

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
Section of Teachers of Pharmacy Practice
Nominations Committee Report
2006-2007

Committee Members: Michael Burton (University of Oklahoma), Mark Scott (University of Pittsburgh), Anne Lin (Midwestern University College of Pharmacy-Glendale, Chair), Laura Smoot (Auburn University).

The Committee placed a call for nominations on the Section listserv and considered individuals that Committee members believed would be good candidates for the Chair-elect and Secretary positions. The Committee recommends the following slate:

Chair-elect:

Dr. Nancy Kawahara (Loma Linda University)
Dr. Tim Welty (Samford University)

Secretary:

Dr. Judy Cheng (Long Island University)
Dr. Jennifer Trujillo (Northeastern University)

Candidate Biographies

Chair-Elect

Nancy E. Kawahara is Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science at Loma Linda University. She previously held the appointments of Associate Professor/Curriculum Development and Assessment Specialist at Western University, Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois, and Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Southern California. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy and Masters in Education degrees from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Kawahara has been a member of the faculty at Loma Linda since 2002 where she has led the development of a new Department. Prior to her current position, Dr. Kawahara has been responsible for global oversight of curriculum development and assessment activities, shared management of the experiential component of the pharmacy curriculum, coordination of a Contemporary Pharmacy Practice Course, and precepting a teaching clerkship.

Dr. Kawahara has served AACP as a member of the CAPE Master Teacher Advisory Board and Chair of the PEPSIG. She has served the PEPSIG on numerous task force initiatives including the development of standards and guidelines for pharmacy practice experience programs and preceptor needs. Within the section, Dr. Kawahara has served as a member of the program committee, preceptor development task force, enhancing communication abilities ad hoc committee, and measuring student performance task force.

In addition to her work with AACP, Dr. Kawahara has served on the development team for the National Clinical Skills Competition for ASHP and as a member of the Advisory Board for the Glaxo Pathway Evaluation Program for Pharmacy Professionals.

Timothy E Welty is currently Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and Adjunct Associate Research Professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Alabama Birmingham. He also is Continuing Education Director for PharmaCE, a part of The Annals of Pharmacotherapy and Harvey Whitney Books Company. Dr Welty obtained his BS in Pharmacy from Butler University, completed a PharmD and research fellowship at the University of Minnesota, and holds a Master of Arts from Trinity International University. Prior to coming to Samford, he served on the faculties of Purdue University, North Dakota State University, and the University of Cincinnati. In addition to his academic experience, Dr Welty has extensive experience in hospital and ambulatory pharmacy practice as a pharmacotherapeutic specialist for Methodist Hospital of Indiana in Indianapolis. An active practitioner, educator, and researcher in neuro-pharmacotherapy, Dr Welty has focused his research and practice in epilepsy. He also has taught and served in many institutions in Asia, especially in China, Thailand, Japan, and Korea. Recently, he was appointed as commissioner on the newly formed Continuing Education Commission for ACPE.

Secretary

Judy Cheng is Associate Professor of Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Long Island University, and Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Cardiology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. Dr. Cheng's area of clinical practice is acute care cardiology and research areas of interest are cardiovascular pharmacotherapy, health and education outcomes. Dr. Cheng has been awarded "Teacher of the Year" in 2004 and "Founder's Award" by Long Island University in 2007 for her service contribution to the college of pharmacy, including her chairing of the college curriculum committee for five continuous years. Dr. Cheng has been a reviewer for the AACP New Investigator Research Award Program from 2003-2005 and is also a regular reviewer for abstracts submitted to be presented at AACP meetings. Dr. Cheng is also active within the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. She was previous Chair and secretary/treasurer of the Cardiology PRN, as well as Chair of the Public and Professional Relations Committee. She is also currently an editorial board member of the Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program.

Jennifer Trujillo is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Northeastern University School of Pharmacy. She earned her PharmD from University of Arizona in 1997 and completed a pharmacy practice residency at Boston Medical Center in 1998. Her clinical practice area is adult internal medicine and she is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist. She recently served as the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs where she devoted much of her time to curricular development and assessment activities. She was the recipient of the School of Pharmacy's Excellence in Teaching award in 2004 and was awarded an honorable mention in the 2005 AACP Innovations in Teaching competition. Her professional interests include the scholarship of teaching and learning, curricular assessment, and inpatient diabetes management.