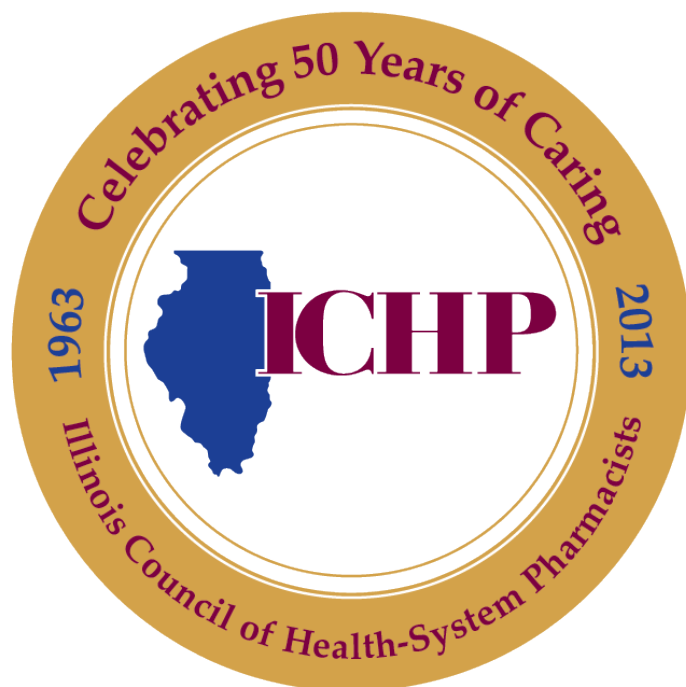


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## *The History of ICHP: 1963 - 2013*



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# 1962 - 1969

1962: Hospital pharmacy residency accreditation standards first approved by ASHP

1962: Kefauver-Harris amendments

1963: Martin Luther King, Jr. "I have a dream" speech

**1964: ICHP Chairman, Donald Brauer\***



1964: Civil Rights Act signed into law

1964: The Beatles performed for the first time in the USA

**1965: ICHP Chairman, Herbert Carlin\***



"The future of Pharmacy practice is bright if we center our activities on the patient."

After serving as a community pharmacist in Warwick, RI, from 1954 to 1956, Carlin took over as Assistant Director of Pharmacy at Jefferson Medical College Hospital in Philadelphia. He then served as Pharmacy Director for the University of Colorado in 1959–1962 and the University of Illinois in 1962–1972. During this time, he also held the position of Director of ASHP from 1962 to 1972 as well as President (1970–1971) and Speaker (1972).

After working as Apothecary-in-Chief at New York Hospital from 1972 to 1986, Carlin moved into the industry, first as Vice President of Schein Pharmaceuticals from 1987 to 2000 and then as President of Pharmaceutical Management Insight starting in 2000. He also served on the boards of the National Health Council and American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education and chaired the USP Drug Nomenclature and Labeling Committee.

1965: Medicare Title XVIII & Medicaid Title XIX passed

1965: PharmD. Degree 1st awarded to schools of pharmacy



1966: *ICHP Chairman, Sister Mary Louise (Matthew) Degenhart*



Mary Louise Degenhart serves as special assistant to the president, where her focus will be career placement for St. Louis College of Pharmacy (StLCOP) graduates, including jobs and residencies, and creating and developing residency opportunities. As a religious sister with the Adorers of the Blood of Christ (ASC), Degenhart holds an undergraduate degree in pharmacy from StLCOP, and earned her M.B.A. at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She is nationally recognized for her work creating pharmacy residency programs and developing training and continuing education programs for pharmacy technicians.

Prior to coming to StLCOP, Degenhart served as executive director of ASC Health in St. Louis and as a contract surveyor in the Accreditation Services Division with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). In 1996, she was honored as an ASHP Fellow and in 2002, she was named an honorary ASHP member during the Society's 37th Annual Midyear Clinical Meeting. Degenhart is a co-founder of the Southern Illinois Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists. An active StLCOP alumna, she was presented with the Alumni Association's Outstanding Achievement award in 1996 and the Loyalty award in 2010. Degenhart has served on both the alumni Board of Directors and StLCOP's Board of Trustees.

**1966: 1st ICHP Pharmacist of the Year Award awarded to R. Regis Kenna\***

1966: Star Trek premiered on TV

1966: 1st ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting

**1967: ICHP Chairman, Paul Cole\***

**1967: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Louis Gdalmann\***

1967: Interdisciplinary health education

**1968: ICHP Chairman, James Curtin**

**1968: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, C. Charles Lev\***

1968: Martin Luther King, Jr. & Robert Kennedy assassinated

**1969: ICHP Chairman, Ben Howiler**

**1969: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Edward Hartshorn**

1969: 1st Man on the Moon

1969: APhA Pharmacy Code of Ethics: pharmacists can discuss drug therapy or action with patients

**1962**

Hospital pharmacy residency accreditation standards first approved by ASHP

Don Brauer elected first ICHP Chairman

**1964**



**1965**

"The future of Pharmacy practice is bright if we center our activities on the patient."  
- Herb Carlin ICHP Chairman, 1965

Medicare and Medicaid established



**1963**

ISHP and SISHP meet to discuss formation of one statewide ASHP Affiliate

**1966**

1st ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting



**1969**

1st Man on the Moon

# 1970 - 1979

1970: *ICHP Chairman, Weldon Johnson*

1970: **ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Herbert Carlin\***

1970: There were 74 schools of pharmacy in the USA

1971: *ICHP Chairman, James Ferrel\**



Jim served in the United States Navy during WW II. A registered pharmacist, Jim worked at Memorial Medical Center from 1952-1982 and then with Watt Brothers Pharmacy from 1982-2010. He was the oldest working pharmacist in the Springfield area. He was a member and past Chairman of the Illinois Council of Hospital Pharmacists. He was also a member of ASHP, Illinois Pharmacist Association, Memorial Medical Center Retiree's, and the Alumni Association of St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

1971: **ICHP Pharmacist of the Year – Sister Mary Louise Degenhart**

1971: Capitation grants began for pharmacy schools

1972: *ICHP Chairman, Ronald Turnbull*

1972: **ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Harland E. Lee**

1972: Pharmacists in Indian Health Service given prescribing authority

1972: About 4% of practicing pharmacists were women

1973: *ICHP Chairman, Walter Obermeyer\**

1973: **ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Roger Klotz**

1973: AACP Section of Teachers of Clinical Instruction Formed

1974: *ICHP President, Ronald Turnbull*

1974: **ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Ronald Turnbull**

1974: ACPE standards 1st required clinical clerkships



I recognized early on in my pharmacy career that professional organizations were very critical to the advancement of the profession and essential for having an impact on legislation that would affect the practice. Since the practice of pharmacy was to be my lifetime vocation, it seemed only natural to me to want to be involved in activities that would influence its direction.

From a practice standpoint the hot topics of the day were concerned with moving hospital pharmacy practice from floor stock dispensing systems to unit dose and IV Admixture Services. Remodeling and expanding departments to accommodate these new services were also hot topics.

Being president of ICHP provided leadership experiences and exposure outside the walls of my hospital, which in turn, opened up opportunities to be further involved with ASHP on a national level, and eventually, professional and industry contacts which were instrumental in furthering my second and final career in pharmaceutical industry.

I enjoyed my years of active involvement with ICHP and VERY much cherish the lifetime membership I have been rewarded.

1975: Microsoft founded

1976: *ICHP President, Patricia Moorhatch*

**1976: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, John Lewis**

1976: Apple Inc. founded

1976: Board of Pharmaceutical Specialty (BPS) founded

1977: *ICHP President, Joel Osborne*



I became involved in ICHP because it was important to me to have greater interaction with my professional colleagues with the hope that I could improve my practice skills and gather many helpful hints from other pharmacists around the state.

