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New Public Member for CCGP Ethics and Grievance Committee

The CCGP Ethics and Grievance Committee has a new Public Member. John Golenski, Ed.D. is Managing Consultant for Kairoi Healthcare Strategies in San Francisco, California.

The E&G Committee is required by CCGP bylaws and has the following description: "Among other responsibilities that the Board may assign, the Ethics and Grievance Committee shall recommend for approval to the Board of Commissioners procedures for resolution and appeal of complaints or grievances by or against pharmacists that pertain to the Corporation's certification process and ethical questions related thereto."

CCGP welcomes Dr. Golenski to CCGP leadership and we thank him for his willingness to serve in this role.

Strang Selected as Recipient of CCGP Award

Brian Strang, PharmD, CGP, BCNSP, CNSC, BCPS, CPE, FASCP was selected by the CCGP Board of Commissioners as the recipient of the 2015 Excellence in Geriatric Pharmacy Practice Award. Dr. Strang is a clinical pharmacist at Tucson Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona. He is also a Clinical Instructor in Pharmacy Practice at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy.

The CCGP Excellence in Geriatric Pharmacy Practice Award recognizes the board-certified geriatric pharmacist who fosters the principles of good pharmacy practice; demonstrates excellence in geriatric patient care; and promotes the values and rigorous standards established by CCGP. The award was presented on October 29, 2015 at an awards ceremony held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists in Las Vegas, Nevada.

More information is available at this [news release](#).

Stefan Kowalski Elected to CCGP Board of Commissioners

Stefan Kowalski, CGP, was elected to the CCGP Board of Commissioners for a three-year term beginning at the end of October 2015. Mr. Kowalski is a senior lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy at the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences at the University of South Australia. He was previously serving as a member of the CCGP Professional Development Committee, and will continue on that Committee as Board liaison.

With Mr. Kowalski's support, CCGP expects to continue ongoing international growth. We welcome him to the CCGP Board of Commissioners!



New Members of CCGP Exam Development Committee

CCGP welcomed three new members of the Examination Development Committee this Fall. Congratulations to our new EDC members!

Carrie Allen, PharmD, CGP, BCPS, BCPP
Clinical Research Associate & Consultant Pharmacist
Omnicare Senior Health Outcomes
San Antonio, Texas

Joy Higa, PharmD, CGP, CDE
Independent Consultant Pharmacist
Kaneohe, Hawaii

Timothy Reilly, PharmD, BCPS, CGP, FASCP
Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administration
Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

CCGP Annual Meeting Conducted in Las Vegas

The Annual Meeting of the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy was held on October 31, 2015 in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Chris Alderman, 2013-14 Chair of the CCGP Board of Commissioners, installed the incoming members of the CCGP Board of Commissioners for 2015-16.



Dr. Chris Alderman (at podium) installs the members of the CCGP Board of Commissioners. Those Board members present at the CCGP Annual Meeting are (from left to right): Pronica Janikowski, Rodney Richmond, Kevin Bain, Kimberly Cauthon, and Marsha Meyer. In the background on the left is CCGP Executive Director Thomas Clark.



Brian Strang presents remarks after receiving the CCGP Excellence in Geriatric Pharmacy Practice Award.

The members of the Executive Committee for the 2015-16 CCGP Board of Commissioners are:

- Pronica Janikowski, Chair
- Rodney Richmond, Chair-elect
- Mary Ann Zagaria, Immediate Past Chair
- Holly Holmes, Treasurer
- Kevin Bain, Board Member At-large

The full roster for the 2015-16 Board of Commissioners is available at [this link](#).

The CCGP Board Chair, Pronica Janikowski, provided a welcome to attendees and introductions, including the results of the CCGP Board elections and appointments for the following year. The CCGP Executive Director, Thomas Clark, provided an overview of the previous year for CCGP. Slides from the presentations are available on the CCGP website at [this link](#).



CCGP Board Chair Pronica Janikowski addresses attendees at the CCGP Annual Meeting.

Results from CCGP Planning Survey

CCGP conducted a survey from September 2 until September 28 by SurveyMonkey. The e-mail was sent to 2,800 Certified Geriatric Pharmacists and 449 responses were received, for a response rate of 16.0%. Thank you to everyone who participated in the CCGP survey!

You may be interested in knowing some of the results from the survey. These are provided below.

What tangible benefits have you experienced from obtaining the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist credential? Check all that apply.

Here are the most common responses:

- Helped me qualify for expanded scope of practice (e.g. Advanced Practice Pharmacist) – 19.2%
- Received salary increase or step-grade pay increase – 15.4%
- Helped me obtain a new job with a different employer – 15.4%
- Helped me keep my present job, since employer is requiring certification – 9.8%
- Helped me obtain a promotion at my present employer – 7.6%
- Helped me qualify for receiving payment for pharmacist services from insurance or other third party – 2.7%

What other certifications (in addition to CGP) do you currently hold?

Here are the most common BPS certifications held by CGPs in addition to the CGP credential:

- Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) – 14.0% of CGPs
- Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist (BCACP) – 4.9%
- Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP) – 4.2%

Other than the BPS certifications, diabetes certification was also popular. Here are the most common multi-disciplinary certifications:

- Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) – 6.0%
- Board Certified-Advanced Diabetes Management (BC-ADM) – 1.1%

What is your primary practice environment?

