As 2018 comes to a close, I would like to reflect on all that our CPhA volunteers, Board of Trustees, and staff accomplished together over the course of the year, as well as look to the opportunities that await us in the future. One tremendous highlight was that CPhA was able to achieve 100% success by ensuring the record-setting 52 legislative bills proposed this year in the California legislature that would have impacted pharmacy practice were all decided in pharmacy’s favor. Wins like this serve as a great testament of how our strength in numbers makes a difference for us as individuals, but also as a collective. To reflect on this and other values of membership, I recently had the pleasure of joining CPhA member, and Rx Buzz CEO, Dr. Ashlee Klevens Hayes, on the Pharmacy Podcast Network to discuss the importance of being engaged in the profession at a local and state-level.

Dr. Hayes began our conversation with her observation of a consistent response she sees when asking pharmacists across the state if they are involved in their local and state associations and if so, at what level? A majority of the responses she finds to this question are that most pharmacists are not involved, and those who are involved are members of local or state organizations but do not fully engage. With this consistent theme being seen from her research, she wanted to center our conversation around the benefits for members to engage in their local and state levels from an individual and collective perspective.

From the individual perspective, one of the main benefits to our members is the network that is able to be built through CPhA. Through professional careers, there will inevitably be the need for finding the job you desire. What could possibly be a better way to meet your next boss than through a peer network group of professionals? Whether it’s through the pharmacist’s local chapter, state association or one of CPhA’s many volunteer committees, we constantly see careers and doors opening through the network benefit from engaging in these opportunities.

Another key benefit is undeniably the legislative relevance that CPhA continues to exhibit each year. With the busiest legislative cycle our profession has ever seen, for CPhA to achieve 100% success in our efforts on all the legislation proposed that would impact pharmacists and our profession is something we should all be proud of. This tremendous accomplishment should also serve as fuel in knowing our profession is constantly at center-stage in the healthcare industry and that when we collaborate and engage collectively, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Continued on page 3.
From the President

Achievements and Obstacles

December is often a time when we reflect on our achievements and obstacles from the past year. Over 2018 we have gained much, as well as lost things precious to our Pharmaly. As many of you are aware, we lost a true California Pharmacist Champion this month, Carl Franklin. He said, “My secrets to success surround my desire to move the profession forward, everything that I do is centered around growing the profession of pharmacy and being respected as true members of the healthcare team.” I was fortunate to have met and shared jovial fellowship with Carl through his annual attendance of the San Joaquin Pharmacists Association (SJPhA) Crab feed. At the recent SJPhA holiday dinner, I was honored to participate when the President Utsav Patel held a moment of silence for Carl. His dedication to spending time with family and friends was duly noted by many of us. There have been others close to us who have passed on, either in our profession or personal lives. This has been in my thoughts over the past week as I was contemplating this message to you all.

Many of us can count the gains and blessings that we have been awarded over the past 12 months. Before the year comes to a close I have made a commitment to give back to a person or group in honor of someone that has passed on, who affected or inspired me. I will choose what was most important to that person, and do something that is an expression of the passion and joy they brought to the world. I challenge each of us with the pharmaly to do the same. It could be a monetary donation to their beloved charity, or it could be spending time reading to the patients in a health facility, just to name a few options. Whatever we choose, it will make the world a slightly better place to live for just a few moments in time.

My desire is that all of you experience a healthy and happy December. I hope that you are able to take some time to be present and make joyful memories with family and friends as we close out 2018. I often have to remind myself that the tree decorations do not have to be perfectly aligned, but it is the fun and laughter that we have while placing the ornaments is what is really important.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year from my family to yours. I hope for gladness in your holiday traditions this season and thank you for a wonderful year as your President. We are stronger together and we cannot do the work of the profession without each and every one of you.

Veronica T. Bandy, PharmD, MS, FCPhA, FCSHP, BCACP
CPhA President
Benefits from an individual and collective perspective (continued)

After we discussed the many benefits to engaging in our profession, the conversation evolved into the exciting forecast we have to look forward to in 2019. As most of you are aware, in 2013, CPhA sponsored the bill that was ultimately signed by the Governor, giving provider status to pharmacists in California. Since then, CPhA has been working on implementing the different measures and ever-changing pieces of this bill to expand scope of practice. We are happy to inform that we are seeing traction in securing payment for pharmacists and will have more to communicate in the near future.

Additionally, revamping our yearly educational conference, Western Pharmacy Exchange (WPE) is a talking point across the state. This year we are unveiling a brand new WPE that will help our pharmacists get connected to themselves, to each other, and to engage in an experience as we apply new technology to the WPE format. I am excited for what's in store at WPE in Los Angeles from April 12-14. For more information, please visit www.westernpharmacyexchange.com.

If you would like to hear my full interview with Dr. Hayes, please click here.
The 2019-20 Legislative Session

The “mid-term” elections not only changed the dynamics in DC, but Sacramento as well. Republicans lost 5 seats in the Assembly and 3 seats in the Senate for a total of 8 lost seats. This has created the largest number of Democrat representatives in modern history sworn in as members of the California Legislature. Based on polling data, Republicans are expected to lose more seats in the 2020 elections, which due to the early primary, are right around the corner.