Around this time there was a concern that ICHP was evolving into an organization that represented the Chicago area, but the downstate practice couldn't gather sufficient votes in the election process to serve as a presidential officer. If memory serves me correctly, I believe that I was the first elected President that came from "downstate" (Rock Island).

Being ICHP President gave me the opportunity to access a "sounding board" for ideas and approaches being considered for implementation at my facility. The regular interaction with many pharmacists that I admired greatly was invaluable.

It was a great pleasure and source of personal pride to serve as President elect and President of ICHP. I made many friends from all over the state that continue to this day.

**1977: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Raphael Jacobsen\***

1977: California 1st state to enact legislation enabling pharmacist prescribing rights

1978: *ICHP President, James Metzger*

**1978: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Terry Trudeau\***

1978: Nuclear pharmacy became 1st BPS-approved specialty

1978: Birth of 1st test-tube baby

1979: *ICHP President, Max L. (Mick) Hunt*



**1979: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Merrikay Oleen**

1979: ACCP founded

Richard Hutchinson  
establishes Clinical Pharmacy  
Program at the University of  
Illinois Medical Center

**1973**



ACPE standards  
begin requiring clinical  
clerkships

**1974**

**1976**

Board of Pharmaceutical  
Specialties (BPS) formed



**1978**

Nuclear Pharmacy  
becomes first BPS  
approved specialty





# 1980 - 1989

## 1980: ICHP President, E. Clyde Buchanan



I initially was motivated to get involved in ICHP when I moved to Springfield IL in 1977 to be Director of Pharmacy at St. Johns Hospital. I had been active in the North Carolina Society of Hospital Pharmacists before so it was natural to get involved with ICHP. Encouraging me was one of my mentors, Sr. Mary Louise Degenhart, whom I had hired as Assistant Director of Pharmacy for Clinical Services at St. Johns. Just as now, ICHP was a large and vibrant state pharmacy organization, boasting one of the largest member bases in the country. There were many national leaders in ICHP - people like Mick Hunt, Richard Hutchinson, Harland Lee, Henri Manasse, Scott Meyers, Ed Nold, Karen Nordstrom, Dennis Tribble, and Dave Vogel (RIP). People like these gave me encouragement (and pushes in the back when I needed them).

In 1980, the average hospital pharmacy had just implemented a centralized IV admixture program and a manual unit dose system. New clinical pharmacy services like pharmacokinetics, anticoagulation monitoring, and hospital pharmacy residency programs were rapidly gaining acceptance. As always, pharmacy technician use and training was big. ICHP was a national leader in establishing the technician certification program that eventually led to the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) certification exam. It was also about this time that the ICHP House of Delegates was envisioned and moves began to establish the House, based on the ASHP House of Delegates as a model.

Serving as ICHP President helped me make friends with many hospital pharmacists, not only in Illinois but also across the country. Such friends helped me advance – in hospital pharmacy practice and as a mentor to younger pharmacists. After eleven years of ICHP service, I left Illinois to become Director of Pharmaceutical Services at Emory University in Atlanta. Without the friendships that I developed at ICHP, I would not have been able to make this transition. ICHP also formed the basis for my long-standing relationship with ASHP as house delegate, SIG chair, committee member, speaker and author.

## 1980: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Sister Mary Margaret Wright



I believe I was honored with this award for my dedication to improving patient care and my work as a member of the Illinois Board of Pharmacy to expand the pharmacy practice act.

Pharmacy moved along together during the 80's and the profession made many advances as "friends."

The practitioners emphasized what united us, NOT what divided us.

In October of 1980, IPhA honored Sister with their Pharmacist of the Year Award. It had been 30 years since IPhA had given this award to a woman. Also of note, Sister became the first individual to be honored as Pharmacist of the Year by both ICHP and IPhA.

Only one other individual after her has been so honored.

## 1980: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Ernie Steinbaugh\*\* \*\*Awarded posthumously

1980: ASHP introduced clinical pharmacy & specialized pharmacy residencies

1980: Post-It note introduced by 3M

**1981: ICHP President, David Vogel\***



David Vogel received his B.S. in Pharmacy, Magna Cum Laude from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1966 and his M.S. in Hospital Pharmacy from the Ohio State University in 1971 where he also completed his two year ASHP residency at Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He worked as a staff pharmacist at Mercy Hospital in Buffalo, New York and after completion of his MS and residency was appointed as Assistant Director of Pharmaceutical Services at Buffalo General Hospital, and Clinical Instructor at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Pharmacy. In 1974 he pursued a new role as Associate Director of Pharmacy and Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Illinois Medical Center and Hospital where he practiced until leaving Illinois to go to New Jersey to become Director of Pharmacy at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Administration at Rutgers University College of Pharmacy.

While at the University of Illinois he worked alongside Richard Hutchinson to implement IV admixture service, unit dose dispensing, clinical pharmacy services, and a residency program at the University Hospital.

He provided extraordinary leadership roles in NISHP, ICHP and ASHP. He positively influenced many students and colleagues as a result of his caring and devotion to patients and pharmacy practice.

Dave Vogel left us all too soon on October 22, 2000 at the age of 56.

**1981: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Karen Nordstrom**

1981: AIDS recognized in the U.S.

1981: Sandra Day O'Connor was 1st woman appointed to U.S. Supreme Court

**1982: ICHP President, Dennis Tribble**



I was initially motivated to become active in ICHP when I worked with Karen Nordstrom and Don McDonald at Northwestern Memorial Hospital starting in 1975 and they encouraged me to become involved.

The hot topics and issues confronted during my presidency included:

Starting work on the technician certification examination

Development of a relationship with IPhA for Executive Services

Still waiting for adoption of unit dose/ IV Admixture Services to exceed 50% of hospitals

My ICHP presidency provided connections with health-system pharmacists in other states and with ASHP leadership which have been valuable throughout my career

**1982: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Mary Miranti\***

1982: CD introduced



**1983: ICHP President, William Wuller**

My initial motivation to get involved in ICHP was to have an “An opportunity to help move hospital pharmacy practice forward”.

During the late 1970’s there was not an active hospital pharmacy organization in the St. Louis Metro-East area or Southern Illinois. The needs and goals of community practitioners did not align well with those of hospital practice (at the time) and a “new direction” would be required if this situation was going to change. A phone call with Sr. Mary Louise helped define the necessary steps but someone would need to take the

lead—namely me. Consequently, the Southern Illinois and Metro East groups were formed and I had an opportunity to influence the growth of hospital pharmacy practice.

Topics and Issues during my term that I had to deal with are very similar to some of the issues we are faced with today:

- Budget conscious legislature. (I found this almost comical—Illinois worried about cost! We all know the history)
- Sunset of the Pharmacy Practice Act
- New Rules and Regulations for Practice Act
- Senate Bill 1078 creates 4 distinct license classes for pharmacy
- Enhancing the image of pharmacy as a profession
- ACPE reaccreditation for CE
- Tylenol ban in Chicago
- Networking opportunities on a national level (First ICHP Mid Year Clinical reception)
- Advanced degrees for mid-career practitioners
- Hospital prospective payment (began in 1984)
- Programs to assist impaired pharmacy practitioners

ICHP afforded me the opportunity to meet many colleagues from all over the state and ultimately the nation. I had the chance to attend numerous professional meetings, particularly the ICHP state meetings and the MCM. One of my former administrators told me “Every time you go to a meeting you end up bringing back new ideas that you can implement”. At the time I wasn’t sure if that was a compliment or a criticism!! In any event, those ideas came from a lot of networking and helped me move my department forward ultimately leading to the first ASHP accredited pharmacy residency program in Southern Illinois. The bottom line—ICHP has had a tremendous impact on my career—all positive—clearly helping me to learn and grow professionally.

I have memories of great effort by many hardworking members that led to our success. Lots of new friends made.

A bathtub full of beer on ice in the president’s suite (small budget receptions?)

