cited her work as a certified disease manager in asthma and working with seniors in helping to select Med. D plans rewarding parts of her practice.

Dr. Rich Gannon, a pharmacist specializing in pain management at Hartford Hospital, provided the legislators with an insight to the

Connecticut Pharmacy Summit

Gene A. Memoli, RPh, FASCP

work he does managing the Pharmacy Pain Control Service.

Sandy Wojciechowski, R.Ph., CGP, FASCP, President of CT-ASCP, highlighted some of the interactions she has had with physicians, nurses and patients, especially how she has a positive impact she has had as a clinical consultant pharmacist on the lives of patients in skilled nursing facilities and DMR intermediate care facilities.

Domenic Sammarco, R.Ph., the pharmacist owner of Palmer Professional Pharmacy in Greenwich and Professional Pharmacy in Stamford, gave a spirited overview of his compounding practice and how he recommends cost effective medication alternatives to physicians.

Dr. Seth Cioffi, a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Newington Campus of the Department of Veterans Affairs, explained that his role includes meeting with patients and collaborating with physicians on reducing the patient's HbA1c and lipid levels, thereby allowing the achievement of their health goals and of a healthy lifestyle.

The attendees including over 80 legislators and Michel Fortin, Gene Memoli, Larry Sobel, Dennis Cleary, and Mark Wrabel representing CT-ASCP, felt the Connecticut Pharmacy Summit was a tremendous success.

Pharmacy Day at the Capitol

Gene A. Memoli, RPh, FASCP

Pharmacy Day at the Capitol, sponsored by the CPA, CT-ASCP, CACP, CSHSP, UCONN School of Pharmacy and UCONN APHA Chapter, was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Legislators were given a brochure entitled "The Face of Pharmacy in Connecticut," which highlighted the theme of the afternoon: that pharmacists provide a critical link in the overall healthcare system.

Several key legislators and friends of pharmacy participated at this event, including Representative Peggy Sayers, the Co-Chair of the Public Health Committee. Representative Sayers has been extremely supportive of pharmacists in Connecticut, especially pharmacists practicing in long term care.

In addition, the event was well attended by representatives of the above sponsors. CT-ASCP was represented by its board member John Canarella, past president Gene

Memoli, and legislative lobbyist Dennis Clearly.

We clearly need more representation for a louder voice next year!

Moreover, pharmacists from various practice settings discussed with legislators on many issues important to our practice such as the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Collaborative Practice, Pharmacy Benefit Manager Regulation Act, Canadian Drug Importation, Changing Medicaid Audits, Pedigree Medication Act and the regulation of Methamphetamine.

Points of pride and successes in pharmacy were also shared, such as the following: pharmacist evaluation of ConnPace client files for Medicare Part D; vouchers for dual-eligible patients to be counseled by pharmacists on Medicare Part D; and the pharmacist administered flu vaccines program which is conducted by pharmacists after receiving training from a nationally accredited program.

ASCP Fellowship Program

Sandy Wojciechowski, RPh, CGP, FASCP

Above all, being a Fellow of ASCP is an honor. Fellowship status signifies that a member has achieved a balance of successful activities within the profession that goes well beyond regular pharmacy practice. To become recognized as a Fellow, members must earn 125 "Fellowship Points" every five

years and remain an active member. These "Fellowship Points" include criteria from twelve categories that range from practice duties to professional experience to community involvement. As a result, to be a FASCP, a candidate must be active in and knowledgeable about many areas.

I look forward to recognizing ASCP Fellows during our fall Installation Banquet. Our chapter is comprised of such a talented group of civic minded professionals that I am sure this "role call of honor" will include many current Fellows and a host of first time honorees.

Internet Address:

<https://www.ascp.com/secure/membership/fellowship/>

I encourage you to visit the link listed at the end of this article which provides more details about the Fellowship designation. At that link you will also find the Fellowship Application and instructions for completion. Once you have earned the required 125 points, complete the application, and send it along with the application fee or utilize the online form and pay by credit card.

Communications Committee:

- > Amy Huie-Li, PharmD, CGP
- > Anna Egle, RPh, FASCP
- > Kevin Chamberlin, PharmD
- > Brian Pelletier, PharmD

SENIOR

Your friends at the CT Chapter of ASCP

Would like you to:

SAVE THIS DATE!

Friday, May 12, 2006

7:00am to 5:00pm

Seventh Annual Senior Symposium

Foxwoods Resort & Casino

Mashantucket, CT

Kick-Off Dinner to be held Thursday, May 11th

Up to 10 CEU's available including Live Law CEs

Symposium Agenda & Registration will be available

www.seniorsymposium.com

Rate information:

ASCP Member Fee - \$90.00 Non-Member Fee - \$110.00

Senior Rate - \$75.00 (65 Years and older)

Student Rate - \$25.00

Walk-In Registration - \$150.00

For more information please call 860-640-0008

For hotel reservations please call 1-800-FOXWOODS

Reference ASCP and group code F22063

SYMPOSIUM

Notes 'n Votes - March 2006 Board Meeting

Michel Fortin RPh, CGP

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2-6-06 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

G. Memoli discussed L. Sobel's call for Legislative Committee volunteers, explaining how a recent public hearing was almost missed had not G. Memoli volunteered at the last minute to have D. Cleary sign him up to testify. The chapter President and President-Elect are expected to serve on this committee. M. Fortin volunteered to participate on the committee. Anyone who plans to testify at a public hearing must submit their written testimony the day before the hearing. Bill 5246 regarding automatic dispensing machines in the long term care setting has the following issues: 1) Pharmacy must own the machine and the capital expense for each machine would be prohibitive. 2) Medicare-D formularies would complicate machine inventory selection and re-stocking. A conference call was planned to work on cleaning up the issues inherent with this bill as currently written.