Democrats now hold 60 Assembly seats and 29 Senate seats, giving them broad power to move their agenda.

Additionally, with Senator Ted Gaines’s election to the Board of Equalization and Senator Ricardo Lara’s election to the office of Insurance Commissioner, there will be two special elections to fill those vacant seats.

Democrat leaders in each house have the difficult challenge of making committee assignments with so many more members to appoint. Similarly, the Republicans must work with their colleagues on the “other side of the aisle” if they hope to have any success as members of the legislature.

Based on public comments, the newly minted super-majority’s priorities include early childhood education, wildfire costs and prevention, health care, affordable housing, programs to combat poverty and inequality.

CPhA CEO, Jon Roth and CPhA Vice President, Center for Advocacy Michelle Rivas had the privilege of having dinner with Governor-elect Gavin Newsom and were pleased by his commitment to make healthcare a priority. CPhA is looking forward to working with his administration.

The Legislature is currently on recess and will reconvene on January 7, 2019.

CPhA staff will analyze legislation which impacts pharmacists and make recommendations to the CPhA Legislative Committee in March. We will provide legislative updates as this new session takes place.

collaborative practice agreements
a resource for pharmacists

new on-demand course

Pharmacists are often cited as the most accessible health care professional; over 85% of the US population lives within 5 miles of a community pharmacy. Pharmacists can improve patients’ health when they are part of the patient’s health care team.

One way to meet this goal is with a Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA) between pharmacists and other health care providers. This course will review different approaches to building relationships with other healthcare providers that can lead to establishing a CPA and provide resources that can easily be adapted to any practice.

register now

CPhA.com/CPA
WPE
western pharmacy exchange

APRIL 12-14, 2019
LOS ANGELES, CA

JW Marriot - LA Live

We asked, you answered, we listened. Now come and see the changes we made to enhance your WPE experience for 2019!

Here are some highlights to look forward to:
- Earn up to 11.25 CE contact hours
- Enhance your knowledge with new and innovative CE topics
- Celebrate CPhA’s 150th anniversary
- Network, grow your business and/or excel in your career
- Experience LA like never before at our “Streets of LA Fair” with games, music, food and drinks!
- Get the latest info on products & services at the expo

We welcome YOU...
Owners, Pharmacists, Students, Technicians and Vendors!
See you at LA Live!
CPhA Expands On-Demand Course Inventory and Maps Out 2019 CE Schedule

Winter is one of the busiest seasons’ for a pharmacist, and although balancing the expectations of your career and personal life can seem hectic at times, CPhA now provides an extensive list of on-demand courses to fulfill your continuing education (CE) requirements on your own time!

To renew your pharmacist license in California, you must complete 30 hours (1.25 hours per month) of CE every two years. The law regarding CE can be found in section 4231 of the Business and Professions Code and in section 1732 of the California Code of Regulations.

One of our many featured on-demand CE courses include:

**Immunization Update 2018**

This up-to-date knowledge of CDC immunization recommendations is essential for pharmacists furnishing vaccines independently in California. This program will focus on key changes to the CDC immunization schedules and the clinical recommendations on which they are based. Patient cases will be used to highlight updates to influenza, zoster, and other routine vaccines for use in adult and pediatric populations. Additionally, California Immunization Registry (CAIR) reporting and compliance with SB 493-related regulations will be discussed.

At the completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Utilize the CDC immunization schedules to recommend patient-specific vaccines.
- Review important updates to clinical recommendations for influenza, zoster and other vaccines.
- Describe key issues involved in compliance with California Business and Professions Code section 4052.8.

Speakers:

**Keri Hurley-Kim**, PharmD, MPH, West Coast University School of Pharmacy.

For more information, or to register for this course, click here.

For a full list of on-demand courses, click here.
## 2019 Calendar

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>PROGRAM</th>
<th>LOCATION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2/23</td>
<td>Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery</td>
<td>Oakland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/9</td>
<td>Pharmacist and Patient-Centered Diabetes Care</td>
<td>Pasadena</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/11</td>
<td>Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery</td>
<td>Los Angeles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/11</td>
<td>Advanced Practice Pharmacist</td>
<td>Los Angeles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/18</td>
<td>Advanced Practice Pharmacist</td>
<td>Northern CA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/8</td>
<td>Delivering Medication Therapy Management Services</td>
<td>Los Angeles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/22</td>
<td>Collaborative Practice Agreement Workshop</td>
<td>Los Angeles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/22</td>
<td>Anticoagulation Certificate Program</td>
<td>Pasadena</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7/20</td>
<td>Delivering Medication Therapy Management Services</td>
<td>Oakland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/10</td>
<td>Advanced Practice Pharmacist</td>
<td>Southern CA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/17</td>
<td>Pharmacist and Patient-Centered Diabetes Care</td>
<td>Oakland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/24</td>
<td>Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery</td>
<td>Irvine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/24</td>
<td>Travel Health Services Certificate Program</td>
<td>Irvine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/14</td>
<td>Pharmacy Law &amp; Practice Conference</td>
<td>Irvine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/28</td>
<td>Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery</td>
<td>Oakland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/28</td>
<td>Travel Health Services Certificate Program</td>
<td>Oakland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/5</td>
<td>Pharmacist and Patient-Centered Diabetes Care</td>
<td>Irvine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/5</td>
<td>Advanced Practice Pharmacist</td>
<td>Northern CA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/19-10/20</td>
<td>Specialty Pharmacy</td>
<td>Garden Grove</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/2</td>
<td>Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery</td>
<td>La Jolla</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/16</td>
<td>Cardiovascular Disease Risk Management</td>
<td>Pasadena</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Member Spotlight