**1983: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, E. Clyde Buchanan**

1983: Social Security Act Amendment

**1984: ICHP President, Marcia Palmer****1984: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Dave Vogel\***

1984: Fellowship Training in pharmacy established



**1985: ICHP President, Garry Zage**



"Zage has over 30 years experience in the pharmacy industry, including 15 years in automation technology. Zage is the only CEO of a retail pharmacy automation company who is also a pharmacist. Prior to his pharmacy automation experience, Zage held several executive business development and corporate sales and marketing roles with Baxter International. His prior experience includes time as a pharmacist at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL and as a hospital administrator over professional services (including pharmacy) at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago. Zage also served as President of the Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists and sat on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Pharmacists Association."

**1985: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, William Wuller**

1985: VA adopted guidelines for clinical pharmacy specialists

**1986: ICHP President, Lee Simon**

I always had an appreciation for the importance of professional organizations, but I started to really get involved when I became Assistant Director of Pharmacy at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago. I recognized that the leaders in hospital pharmacy and the leaders of ICHP and ASHP were essentially the same people, and I knew there would be great value in developing professional relationships with them. The number one topic confronting ICHP during my presidential term was technician certification. Illinois and Michigan were the two states that had been pushing this agenda, although Illinois had done so with greater attention to academic rigor, as I recall. ASHP was reluctant to get involved at that point, but we persisted in developing our certification process, and ultimately succeeded in getting ASHP to buy in – in a big way.

The biggest benefit from being an ICHP member and past president was in the relationships that resulted from my work both in ICHP and ASHP. I worked with many talented people at the state and national level, and one of those relationships ultimately led directly to a job offer at Medco, where I successfully spent the last 18 years until my retirement in 2012.

During my presidency, ICHP was in a growth phase and it had frankly become too large and complex to be managed by volunteer officers. I worked with a contracted association management firm led by Michael Posey. Not long after that, ICHP took the next step on that continuum and engaged Scott Meyers as full-time Executive Director.

**1986: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, LeRoy Hayes\***

1986: NAPLEX introduced

1986: Chicago Bears win Superbowl XX

**1987: ICHP President, Caryn Bing**



I have been involved with professional associations ever since I was a student. I was encouraged to get more involved in NISHP during my pharmacy residency at Rush. There were many practitioner role models around me who were very involved in the Chicago area affiliate and in ICHP. The monthly NISHP meetings were always interesting, and provided ample networking opportunities for a new practitioner. I was asked to run for Treasurer of NISHP right after I finished my residency (I lost to John McBride), and then was asked to run for NISHP president. That three year affiliate leadership term brought me to the ICHP board during my year as NISHP president, and even more exposure to the important work of our profession outside of the direct practice environment. When

I was asked to run for ICHP President-Elect, I said yes again...and won. So a key part of the motivation.... I was asked to get involved (and said yes.)

The presidential term was three years of excitement. Lots of things were happening, including the push for mandatory CE in Illinois (it passed), controversy over 'tech check tech', and the debates about the merits of an entry level PharmD. It was a very exciting time to be 'on the inside' of an organization, when ICHP was attempting to get ASHP to help financially support the development of a psychometrically validated Technician Certification Exam. ICHP leadership was persistent. President Lee Simon and Executive Director Michael Posey pushed ASHP and they finally saw the light, and invested financially while embracing technician certification. I will be forever proud of the ICHP leadership role in the formative years of what became the PTCB.

The "professional associations" section of my CV is built on a base of NISHP and ICHP activities. My experiences with ICHP helped to further hone my leadership abilities outside the direct work environment. I met many interesting, influential, and smart people—through ICHP and then my involvement in ASHP, through Councils, Sections, the House of Delegates, other committee work, and chairing the ASHP Continuity of Care Task Force. My role with ICHP gave me the experience -and credibility where I was otherwise unknown- to help start a new state affiliate of ASHP in Nevada after I relocated to Las Vegas.

Some of the best memories I have are of the camaraderie with my pharmacy colleagues working hard, taking the business of our profession so seriously, giving freely of their spare time, and having some fun together.

Congratulations to all who have contributed to the success of ICHP.

### 1987: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Max L. (Mick) Hunt

1987: The Oprah Winfrey Show premiered

### 1988: ICHP President, Scott Meyers



I was initially motivated to get involved in ICHP when I was encouraged to join ICHP by my Pharmacy Director and Assistant Director at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford when I first started there in 1977. Doug McPherson and Don Michalski were both active in the local affiliate of ICHP, the Rock Valley Society of Hospital Pharmacists and invited me to come to a local affiliate meeting. I enjoyed the education and the networking that followed and within a few years was elected Treasurer and then President of the Rock Valley Society.

As an affiliate President, I sat on the ICHP Board of Directors and met a lot of great pharmacists from around the State. They all encouraged me to get involved at the Board of Directors level once I completed my term as affiliate president. I ran for the position of Director-elect of Chapter and Public Affairs (now our Division of Marketing Affairs) and won. The Director of the Division resigned immediately to move out of state so I jumped in almost a year early.

Within two years, I was asked to run for President-elect of ICHP by the Nominations Committee even though my term was not complete for another year. The Committee slated me to run against a pharmacy director from the northwest suburbs and figured I wouldn't win but I did so I had to step down early like my predecessor to become the President-elect. I've never looked back.

Hilton Head  
Conference  
**1985**

**1988**

Pharmaceutical Care defined by  
Hepler and Strand

ICHP administers first Certification  
Exam for Pharmacy Technicians

**1986**

NAPLEX  
introduced

ACPE announces plans  
to accredit only Pharm.D.  
programs

**1989**

The hot topics and imperative issues I confronted during my presidential term was Technician Certification. The first ICHP test was given while I was President. I had the privilege of asking Paul Pierpaoli, Director of Pharmacy at Rush Medical Center, to Chair ICHP's Technician Certification Task Force shortly after he finished his term as ASHP Past President and he thankfully obliged.

Automated dispensing and storage systems made their debut at the end of my term and began the barrage of technology that took pharmacy quickly into a new era. The first machines were simple and seemed much more expensive than the benefits they provided, but it wasn't long until there was broad acceptance. It's hard to imagine hospitals without automation like that today!

Serving as ICHP President allowed me to meet pharmacist leaders from across the State and the nation (through ASHP). It helped me get a more global picture of the practice of pharmacy than I previously had. It also provided me with my first pharmacy administrator job as Assistant Director of Pharmacy at Sherman Hospital in Elgin and eventually led me to my current position as ICHP's Executive Vice President. I owe my current career to that year as President of ICHP.

The volunteer leaders that came before me and that followed me have made ICHP one of ASHP's strongest affiliates and a force in Illinois Pharmacy. ICHP is now well known around the U.S. pharmacy circles as a dynamic and forward thinking organization that helped create national technician certification. It is also well known now in Springfield as an important voice for pharmacy with both the General Assembly and State regulatory agencies.

#### **1988: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Marcia Palmer**



1988: Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiological Approach 1st published

#### **1989: ICHP President, John Snyder**



John was Director of Pharmacy at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital in Mattoon, Illinois. John was very supportive of precepting pharmacy students from southern and central Illinois in their hospital pharmacy. After John's presidency he became very involved in hospital administration and is now Executive Vice President and COO at Carle Foundation Hospital and Physician Group.

