

**MPA Health-Systems Academy Updates  
June 2018**

**Spring Seminar:**

Over eighty pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, residents, and pharmacy students attended the 5<sup>th</sup> annual MPA Spring Seminar in Billings and Missoula. Sixteen residents presented the results of their year-long projects in preparation for the Mountain States and Northwest Residency Conferences held in Salt Lake City and Portland, respectively. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear presentations from two ASHP speakers—ASHP CEO Dr. Paul Abramowitz and ASHP Board Member Jennifer Schultz. Mark your calendars for next year’s Spring Seminar, which is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at the University of Montana in Missoula and St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. Hope you can join us!

**Montana Representatives Attend the ASHP House of Delegates:**

In early June, Jason Nickisch and Lonnye Finneman represented their Montana constituents in the ASHP House of Delegates during the Summer Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Alternate delegate Jeff Ferber also attended the Summer Meeting, where he was able to observe the actions of the House of Delegates in preparation for his role as our junior delegate at next year’s Summer Meeting in Boston. The House of Delegates serves as the ultimate authority on ASHP policies which reflect the organization’s professional stance on topics that effect pharmacy and safe medication use.

The MPA Health-Systems Academy will hold the next election for one alternate delegate this fall. The newly elected delegate will serve a three-year term starting in the alternate delegate position, transitioning into the junior delegate role the second year and the senior delegate term the third year. Any pharmacist licensed in Montana with an active ASHP membership is eligible for the election. If you are interested, look for the call for nominations in October.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Employment Information</b>	<b>2017 HOD Role</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
<b>Lonnye Finneman, PharmD</b>	Director of Pharmacy, St. Vincent Healthcare; Billings	Senior Delegate	December 2018
<b>Jason Nickisch, PharmD, MBA, BCPS</b>	Director of Pharmacy, Providence St. Patrick; Missoula	Junior Delegate	December 2019
<b>Jeff Ferber, PharmD</b>	Medication Safety Officer, Billings Clinic; Billings	Alternate Delegate	December 2020

**Health-Systems Academy Executive Committee:**

Logan Tinsen, PharmD, has been selected as the next Chair-Elect for the Health-Systems Academy. Logan is a clinical pharmacist at Benefis Hospital in Great Falls, and has recently served on the Health-Systems Academy Executive Committee as the ASHP Member At-Large.

Sonja Clausen, PharmD, PGY-1 resident at Bozeman Deaconess Health, will complete her term as resident member on the Executive Committee in July. Sonja has been very active in her role, developing a Montana Resident Facebook page to help facilitate networking for current and past pharmacy residents, recruiting and promoting MPA to her fellow pharmacy residents and serving on the Spring Seminar planning committee. The Executive Committee will be reaching out to the Montana residency program directors to help identify the next resident representative.

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