Michael Conner, PharmD

“CPhA has given me immeasurable leadership growth and experience, as both a student and pharmacist member. More personally, it has given me lifelong friendships and memories, and I look forward to more.”

Michael Conner has been an engaged member of CPhA since he joined as a student of University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2012!

Michael has been extremely active with CPhA and his local chapter, the Central Valley Pharmacists Association (CVPhA).

Some of Michael’s notable accomplishments in the profession and association include:

• 2014 CPhA New Practitioner of the Year
• Pharmacy Leadership Education Institute
• CPhA’s Leader Development Institute Graduate
• Leadership Development Committee Chairperson

When asked about his future plans, Dr. Conner stated, that although a first-time for him, he is enjoying staying focused on the present moment with his family and toddlers at home. He does however envision a future with continued local community involvement, teaching, working with non-profits and perhaps pursuing some business opportunities.

We are honored to highlight the great work Michael continues to do in his efforts to further the profession and advocate for CPhA with current, and potential members.

we want to celebrate you!

Whether its an engagement, new baby on the way, anniversary, work promotion or new job - we want to highlight your milestone.

Send your milestone to jpage@cpha.com and be featured in an upcoming issue!
Call for CPhA Awards Nominations

The California Pharmacists Association's Awards Ceremony is presented each year at Western Pharmacy Exchange, and is dedicated to honoring individual pharmacists who have dedicated their lives to the profession of pharmacy in the State of California.

Pharmacists, technicians, students of pharmacy and CPhA Local Association Chapters are recognized for their support, innovative contributions, leadership and mentorship to the profession and the community.

The following awards are accepting nominations:

- Pharmacist of the Year
- Excellence in Innovation
- Bowl of Hygeia
- Distinguished New Practitioner
- Student Pharmacist of the Year
- Technician of the Year
- California Friend of Pharmacy
- Chapters of Excellence
- California Pharmacy Hall of Fame
- Steven C. Feldman Award
- Designated Fellow of CPhA

Nominations are being accepted through January 14, 2019.
To submit a nomination or for more information, please visit cpha.com/awards.
Now, where is that certificate?

Tracking your professional credentials just got easier!

Claim your **FREE** Pharmacist Profile at PharmacyProfiles.com

An up-to-date Pharmacist Profile validates your status for employers and payers alike as both a health care provider and a valued member of the health care team. We collect, maintain, and verify pharmacists’ professional information, enabling you to unlock your full potential as a trusted health care provider.

- Maintain your professional information all in one place
- Document your capabilities to provide advanced patient care services
- Showcase your skills and experience
Mistakes can happen. Don’t put your pharmacy at risk.

MAKE YOUR PATIENTS AND YOUR PHARMACY SAFER.

FOR LESS THAN A DOLLAR A DAY, OUR QA PROGRAM HELPS...

- Increase patient safety - learn from collected safety data and online resources
- Maintain compliance - meet accreditation, credentialing, PBM and state QA requirements
- Reduce costs - increase operations efficiency, reduce potential risk and cut down on “re-do” Rxs
- Safeguard your data - Patient Safety Organizations offer confidentiality and legal protection

Learn more at www.medicationsafety.org or call us at (866) 365-7472.

The Alliance of Medication Safety (APMS) is a federally listed Patient Safety Organization (PSO).
Welcome New CPhA Pharmacist Members
November 2018

Alameda County Pharmacists Association
Jasmine Basrai

Greater Los Angeles Pharmacists Association
Elizabeth Dang
So Yeon Joo
Amira Saad
Margo Sobol
Uyen Tran

Greater Los Angeles Pharmacists Association
Jasmine Basrai

Orange County Pharmacists Association
Natalie Le
Archana Solipuram
Lohit Tutupalli

San Diego County Pharmacists Association
Patrick Gramata
Kelly Le

Inland Empire Pharmacists Association
Darren Roura

Your Community Needs a Superhero

Fortunately, You’ve Got This
As a community pharmacist, you help create a better community. Now your neighborhood needs help solving the opioid crisis, protecting the environment, and preventing accidental poisonings.

You can lead that effort by helping to rid the streets of unused medications. MedSafe gives you power to do that.

MedSafe provides an easy and convenient repository for unneeded medications — and demonstrates your commitment to the community.

Learn more by contacting Sharps Compliance today.

medsafe

(844) 833-8317

sharpsinc.com/medsafe/2018/california