#### **1989: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Lee S. Simon**

1989: ACPE issued Declaration of Intent to accredit only PharmD. programs

1989: Fall of Berlin Wall



2012 Tom Westerkamp  
 2011 Chris Rivers  
 2010 Carrie Sincak  
 2009 Todd Karpinski  
 2008 Avery Spunt  
 2007 Ann Jankiewicz  
 2006 Mike Weaver  
 2005 Mike Rajski  
 2004 Mike McEvoy  
 2003 Trish Wegner  
 2002 Mike Short  
 2001 Don Lynx  
 2000 Ed Donnelly  
 1999 Brad Blackwell  
 1998 Mike Novario  
 1997 Andy Donnelly  
 1996 Kevin Colgan  
 1995 Janet Teeters  
 1994 Jim Dorociak



# Past Presidents

1993 Bob Hoy  
1992 Bruce Dickerhofe  
1991 Steve Marx  
1990 Mary Lynn Moody  
1989 John Snyder  
1988 Scott Meyers  
1987 Caryn Bing  
1986 Lee Simon  
1985 Garry Zage  
1984 Marcia Palmer  
1983 William Wuller  
1982 Dennis Tribble  
1981 David Vogel\*  
1980 E. Clyde Buchanan  
1979 Max L. (Mick) Hunt  
1978 James Metzger\*  
1977 Joel Osborne  
1976 Patricia Moorhatch  
1975 Harland E. Lee

1974 Ronald Turnbull  
1973 Walter Obermeyer\*  
1972 Ronald Turnbull  
1971 James Ferrel\*  
1970 Weldon Johnson  
1969 Ben Howler  
1968 James Curtin  
1967 Paul Cole\*  
1966 Sr. Mary Louise Degenhart  
1965 Herbert Carlin\*  
1964 Donald Brauer\*

\*deceased





# 1990 - 1999

**1990: ICHP President, Mary Lynn Moody**



I was initially motivated to get involved in ICHP by my boss. My boss at the time I was a resident, Karen Nordstrom, and she encouraged all the residents to get involved with ICHP.

Unfortunately many of the hot topics or imperative issues confronted during my Presidential term are the same issues we face today. In the early 90's we were struggling to demonstrate the value of clinical pharmacy services, increasing the salary of health system pharmacists, and working on ways to reduce medication errors.

The impact of consultants to reduce the cost of healthcare was rampant in the early 1990's and we developed some programming to address these issues.

At that time volunteerism was high throughout the state and we worked hard to increase the attendance at the ICHP Annual Meeting.

Serving as ICHP President helped increase my confidence to speak in public, gave me a chance to network with some awesome pharmacy leaders who have gone on to be National leaders in health system pharmacy. My role as President and as Chair of the Legislative Committee resulted in my being chosen to serve on an ASHP Council and have an impact on national pharmacy issues

**1990: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Edna Dooley**



I believe I was given this award as an affirmation of my long dedication to the profession of Pharmacy and my participation in ICHP and local affiliates. I was always proud of my accomplishments as a pharmacist. While I graduated from the University of Iowa in 1949, I was still able to lead my hospital pharmacy department in the late 1980s to implement many clinical programs such as nutrition support, aminoglycoside protocol, and antibiotic surveillance.

I have many fond memories and wonderful friendships with the people I know from ICHP.

1990: There were STILL 74 schools of pharmacy

1990: OBRA '90 passed

1990: Human genome project launched

**1991: ICHP President, Steve Marx**

**1991: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Scott A. Meyers**

1991: Chicago Bulls won 1st of 6 championships within 8-year period (The Age of Michael Jordan )

## 1992: *ICHP President, Bruce Dickerhofe*



As a recently graduated pharmacist working in a hospital, it seemed that joining and participating in a state hospital pharmacist organization was just part of the profession I had chosen. I had been active in APhA as a student and learned early on that involvement was important to me and also, in some small way, might benefit pharmacy. I never really considered the option of non-involvement.

Attending my first ICHP meeting sometime in 1972 cemented the deal. The members attending that night were interested in the profession and made Jeannine and I feel welcome. I am still grateful for that reception. Taking the first step to get involved in a professional organization was not as difficult as I might have feared but I can honestly say still – after over 40 years – that aspect of my career has been one of the most rewarding aspects of pharmacy. It has generated strong friendships, career opportunities, a bank vault of memories and a feeling of some accomplishments that were of benefit to others. Proof positive that involvement is the key to a successful career in the wonderful profession of pharmacy.

No doubt the most exciting part of my term of office was the establishment of our first office in Rockford and the opportunity to work with the Board in hiring Scott Meyers as our Executive Director. A lot of elements were involved in that process. Deciding to go on our own meant we had to identify the need, inventory our resources, involve our members to gain their support, acquire financial support (we started with about \$14,000 and some duct tape) and make it happen.

Establishing the office was a task that needed to be accomplished at that point in time for ICHP to continue to grow and be of service to our members and, therefore, the patients we serve. The task would have been impossible without the hard work and encouragement of the Board, our members, industry sponsors and other pharmacy organizations that shared our vision. It was a special time and turned out pretty well.

The opportunity to serve as president of such a great organization was reward enough. However, presidential duties involved encounters with people who were true leaders of our profession and enabled me to move forward with confidence and support in order to accomplish personal and professional goals.

A very, very good memory was the support I received from Harland Lee. I was Associate Director at Evanston Hospital while president. Harland was Director and former ICHP president. He was a mentor and a source of encouragement that I needed.

## 1992: *ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Ken Witte*

1992: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit

## 1993: *ICHP President, Robert Hoy*



I did not grow up in Illinois, nor get my pharmacy degree here. I completed a one-year residency at the U of I in Chicago in 1976 - 77. Then I was gone from Illinois until 1986. When we moved back to Illinois, I took a job downstate in Bloomington. I was looking for a professional society that better fit my career aspirations than IPhA. The ASHP-affiliated state organization (ICHP) seemed like a good fit, and indeed, it was!

As for “hot topics”, Hepler and Strand developed the concept of pharmaceutical care at the Pharmaceutical Care Conference in 1993. This provided the philosophical underpinning of our profession as it approached the 21st Century. The new concept of measuring patient outcomes was born. Now we had the tools for implementing and measuring innovative practice models. Clinical pharmacy was becoming accepted, defined, measured and tested in the real world. Next to come down the road was the cost analysis.

Around 1992, the Board of Directors of ICHP proposed hiring Scott Meyers to the first full-time position, establishing a strong pharmacist leader in the Executive V.P. role. I was fortunate to be president-elect, president and past-president during this exciting time for our young (30 years old) organization. I learned much in those three years about committees, boards of directors, politics, negotiations, compromise, persuasion and ultimately, success. Being active in ICHP when Scott was hired was fantastic.

### 1993: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Kevin Colgan

1993: Health Care Reform introduced by President Bill Clinton

### 1994: ICHP President, James Dorociak



I was initially motivated to get involved in ICHP when I returned to Illinois. I had previously been involved in professional organizations out of state after I finished my PharmD and Residency. When I moved back to Illinois in the early 90's I thought it would be a good way to understand what is going on with the profession here in Illinois and to network with my fellow Pharmacy Directors.

During my presidential term, it always seemed like there were so many issues and challenges to focus on. The main ones for me back then were:

- Moving the Executive Director (Scott) from a part-time position to a full time role
- Staffing up/expanding and paying for the office in Rockford
- Working with IPHA on joint meetings and communications
- Working with the Board of Pharmacy on some issues related to Hospital clean rooms, preparations, and Satellite Staffing

I have no doubt that ICHP has helped me throughout my career with networking, professional visibility opportunities, learning new areas, and as a resource when topics/issues presented a new challenge.

I still have wonderful memories of the retreats, executive and board meetings, moving the ICHP office, and fun evenings at the Spring and Fall meetings.

I still truly believe that you get out more than what you can possibly put in to the organization when you step up to a leadership position with ICHP.

### 1994: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year – Alan Weinstein



I believe I was awarded this award based on my efforts to increase ICHP membership. I wrote a grant proposal to ASHP to create a poster to be placed in each hospital pharmacy. The recruitment poster included all of the benefits of joining ICHP and ASHP. On the bottom of each poster were pockets for ICHP and ASHP membership applications. We received the grant, created the poster and we saw an increase in membership.

Winning the award motivated me to become more active in NISHP where I was later elected President. After the NISHP presidency I then became an ICHP Director of Organizational Affairs. One of my most memorable ICHP experiences was being on the committee planning for the hiring of an ICHP Executive Vice President and obtaining our own office space.

Additionally, I worked with the committee and Scott Meyers to write the first job description for the first ICHP Executive Vice President.