Certified Geriatric Pharmacists work in a wide variety of practice settings. Here are the most common responses to this question:

- Hospital – 27%
- Long-term care – 20%
- Independent Consultant/Clinical Pharmacist – 11%
- Academic – 9%
- Community/Chain Pharmacy – 9%
- Managed Care Pharmacy – 9%
- Ambulatory Care – 6%
- Hospice – 2%

New CCGP E-mail Address for CE Comments

Question 10 of the CCGP survey asked the following open-ended question: "What can CCGP do to improve services to candidates or to Certified Geriatric Pharmacists?"

Of the 449 Certified Geriatric Pharmacists who responded to this September 2015 SurveyMonkey survey (16% response rate), 216 provided a text response. Of the responses, 52% were related to continuing education.

Because of the strong interest in providing input on continuing education, and because CCGP has recently added a second continuing education provider for recertification (ASHP has been added), CCGP has decided to create a designated e-mail address that Certified Geriatric Pharmacists can use to communicate compliments, suggestions, concerns, complaints or any other information related to continuing education directly to CCGP.

The new e-mail address is CE@ccgp.org. These e-mails will go directly to CCGP. If appropriate, CCGP will follow up with the professional development provider that is the focus of the communication and/or forward the e-mail to the CCGP Professional Development Committee for consideration or action.

CCGP appreciates all input that may be helpful in improving services to Certified Geriatric Pharmacists or candidates for the CGP examination. We hope this new e-mail address will be helpful as an avenue to encourage and direct communication to help CCGP and our professional development providers improve services.

ASCP to Offer Live CGP Recertification Program in March 2016

ASCP will offer another CGP Boot Camp March 19-20, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles in Los Angeles, California. The program offers 15 hours of live professional development credit towards recertification of the CGP credential. The first day focuses on the exam content outline. Day 2 concentrates on advanced level pharmacotherapeutic cases in the high priority diseases identified in the CCGP content map. Attendees can register for day 1, day 2, or both days of the Boot Camp. *Please Note: If you attended ASCP's Boot Camp in July 2015 and filed for credit, you are not eligible to apply for credit for this Boot Camp.*

List of New CGPs

New CGPs from the July/August 2015 testing window.

Account Name	State/Province	Country
Christine Ibrahim	NSW	Australia
Allen Chik Tah Lau	SA	Australia
Courtenay Jay Wilson	SA	Australia
Dale Thompson	SA	Australia
Elena Logvinskaia	SA	Australia
Ella Maxwell	SA	Australia
Elloise Chaplin	SA	Australia
Julie Tran	SA	Australia
Marianne Tamara Burrow	SA	Australia
Philip Roland Selby	SA	Australia
Sabrina Slimani	SA	Australia
Safwat Gergis	SA	Australia
Siev Hong Lor	SA	Australia
Sophie Robinson	SA	Australia
Teresia Kinyanjui	SA	Australia
Wei Jin Wong	SA	Australia
Yu-Jie Mao	SA	Australia
Lisha Kuruvilla	VIC	Australia
Seema Gupta	VIC	Australia
Shih-Han (Hans) Lin	BC	Canada
Annie Cai	ON	Canada
Blair Jarvis	ON	Canada
Charles Chan	ON	Canada
Chery Halim	ON	Canada
Gillian Claire Stewart Malhotra	ON	Canada
Jillian Grocholsky	ON	Canada
Judith Ellen Schure	ON	Canada
Kelly Meng Zhu	ON	Canada
Peter Lue	ON	Canada
Pooja Singh	ON	Canada
Sarah Rachael Cohen	ON	Canada
Victoria Ip	ON	Canada
Kholoud Alkhori	AZ	United States
Stephanie Hebert	AZ	United States
Betty Chan	CA	United States
Patrick Keoni Tabon	CA	United States
Jennifer Ann Connelly	CO	United States
Emalee Collins	CT	United States
Habib Doumit	CT	United States
Daphne Courey	FL	United States
Chad Michael Potts	GA	United States
Meredith Blalock	GA	United States
Casey Sue Villhauer	IA	United States
Kimberly Long	IN	United States
Rebecca Hassler	KS	United States
Erica Hursey	MA	United States
Maureen Owens	MA	United States
Melissa Hoover	MA	United States
Raymond Best Jr.	MA	United States
Victoria Leigh Best	MA	United States
Daniel Mansour	MD	United States
Roberta Szydlo	MD	United States
Stephanie Marie Callinan	MD	United States

Lindsey A Pardoe	ME	United States
Nancy Ebner	MN	United States
Ward Kirk Seale	MO	United States
Benjamin Smith	NC	United States
Karyn Ray Fabo	NC	United States
Stephanie Bottorf	NE	United States
Andrew Jason Taylor	NH	United States
Yea-Nan Hsu	NH	United States
Joanne Mascaro	NJ	United States
Joseph Reilly	NJ	United States
Andrew Kaplan	NY	United States
Jennifer Schroeck	NY	United States
Amanda Kobylinski	OH	United States
Erin Michelle Dill	OH	United States
Justin Wade Tenney	OH	United States
Marissa Cayabyab	OH	United States
Nadine Ta	OK	United States
Yelizaveta Russ	OR	United States
Brianne Polito	PA	United States
Erin Suhrie	PA	United States
Maria J Sawka	PA	United States
Zachary Heeter	PA	United States
Melissa Buchanan	SC	United States
Thadd Hirschy	SC	United States
Linda Gayle McMahan	TX	United States
Scott Blaszczyk	TX	United States
Dana Lynn Cannon	VA	United States
Jessica Pyhtila	VA	United States
Nick Weatherton	VA	United States
Melissa Mahoney	WA	United States
James Fox	WY	United States

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