

IPhA House of Delegates President's Report 2022

It has been a great honor and humbling to serve you as President this past year. Thank you for trusting me to lead our organization. I also would like to thank our Board Chairman Dr. Cody Sandusky for his leadership and dedication. Most importantly, I am very grateful for all of your contributions as members of IPhA and service to the House of Delegates. Below are summaries of key IPhA activities and accomplishments.

Legislative regulatory efforts

- There were several legislative successes this year and include HB4430 pharmacist-delivered HIV PrEP and PEP, HB4595 340B program protections from unfair PBM-practices, SR792 directs the auditor general to audit the HFS administration of Medicaid MCOs and PBMs, and HB4556 expands access for pharmacists and other health professionals to distribute fentanyl testing strips to help reduce opioid overdoses, HB4480 allows receipt of naloxone without a co-pay, and SB4018 extend the repeal date of the Illinois Pharmacy Practice Act until 2028 with amendment to include tech-check-tech and permanent allowance for remote prescription processing by technician and student pharmacist.
- The Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee had initial plans to keep pushing a comprehensive PBM bill forward. Unfortunately, due to the shortened General Assembly session coupled with an election year, the bill did not move this year. The organization is committed and will continue to work with legislative partners to pursue PBM reform in Illinois and refile a bill in 2023.
- IPhA is in process of providing recommendations for the updated Pharmacy Rules that is in the public comment phase.
- Pharmacists hosted visits with state officials and federal members of Congress this summer and were able to discuss pharmacy-related issues such as Medicare part D benefits, access to care, and fair payment (see photos page 3).

Professional development, education, and service enhancement

- IPhA staff and members have identified quality programs that will fulfill pharmacist training requirements to engage in hormonal contraception and HIV PrEP and PEP services. The target is to release qualifying hormonal contraception training programs and HIV prevention training programs in October 2022. IPhA will provide consultation and training on billing in the future.
- Town Hall meetings have been held monthly with the majority of the meetings providing 0.5 hours of continuing education. Two of the Town Halls were sponsored non-CE education programs.
- Several certificate training program offerings were provided for immunization delivery (pharmacist and technician), travel health, and medication therapy management. IPhA is planning to offer an "Integrating pharmacists into primary care" certificate training program in the future once a contract is established with South Carolina Pharmacy Association.

Inquiries have been made with the Arizona Pharmacy Association about training programs for anticoagulation, pain management, and psychiatric care.

- IPhA has partnered with TRC Healthcare to offer special member pricing and access to pharmacy technician education such as Pharmacy Technician University (PTU) that helps prepare technician for the PTCB examination and other programs such as nonsterile and sterile compounding.
- IPhA has partnered with AXE Rx to provide independent pharmacies access to a custom loyalty program in order to offer lower cost prescription products.
- A Diabetes Prevention Program was launched through the IPhA office using staff who is a trained Lifestyle Coach.

Member outreach and advocacy

- Membership numbers are down as has been common among many pharmacy organizations. IPhA staff and Board members are reaching out to people with lapsed membership and to focus on personal communications in an effort to re-engage those individuals.
- Members of the Membership and the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committees collaborated over the summer for a member recruitment/advocacy engagement drive. Volunteers of these committees made calls and sent emails to independent pharmacists to recruit new members, discuss the importance of advocacy, and offer invitations to attend one of the three Advocacy Town Halls. Brian and Donnie with Fidelity Consulting Group along with Garth discussed the legislative landscape and efforts that IPhA has been involved in and the need for contributions to the Pharmacy Protection Fund.
- Garth Reynolds, Jenny Rosselli, and Carrie Wiggins met with faculty and students at colleges and schools of pharmacy to discuss membership and advocacy (see photos page 3).
- Concerns about workplace conditions and well-being as reported by Illinois-practicing pharmacy personnel through the Mayo Well-Being Index and the APhA/NASPA PWWR portal continue to be communicated by Garth Reynolds during Illinois Board of Pharmacy (BOP) meeting along with requests that the Board look further into the low well-being that many pharmacy workers are experiencing. At the most recent BOP meeting, Garth announced IPhA plans to take lead on creating a task force to identify root-causes and solutions. A diverse pool of stakeholders will be invited to the task force– members of IL Board of Pharmacy, leaders and staff from multiple sections of the profession (chain pharmacy, independent pharmacy, grocery store pharmacy, hospital, long-term care), professional organization representatives, and members of NABP.

Respectfully submitted,



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Visit with Chicago State University and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science



Illinois Comptroller visits J & S Professional Pharmacy



IPhA members meet with Senator Duckworth at UI Health Mile Square