1994: Beginning of pharmacist-administered immunizations



**1995: ICHP President, Janet Teeters**



I was always involved in pharmacy organizations since I was in Pharmacy School, so it was only natural to get involved with ICHP. As a health system pharmacist it was a natural organization for me to turn to. I have always enjoyed my interactions with other pharmacists outside of my immediate work area, and always feel I gain much information from being active in the state association.

My years as president were the years where IPhA and ICHP worked together on several issues to create a combined annual meeting, and worked on some fund raising for a central foundation that included the colleges in Illinois as well as IPhA, and ICHP that brought training programs to all pharmacists to become more clinical in the state. I developed a good understanding of state wide issues, and it enabled me to become more active at a national level with ASHP. I developed some strong friendships with other ICHP members that are still ongoing. I have always thought that by being active you gain much information that can help you excel in your job, while also helping to advance the pharmacy profession forward in your state. I am sure it was always seen as an asset as I continued on in my career, especially as I became a staff member of ASHP.

**1995: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Ed Donnelly**

I was working as an Assistant Director of Pharmacy at Michael Reese Hospital when I won this award. Winning this award was a surprise to me because usually past winners had already served as President of ICHP and I had not. This award is voted on by past recipients and I remember at the time how honored I was to be nominated for and to win Pharmacist of the Year. The following year I became Director of Pharmacy at Michael Reese Hospital and then a year later Director of Pharmacy at Edward Hospital. I like to think winning this award increased my chances for both positions.

1995: Animal cloning

1995: Technician certification

**1996: ICHP President, Kevin Colgan**



There were two things that intrigued me and motivated me to get involved in ICHP. As a new practitioner, I wanted to meet pharmacy leaders in Illinois. I also wanted to access contemporary thinking which at that time was primarily coming from thought leaders out of the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy, like Ken Witte. The imperative issues confronted during my presidency included:

- Justification and expansion of clinical services
- Home Infusion practice
- All PharmD degree vs. BS degree
- Cost of Care

During my ICHP presidential year I was exposed to national leaders in pharmacy and healthcare. It forced me to focus on global healthcare issues and their effect on hospital pharmacy. I then had the opportunity to serve on the ASHP Board of Directors and served as the ASHP president.

ICHP, its members and leadership should be very proud of taking the lead in promoting technician certification in the mid 80s. The organization sacrificed but fought the right cause at the right time.

**1996: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Bruce Dickerhofe**

1996: Beginning of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremonies

1996: ASHP Clinical Skills Competition

1997: *ICHP President, Andrew Donnelly*

My brother involvement in ICHP was the stimulus for me to become more involved in ICHP leadership. My brother Ed became involved in ICHP leadership a couple of years before me. I had always been a member of ICHP but not participated on any of the committees or held office. Given Ed's positive experiences with the organization, I decided to get involved. Once I became a member of my first committee, I was hooked. Scott Meyers and his staff were great and the elected leadership/committee members made me feel a part of the group right from the start.



Many of the issues we were facing as a profession during my presidential term are ones that we are still dealing with today. In looking at my President column articles, I talked about the need to advance the role of the pharmacy technician to allow pharmacists time to focus on patient-centered activities, the need to establish pharmacy residency programs so that graduates wishing to do a residency could do one, how the internet could be a valuable tool for pharmacists, the need for pharmacoeconomic studies when evaluating medications, and that it is our responsibility as a profession to demonstrate to the general public and other health care providers the valuable role we can play as a member of the health care team. As I recall, we were also trying to advance the concept of tech-check-tech, which is contained in the current draft of the Pharmacy Practice Act rules.

I think serving as President allowed me to get a broader perspective of pharmacy practice in Illinois as well as nationally. Working with our Board and discussing issues affecting health-system pharmacy and what type of action may need to be taken to address these issues made me think on a much larger scale than what I was required to do daily at work. At the time of my presidency, we were still having joint Annual meetings with IPhA and our Boards would meet together once or twice a year. This allowed me to hear first-hand the types issues affecting IPhA's membership and to get to know their elected leadership, which would have been more difficult to do without these joint meetings. I can definitely say that the skills I learned while leading ICHP served me well as I advanced in my pharmacy career.

I really enjoyed the annual retreats held for ICHP leadership. The team building activities were always fun and the work done at this meeting set the direction for the organization for the coming year. I also need to reiterate that Scott Meyers and his staff are excellent. I routinely use them for questions that arise at work and they are always very responsive. Finally, it's the people that make an organization what it is. I can honestly say that the elected leadership/committee members that I have worked with over the years are some of the nicest, most helpful people that I have met.

1997: **ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Steve Marx**



1997: The Ashville Project started

1997: Pathfinder probe landed on Mars

1997: Princess Diana killed in car crash



One of my main motivations for becoming involved in ICHP was to associate and learn from the leaders of health-system pharmacy in Illinois. I had a desire to learn as much as I could about health-system pharmacy practice. By networking with pharmacy leaders at ICHP meetings and participating as an ICHP division member, I was able to learn more than I ever could have imagined.

One of the main issues when I was president was the initiative to establish collaborative drug therapy management (CDTM) in the Illinois Pharmacy Practice Act. ICHP was able to have a bill introduced in the Illinois House of Representatives that would amend the Illinois Pharmacy Practice Act to have CDTM language included. Unfortunately the bill received strong opposition from the Illinois Medical Society and it did not make it out of committee at that time. However this initiative, thwarted at the time, set the stage for the pharmacy practice act re-write in 2007 that included CDTM language that was signed into law.

I believe that serving as ICHP President helped me to obtain my current director of pharmacy position. Prior to my current position, I had previously held only staff pharmacist positions. But as a result of the leadership skills I acquired during my three year term as an ICHP presidential officer, I was able to obtain the confidence to apply for a director of pharmacy position. In addition, the pharmacy leaders that I became friends with through ICHP were outstanding references for me during my application process.

Another memory I wish to share that occurred during the years that I was an ICHP presidential officer, was the period when we thought that we were going to lose Scott Meyers to the ASHP Foundation.

At the end of the 1990's, Scott was a finalist for Executive Director of the ASHP Foundation and there was a strong possibility at the time that he would be leaving ICHP. During that same time, the ICHP Executive Board had been contemplating adding an assistant Executive Director to assist the organization with membership initiatives. Faced with the possibility of Scott leaving ICHP, the executive committee was definitely influenced in our selection of an assistant executive director. We selected an applicant that had previous experience heading the New York Society of Health-System Pharmacists with the contingency plan that if Scott left, the assistant executive director could step into Scott's role.

Everyone knows that didn't happen. Scott was not offered the ASHP Foundation position and he remained ICHP Executive Director. Our assistant executive director remained with ICHP a few years and then left the organization. Every ICHP member, present and future, have been blessed that Scott was not offered the ASHP Foundation position and that he remained with ICHP.

**1998: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Janet Teeters**

1998: Google founded

1998: Pharmacist credentialing

**1999: ICHP President, Brad Blackwell**



I had been a member of professional organizations since becoming a pharmacy student. At that time, ASHP did not have a student chapter, but I became involved in Student APhA. I was active in my local chapter and became President at University of Washington in 1984/85 and Student Regional Delegate in 1984 for APhA. Upon moving to Illinois in 1987, I joined ICHP. I remember going to the Annual Meeting at the Hyatt in Chicago and sitting in on a board meeting. Carol Aldred allowed me to work on the Annual Committee meeting for a few subsequent years and Mary Lynn Moody kept me engaged with other projects. Additionally, Janet Teeters was very involved and very supportive of involvement in ICHP and ASHP. The mentorship of these colleagues was key. My membership and involvement

helped me meet leaders in Illinois and elsewhere. I enjoyed being involved and working on the Annual Meeting Committee. I later became chair of the committee and even KeePosted editor. I was elected treasurer for two terms and was able to participate in bringing on Scott Meyers full time and securing our first real office space. Even though I no longer reside in Illinois, the friendships and networking still persist and are extremely valuable to me.