CPLG PHARMACY SUMMIT - March 15th 11am - 1pm

The summit will be solely educational for the purpose of educating the state legislators. The UConn School of Pharmacy is sponsoring this event.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Senior Symposium 2006(SS06)

Website: www.seniorsymposium.com. Scheduled for May 11 & 12, 2006. G. Memoli discussed a potential revenue shortfall due to an expected platinum sponsor coming in at gold level and most other sponsors coming in at bronze level. To date, projected revenue is 40% lower than this time last year. Therefore registration fees have been revised as follows: Students \$25.00, at-the-door registration \$150.00, members \$90.00, non-members \$110.00, seniors \$75.00, trainee status \$25.00. Solomon & Assoc. will be advised to honor any registrations paid prior to this announcement. S. Jeffery noted that the presentations will be finalized this week and both Pharmacia and Partners Pharmacy will be sponsoring exhibits. The Board and committee members recognized these two companies with a round of applause.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The scholarship committee met on 1-25-06 to develop a scholarship proposal (see handout). The scholarship will be targeted to UConn students and/or CT residents. The means test would be the FAFSA form. D. Chapron suggested applicants should be members of ASCP as an E-membership is available at no cost to students. The scholarship will be endowed through the ASCP Foundation. Presentation of the scholarship would occur each Spring at the Senior Symposium. Any other suggestions should be sent to S. Jeffery.

NEWS FROM UCONN

Career night is April 5th from 5-7pm. New faculty positions include a new in-patient psychiatry faculty member and a new clinical faculty position at Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven. Graduation is May 6th. The alumni banquet and pharmacy school semi-formal is April 8th.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

A. Huie-Li reported that the next newsletter issue will come out prior to SS06 instead of after in order to market the program more effectively. J. Conklin agreed to provide a PAC fundraising article.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Sanofi wants to sponsor a non-CE credit program in June on Metabolic Syndrome. S. Wojciechowski suggested holding the program during the June BOD meeting, possibly in New Haven. The BOD will be provided with an outline of the program before a decision is made to accept Sanofi's offer. D. Cleary asked why CT ASCP was contributing towards Pharmacy Day at the Capitol when they were not invited to participate in planning the event. S. Wojciechowski will follow up on this question with CPA.

SPONSOR RECOGNITION

Sponsors were thanked by the BOD for their sponsorship and attendance at this meeting. P. Belcher presented an in-service titled "The Burden of Akathisia".

Sponsorship: Rebecca Daleb and Walt Tamulis from AstraZeneca
 Guests: Dennis Cleary, Cleary & Associates, LLC, Marcia Cohen, Manisha Bajwa, UConn Students Kathryn Dziedzic, Kim Gilligan, Carol Fox, Zhenjie Li, Katie Myers, Becky Neville, Dave Tran, Amy Kelder, Poleak So

MEMBER NAME & TITLE	Jan	Feb	Mar
Sandy Wojciechowski, President	X	X	X
Sean Jeffery, President-Elect / Education Chair	X	X	X
Jim Conklin, Immed. Past-President / PAC Chair			
Michel Fortin, Secretary / Treasurer	X	X	X
Mark Wrabel, Board 2005 / Programs Chair	X	X	X
Amy Huie-Li, Board 2005 / Communic Co-Chair	X	X	X
Dennis Chapron, Board 2003	X		X
John Cannarella, Board 2003	X	X	
Kevin Chamberlin, Board2004 / Commu-nic.Comm	X	X	X
Anna Egle, Board 2004 / Communic. Co-Chair	X		X
Larry Sobel, President Emeritus / Legislative Chair	X	X	
Gene Memoli, Past President / Chair Senior Symp. Legislative Committee	X	X	X
David Cooper, Past President / Sales Senior Symp	X	X	X
Jack Ziskin, Past President / Membership Chair Legislative Committee		X	
Sheldon Sones, Past President	X		
Kathy White, Senior Symposium Committee	X	X	X
Lisa Marusic, Senior Symposium Committee	X		
Bryan Lentini, Senior Symposium Committee		X	
Paul Belcher, PAC Committee	X	X	X
George D'Agostino, PAC Committee			
Brian Pelletier, Communications Committee		X	X

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Meeting—April 3, 2006 at 5:30
Location: First & Last Tavern, Middletown

Next Meeting: Monday May 1, 2006 at 5:30pm
Location: TBA

Respectfully submitted,
 Michel Fortin, Secretary