



APhA-ASP Regional Officer Elections

Candidate for Regional Delegate - Region 7



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Previous Leadership and Experience

I currently serve as the Policy Vice President for the APhA-ASP Chapter at the University of Utah College of pharmacy. In this role, I have been engaging with legislators to promote student interests and enhance the pharmacist's role in healthcare while advocating for patients. Previously, I worked for the Utah State Capitol Board of Preservation, where I collaborated with different professions to address and involve the community. Additionally, I am actively involved in multiple event organization committees for my College of Pharmacy, playing a key role in planning health fairs, professional development workshops, and networking events that foster community engagement and enhance the educational experience for my peers. My past teaching experience further reflects my commitment to fostering learning and professional growth among students. I am passionate about advocacy in the pharmacy profession and leverage my strong networking skills to build relationships with peers, faculty, and professionals, creating collaborative opportunities that benefit our profession and the wider community.

My previous leadership experiences have uniquely prepared me to serve as an APhA-ASP Regional Officer. As the Policy Vice President for the University of Utah Chapter, I developed an understanding of advocacy and policy-making within pharmacy. Engaging with policymakers has not only sharpened my communication skills but has also taught me to effectively represent the voices of student pharmacists, ensuring our collective needs are addressed.

My work with the Utah State Capitol Board of Preservation involved collaborating with diverse individuals from various backgrounds and cultures. This experience allowed me to refine my ability to bridge connections between people, fostering collaboration and unity. I learned to be receptive and empathetic, understanding the unique perspectives that individual brings to the table. My ability to engage and excite others has proven effective in motivating teams and inspiring collective action.

Alongside my advocacy work, my involvement in event organization committees has honed my organizational and project management skills, emphasizing the importance of effective communication and teamwork. As a regional delegate, I would leverage these skills to create engaging events that resonate with students across multiple chapters.

My teaching experience further strengthened my ability to convey complex information in an accessible way. I have learned to engage students with enthusiasm, making learning enjoyable and impactful. This skill is vital for a Regional Officer, as it enables me to communicate effectively with chapter leaders and members, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose.

These leadership experiences have equipped me with essential skills in advocacy, collaboration, event management, and effective communication. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as an APhA-ASP Regional Officer, where I can use my skills and experiences to support student pharmacists, promote our profession, and foster a sense of community among chapters. My commitment to empathy and connection will guide me as I work to ensure that every student pharmacist feels heard and valued, and together, we can continue to advance our profession.

Talents and Skills

I bring a strong blend of talents and skills that make me well-suited for the position. I am vocal about the issues that matter to student pharmacists, effectively articulating our needs and advocating for meaningful change. This assertiveness is complemented by my readiness to learn and listen, allowing me to engage with other perspectives and adapt my approach based on feedback.

Networking has always been a passion of mine. I thrive on connecting individuals and facilitating relationships that benefit the broader pharmacy community. My strong ability to bridge connections among peers, faculty, and professionals will be instrumental in promoting collaboration and resource sharing across chapters. I believe that a strong network enhances our collective impact and drives the advancement of the pharmacy profession. My ambition fuels my determination to excel in every endeavor I undertake. I am constantly seeking opportunities for growth and improvement. This proactive mindset enables me to stay informed about industry trends and best practices, ensuring that I am equipped to contribute effectively to the organization.

I believe that a positive attitude can inspire and motivate those around me. By fostering an encouraging environment, I aim to uplift my peers and create a collaborative atmosphere where ideas can flourish. My adaptability is crucial in navigating the dynamic landscape of pharmacy, allowing me to respond effectively to challenges and changes while maintaining focus on our goals.

Furthermore, I am open to feedback and view it as an essential tool for growth. This openness allows me to refine my skills and improve my contributions continually. I actively seek constructive criticism and use it to inform my decisions and actions, fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

My ability to connect with others is another significant strength. I excel at building relationships, which enhances collaboration and facilitates networking. I thrive on bridging connections between individuals, helping to cultivate a sense of community within the organization. This talent for networking is vital in fostering partnerships that can benefit our initiatives and enhance the overall impact of our work.

I am committed to making a meaningful contribution to the organization and am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with others to advance our shared goals.

Plans as a Regional Delegate

My goals as a candidate for this position are to advocate, engage, and connect. I plan to achieve these goals by reaching out early to members, forming collaborative groups, and seeking mentorship opportunities. Together, we can brainstorm policy ideas and stay informed on current issues affecting our profession.

I believe that APhA-ASP operates best in an environment filled with positivity and excitement. This unique organization promotes community engagement and professional growth, providing an invaluable opportunity for us to connect with one another and build lasting relationships. By fostering a cohesive atmosphere, we can share ideas that empower us to propose meaningful reforms and policies.

APhA-ASP serves as a vital platform to reinvigorate our profession, encouraging all members to strive for excellence in pharmacy and healthcare as a whole. I am committed to leveraging this opportunity to cultivate a supportive community that not only enhances our individual experiences but also drives collective progress within the field.

As an APhA-ASP Regional Delegate, I am committed to involving not just our delegates or Policy Vice Presidents, but every student pharmacist. To achieve this, I will focus on three key strategies: outreach, collaboration, and empowerment.

I will proactively reach out to chapter Policy Vice Presidents and organize a group forum. From there, we can branch out into larger forums or groups within chapters, creating a tiered communication system that relies on chapter delegates to help bring these connections together.

I will promote collaboration among chapters by forming inter-chapter committees that bring together students. These committees will provide a platform for brainstorming policy ideas and sharing experiences and strategies. By fostering these connections, we can generate a wider array of perspectives and encourage collective advocacy efforts.

I believe in providing mentorship opportunities by pairing students with experienced advocates to the best of my ability. This will enhance their understanding of the policy landscape and equip them with the skills needed to participate actively. My passion for connection and networking will facilitate these relationships, ensuring that every student feels valued and heard.

By implementing these strategies, I aim to create a more inclusive and engaged environment within APhA-ASP, where all student pharmacists can contribute to our advocacy efforts.

By implementing these strategies, I aspire to cultivate a vibrant, inclusive culture within APhA-ASP that engages all student pharmacists in advocacy and policy initiatives, ultimately strengthening our collective impact on the profession.