Lastly, volunteerism is key in my opinion to a full and satisfying life. As pharmacists and technicians, we have much to be thankful for and more than most. Volunteering helps you give back to others and simultaneously gain insight and perspective from others you would not otherwise receive.

The hot topics or imperative issues confronted during my presidential term were mostly and unfortunately, struggling to work on a professional relationship with IPhA that had started with Janet Teeter's Presidency. I was quite proud of the strength and independence of ICHP, or otherwise we might have ended up a division of IPhA. However, IPhA seemed less interested in a partnership and more interested in becoming the soul pharmacy organization in Illinois.

Membership recruitment and volunteer involvement were always something we strived to improve.

A very positive accomplishment was the finalization of a formal relationship with The Missouri Society and appointment of Scott as their Executive Director. This provided support to Missouri and gave additional clout and resources to members in Illinois.

ICHP was continuing to do well financially and it was time to complete a formal external audit and a longer term financial plan.

Finally, I was the first President to receive a letter to editor for my article in KeePosted about Practice What You Preach. The name Brad Snackwell was coined by the letter's author and led to some positive and serious discussion about pharmacists and pharmacy technicians caring for their own health to ensure those they counseled and cared for would heed their advice.

My involvement in ICHP including the presidency was invaluable then and still today due to the contacts and networking established as an ICHP volunteer. Kevin Colgan, Stan Kent, Janet Teeters, Scott Meyers were some of the leaders I was able to work with and still have strong relationships with today. I seek their advice often and place high value on our friendship. I was selected to serve on the ASHP Council of Educational Affairs about the same time and my involvement in ICHP helped me become selected by ASHP.

Lastly, I feel that the efforts of Scott and others to ensure participation in legislative activities including the trip to Springfield every year, lobbying efforts and letter writing also helped me stay abreast of political and regulatory issues that could affect my pharmacy practice as well as that of the membership of ICHP. I am proud to still be an active member of the ASHP PAC and this started with my involvement in ICHP and at the state level.

## 1992

AACP votes to make Pharm.D. the entry -level degree

ICHP opens an Illinois-based office



## 1990

OBRA '90



PTCB is formed and the first national tests administered

## 1995



**1999: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Jim Dorociak**

1999: 1st international congress on clinical pharmacy

1999: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit



**1996**

ASHP Clinical Skills  
Competition launched

The Asheville project

**1997**

# *Pharmacists of the Year*

2012	Trish Wegner	1995	Ed Donnelly
2011	Mike Weaver	1994	Alan Weinstein
2010	Mary Lee	1993	Kevin Colgan
2009	Michael Fotis	1992	Ken Witte
2008	Stan Kent	1991	Scott Meyers
2007	Avery Spunt	1990	Edna Dooley
2006	Jan Keresztes	1989	Lee S. Simon
2005	Miriam Mobley-Smith	1988	Marcia Palmer
2004	Mike Novario	1987	Max L. (Mick) Hunt
2003	Mary Ann Kliethermes	1986	LeRoy Hayes*
2002	Andy Donnelly	1985	William Wuller
2001	Jackie Kessler	1984	Dave Vogel*
2000	Bob Hoy	1983	E. Clyde Buchanan
1999	Jim Dorociak	1982	Mary Miranti*
1998	Janet Teeters	1981	Karen Nordstrom
1997	Steve Marx	1980	Sr. Margaret Wright
1996	Bruce Dickerhofe	1980	Ernie Steinbaugh**





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1979 Merrikay Oleen  
1978 Terry Trudeau\*  
1977 Raphael Jacobsen\*  
1976 John Lewis  
1974 Ronald Turnbull  
1973 Roger Klotz  
1972 Harland E. Lee  
1971 Sr. Mary Louise Degenhart  
1970 Herbert Carlin\*  
1969 Edward Hartshorn  
1968 C. Charles Lev\*  
1967 Louis Gdalmann\*  
1966 R. Regis Kenna\*

\*Deceased

\*\*Awarded Posthumously



# 2000 - 2009

## 2000: ICHP President, Edward Donnelly



I initially became motivated to get involved right after graduating from pharmacy school.

John McBride invited me to attend a NISHP meeting with him. I first went for continuing education but once I attended a couple of meetings, it became evident that attending meetings was a great way to network. John was also on an ICHP committee so I joined the committee he was on. From working on this committee, I saw the positive impact that ICHP had on the direction of pharmacy in Illinois, and I decided that helping move the profession was something I wanted to be part of.

One of the main issues during my term was to increase membership in ICHP. Membership had become stagnant and new members, especially recent graduates, were needed. I worked with ICHP's Assistant Executive Director to try to attract more downstate members.

Also, during my term the dormant Technology Committee was resurrected with a new energetic committee chairman. ICHP leadership recognized the necessity of having a strong technological presence with all of the advances being made at that time. ICHP also started looking at the possibility of hiring its own lobbyist and I was involved with that process.

Serving as president allowed me to meet other pharmacists from around the state and the country. I attended various ASHP events and was a member of the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy's advisory committee. I continue to network with the contacts I made during that time.

Some of the best memories I have from ICHP are from the annual leadership retreats. A lot of good things were accomplished at these meetings but there was plenty of time for fun. I made a number of friends from all over the state and I remain close to many of them today.

## 2000: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Robert Hoy

2000: PharmD. replaced B.S. degree for all new pharmacy students

2000: 81 schools of pharmacy in U.S.

## 2001: ICHP President, Donald Lynx



I have been involved with pharmacy associations from my time in pharmacy school and through most of my career. In 1994 I had just moved to O'Fallon, Illinois and received a flyer about a local chapter meeting. The meeting was lead by Scott Meyers and the topic of discussion was how to get the chapter moving forward again. Somehow by the end of the meeting I ended up becoming the President-elect of the Metro-East chapter and I have been actively involved with ICHP ever since.



The week before I became ICHP President the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon were attacked by terrorists. There were questions about whether we should have our ICHP Annual Meeting at all. After much discussion, it was decided to have the meeting. This event created a rather different atmosphere for an annual meeting. Everyone was given a red, white, and blue ribbon when they registered. This tragic event triggered the hot topic for that year which was disaster preparedness. Training programs for pharmacists developed. Stock piles of ciprofloxacin and doxycycline were added to almost all hospital pharmacy inventories in case of another terrorist attack spreading anthrax. It was very unique time in our history.

I do not think the ICHP Presidency impacted my career directly. I think the impact was more about the networking that developed. I have met an amazing group of people in ICHP and ASHP and was selected for an ASHP council position.

### **2001: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Jackie Kessler**

2001: 9/11: NY World Trade Center, Pentagon, Flight 93 terrorist attacks

2001: 1st iPod introduced

### **2002: ICHP President, Michael Short**



I became involved in ICHP to learn how others were handling the various challenges we all faced in pharmacy practice. In addition networking and group learning were also motivating reasons.

Issues confronted during my presidential term included:

- Disaster preparedness
- Mentoring and recognizing young practitioners
- ICHP Website development

I learned ICHP had a great team and many resources and that I did not have to “go it alone” as president.

### **2002: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Andy Donnelly**

2002: Enron scandal

### **2003: ICHP President, Patricia (Trish) Wegner**



My involvement with ICHP began when I was a resident at Lutheran General Hospital. Indiana had been home, so I was new to the area and felt joining the state pharmacy association would be an excellent way to network. Knowing that hospital pharmacy was my passion, ICHP was a good fit. Getting involved expanded my connections in Illinois and helped me develop leadership and teambuilding skills.

My volunteer activities started out as an examination item writer and Pharmacology Domain leader for the Illinois pharmacy technician certification exam established by ICHP; and as Chairman of the Drug Information Special Interest Group. My interest in continuing education led to participating in the ICHP Annual Meeting planning and serving on various committees until becoming the Chairman of the Committee, eventually becoming the Director of the Division of Educational Affairs. My activities in the Northern Illinois

Chapter began in the 90's and I became its president in 1999. Working my way through various volunteer leader positions, I was honored to be elected President of ICHP in 2003.

Coming from a small town in Indiana where it was not always expected that everyone would go to college, I believe I had a drive to push myself in everything I did. That drive along with the mission and people of ICHP helped motivate me to get involved as a volunteer and give back to my profession.

The hot topics or imperative issues I confronted during my presidential term included:

- SAFETY
  - Security
  - Active Participation
  - Future Leaders
  - Everyone Speaks Up
  - Technician Advancement
  - Your Profession

Following the attack on our country on 9-11, healthcare organizations re-evaluated their emergency response readiness. ICHP had just recently taken part in the TOPOFF exercise. To this day, ICHP is working on emergency readiness by keeping an updated contact list of Illinois hospital pharmacies in the event we need to mobilize care.

The strength of an organization depends on its volunteers. Then and now, we need active participation within ICHP to keep it relevant and strong. The American Society of Association Executives produced two publications since my term titled: "The Decision to Join" and "The Decision to Volunteer." Both have been used by ICHP to help identify member needs.

The need for leaders in pharmacy is still vital today. With so many issues competing for precious time – home, work, other volunteer activities – commitment to a leadership position is becoming rare. Can anyone still be a leader? I say, "YES". Leadership does not mean you have to be the director of a pharmacy department; it can include leading a project or mentoring students and residents. ICHP continues to offer educational programming on how to improve your leadership skills, and seeks to help those serving in leadership roles.

Speaking up for your profession through our legislative process is still crucial. Legislators cannot possibly know everything related to healthcare or pharmacy services. It is up to us to lead the way in establishing and reviewing legislation which protects the public in relation to medication use. ICHP historically organized their own legislative day in Springfield, but now we have joined forces with IPhA in order to support pharmacy with one united voice.

Technician advancement has always been near and dear to my heart. As mentioned previously, I was involved in the ICHP Commission on Technician Certification, taught technicians pharmacology at South Suburban College, and most recently sat on the PTCB Certification Council serving as president of the Council in 2011. ICHP has been in the forefront of technician advancement and continues to endorse accredited training, certification and licensure.

To this day, the public does not have a clear vision of what a pharmacist or pharmacy technician does outside of the retail setting. We are still seen as a product focused profession. Our efforts must continue to focus on educating the public on the cognitive services that pharmacists provide and the large role pharmacists play in health-systems through improving patient outcomes.

Skills learned or enhanced during my presidency include project management, delegation, negotiation, team building, mentoring, strategic planning, appropriate use of Roberts Rules, and so much more. Working closer and enhancing relationships with ICHP members and staff certainly prepared me to better understand my current responsibilities as Vice President of Professional Services for ICHP.

It's hard to believe that almost 30 years have passed since my first contact with ICHP. Reflecting on the experiences of those years - the purpose, projects and people of ICHP have enriched my career and have lead to lasting friendships. It's been a great ride and one I would certainly do all over again!

### 2003: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Mary Ann Kliethermes

I was very surprised when I received the award. I have always, and still, practice based on what I feel is best for the patients I care for, and in a setting that allowed me to be a good MOM and wife too. I chose the MTM Clinic because I could balance work and family, while caring for patients at a high level of clinical service. Winning this award validated my approach to patient care and pharmacy practice in that my peers thought enough of what I do to honor it.

I remember how big the meetings were in the 80's and how impressed I was when I first came to Illinois. I always enjoyed the leadership networking and the friendships I developed with other ICHP members.

2003: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Medicare Modernization Act

### 2004: ICHP President, Michael McEvoy



### 2004: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Michael Novario

I don't recall any particular hot topics or issues that lead to my nomination. My nomination was most likely based on my years of involvement in ICHP which included being president in 1998-99.

Currently I am in the same position, Director of Pharmacy at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Bloomington, IL, that I was when I won the "Pharmacist of the Year" award.

When I won the "Pharmacist of the Year" award, I had been a director of pharmacy for only two years and I was still establishing my credibility with my administrator. The award helped me immensely by helping to validate and bring a level of credibility to the initiatives that I was attempting to establish such as decentralizing pharmacists to patient care areas and implementing an automated dispensing system.

2004: Medication Therapy Management endorsed by AACP

### 2005: ICHP President, Michael Rajska



I initially became involved in ICHP because I wanted to give back to the profession. Many of the Illinois leaders of pharmacy had moved on and I felt it was my time to step up to help provide leadership to Health-System Pharmacy.

Hot topics and imperative issues confronted during my presidency included:  
 Management of the ICHP building company and budget  
 Increasing membership by recruiting new and younger members  
 Affiliate restructuring

In July, 2006, it was reported that 2.14 million dollars was transferred from the Illinois Pharmacy Disciplinary Fund to the General Revenue Fund which caused a decrease in services to the profession that we needed to fight to regain.

I feel that serving as ICHP President helped me to have a more long term orientation for my pharmacy career.

## 2005: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Miriam Mobley-Smith

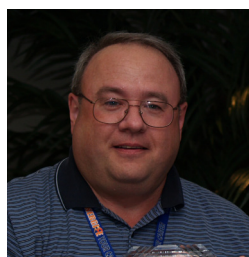


I believe I was nominated and selected for this award based on the multiple pharmacy and advocacy activities I was leading and involved with prior to my selection.

I was involved in providing medication and prevention health information/ education to the older adult population throughout the metropolitan Chicago area. These programs were created and delivered in 25 hospitals and funded through the Area Agencies on Aging. I was also ICHP's representative to the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. I served as president of the Certification Council, the 2005 National Practice Analysis Task Force as well as the PTCB Standard Setting Committee. The award strengthened my nomination for the ASHP Council on Education and Workforce Development. I appreciate the recognition of my efforts by my peers as I try to improve patient care and pharmacy practice.

2005: PGY1 & PGY2 terminology adopted for residency accreditation

## 2006: ICHP President, Michael Weaver



Although a member since 1987, the motivation for me to become ACTIVELY involved was the poem "The Dash" by Linda Ellis. After reading it in 1997, I decided to become more involved in both civic / volunteer organizations as well as my professional organizations. Once involved, I looked for ways to continue my involvement (e.g., serving on committees, division membership and ultimately running for various elected positions – including president).

The hot topics or imperative issues I confronted during my presidential term included:

- Continuation of work started by ICHP related to ASHP's 2015 Initiative (supplanted in 2010 by the PPMI)
- The gradual decline in pharmacist membership
- The need for an updated strategic plan

Having served as ICHP President has helped others continue to expand their career opportunities and choices. However, for myself, it was more about my involvement in my profession, not about how serving as president could impact my career. By choice, I have been with FHN for over 25 years implementing various initiatives to help positively promote the practice of pharmacy within my organization. Having been involved in ICHP as well as having served as President has only helped me to continue my resolve to lead by example wherever possible.

## 2006: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Jan M. Keresztes



Setting a solid foundation for the proper education, training and recognition of pharmacy technicians has been my professional goal for decades. It was only through the ICHP, its dedicated leaders, and its funding that the goal came into clear focus. From the development of the technician task force that first met in 1984 to the establishment of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) in 1995 and finally to my participation on the PTCB Council for an additional five years that gave my pharmacy career a purpose. ICHP has also benefited by being one of the founding organizations of PTCB who now has certified approximately 500,000 pharmacy technicians nationwide.

I was also thankful for being chosen as the Pharmacy Technician Program's Coordinator for South Suburban College (SSC) in South Holland, IL from 1983 to the present. SSC has been extremely supportive of the Pharmacy Technician (PHT) Program. SSC financially supports the ASHP Accreditation Process, supplies, equipment, computers, software programs, and numerous other projects to assure the success of the Pharmacy



Technician Program. SSC's Board of Trustees just announced recently that a new allied health building is in the planning stages and will include a new area for the Pharmacy Technician Program's classroom, labs, and clean room. In addition, many of the SSC's PHT graduates are finding positions in the area hospitals. This is a win-win situation for both the employer and the graduate. The pass rate for the SSC PHT graduates on the PTCB exam is 100%.

The recognition I have received in my career has been because of my involvement with the pharmacy technician issues. ICHP has walked as a partner with me along this pharmacy technician path. I have participated in speakers' bureaus, webinars, guest lecturer to college of pharmacy students, author of several articles for pharmacy journals, keynote speaker at the Pharmacy Technician Educators Council (PTEC) Annual Meetings and other projects too numerous to mention.

I strive to get my primary recognition from graduates who are sincerely thankful for the education and training given to them through the SSC PHT program. The statements made by graduates that the program has changed their lives for the better is the best recognition I could ever hope to receive in my pharmacy life. It is my purpose in life: 1) to make a difference in the graduates' lives and 2) to serve my peers by graduating students that will have a positive impact by being employed in their facilities.

2006: Clinical pharmacists & antimicrobial stewardship

**2007: ICHP President, Ann Jankiewicz**



I really became motivated to get involved in ICHP when Andy Donnelly suggested that I join the Division of Educational Affairs. I did join and I very much enjoyed working with the Division members and the general membership. My next involvement was as a delegate to the ICHP House of Delegates. The lively discussions on our position statements got me hooked to stay involved.

Hot topics during my presidential term included:

- Pharmacy work force issues
- Residency training for all pharmacists
- Drug shortages started to increase
- High performance pharmacy
- Pharmacy technician initiative

Being ICHP President helped boost my confidence and improve my communication skills. I feel more comfortable now to take the lead on projects.

My fondest memories are of the retreats and all the great friends I have made being associated with ICHP.

**2007: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Avery Spunt**

I was honored to receive the ICHP Pharmacist of the Year Award for my work in forming the Illinois Pharmacy Collation. A collation made up of the Illinois Colleges of Pharmacy, St Louis college of Pharmacy, and the Illinois state pharmacy associations. The purpose of the collation was to improve and standardize pharmacy experiential experiences and schedules.

Being recognized by your peers is always special and I greatly appreciate this award. An interesting fact is that when I received this award, I became only the second person to be named pharmacist of the year by both ICHP and IPhA. The other individual to be so honored is my dear friend and mentor Sister Mary Margaret Wright. No words can express how honored I feel by this recognition.

2007: PharmD. Gateway established by NIH

**2008: ICHP President, Avery Spunt**

Having had Herb Carlin as an inspirational professor at the University of Illinois and having worked for Ron Turnbull, Karen Nordstrom, and Richard Hutchinson, it is easy to understand why I was motivated to become involved in ICHP. Hospital Pharmacy (Health System Pharmacy) was changing, the Clinical Pharmacy movement was starting and I wanted to be part of this change and by joining ICHP I was able to meet and learn from the leaders of the day.

While I was NISHP President in 1985 and served ICHP by sitting on many committees and by being a delegate to the House for many years, I did not serve as ICHP President until much later in my career.

The hot topics of the day were:

- The role of social media in professional organizations
- Pharmacy work force issues
- Continue fighting for pharmacists to be recognized as health care providers (which I had been doing for the previous 35 years)

Hopefully during my presidency I was able to give back something to the profession as my career as a clinician in the early days and pharmacy educator was already established.

Like most other past presidents stated, the opportunity for developing professional relationships and friends was one of the best benefits of being an ICHP member. Making these friends while working for your profession really gave meaning to my career.

**2008: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Stan Kent**

I believe I was nominated for this award for advancing the pharmacy profession both within our Health System and on a national level for my work with ASHP. I am sure this peer recognition helped me being nominated as an ASHP presidential candidate. This honor really means a lot to me.

2008: Michael Phelps won 8 Olympic gold medals

2008: 45 states allowed collaborative drug therapy management

Pharm.D. degree  
only for all  
new pharmacy  
students

**2000**



**2001**

September 11th

Medicare Part D  
passed and signed

**2003**

**2009: ICHP President, Todd Karpinski**



I believed that by joining ICHP I could enhance my professional development and network with health-system leaders and clinicians. In addition, I was able to give back to the profession.

The hot topics and imperative issues that we confronted during my presidency included:

- High performance pharmacy initiative
- Residency Expansion
- 2015 ASHP initiative
- ICHP rental space in HQ building

Being active in ICHP including being president had a tremendous impact on my pharmacy career. I was able to learn additional organization and management skills. It also allowed me to obtain additional leadership positions and ASHP fellowship status.

My fondest memories center on working with very talented individuals and forming lifelong friends with great people.

**2009: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Michael Fotis**



2009: All 50 states allowed pharmacists to administer immunizations



ICHP purchases building  
at 4055 N. Perryville Road,  
Loves Park, Illinois

**2005**

**2007**

Illinois allows pharmacists to  
work under standing orders

# 2010 - 2013

## 2010: ICHP President, Carrie Sincak



I got involved as a student when Scott Meyers manned an ICHP booth on the UIC COP campus and asked if I wanted to get involved. I was involved as a student, remained a member, and then got highly involved again after my residency. I firmly believe one should be connected to their profession and pay it forward in some capacity.

During my presidential year:

We updated ICHP's strategic plan that focused on three major goals: 1) Association Growth, 2) Exceptional Practice, and 3) High-Performing Organization.

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules of the Illinois General Assembly approved the final draft of the Illinois Pharmacy Practice Act Rules.

Marketing Affairs created a Social Media Strategy Committee and ICHP can now be found on Twitter®, Facebook®, and YouTube®.

Marketing Affairs also worked diligently on creating the Champions program.

ICHP inspires me to continue to move our profession forward. The networking and opportunities to meet so many great leaders in pharmacy would not have been possible without serving ICHP.

I have learned a great deal and have been rewarded with much more than I have given. ICHP is a strong organization and will continue to advance the profession of Pharmacy one day and one enthusiastic member at a time.

## 2010: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Mary Lee



I believe I was nominated for this award for years of sustained service to the profession by working to improve pharmacy education and patient care. I have continually worked in academic pharmacy helping to shift the focus of the educational experience from a product oriented one to a patient centered one. I have stayed active in ICHP to exemplify to faculty that there is a need for them to stay active in professional associations and assume leadership roles in the profession. Contributing to the ICHP mission has been a great opportunity to give back to the profession and also bring recognition to Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy.



Affordable Care Act is passed and signed

2010



2013

ICHP Celebrates 50 years of Caring!

NECC Compounding Disaster

124 Colleges of Pharmacy

2012



2010: Repeal of 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' policy

2010: Affordable Care Act

**2011: ICHP President, Christina Rivers**



I became involved in ICHP to have the opportunity to serve and give back to the profession. I also enjoyed networking and professional advocacy opportunities.

During my presidency we dealt with the ASHP PPMI initiative and ICHP formed a task force to help implement this initiative

During my term we waited to see the outcome of the national presidential election and how it would impact The Affordable Care Act, Medicare, and ACOs.

My fondest memories are the development of strong professional and personal friendships made during my years of serving in ICHP and the tremendous impact it has made in my career.

**2011: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Mike Weaver**

2011: Tsunami hits Japan.

2011: Royal wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton of England.

**2012: ICHP President Tom Westerkamp**



I was initially motivated to get involved in ICHP to network with other pharmacy managers to help with day-to-day issues in the hospital pharmacy. I also wanted to give something back to the profession, have easy access to good CE and stay in touch with friends/classmates.

During my presidency we worked on incorporating some of the ideas outlined in the *Race for Relevance*, a great resource for organizations to become more flexible, meaningful, and relevant to its members.

I think that the leadership and organizational skills that ICHP helps to refine enhanced my ability to juggle multiple responsibilities, and that is valuable regardless of career goals or practice settings.

I would encourage others to get involved and stay involved. ICHP is an outstanding professional organization with an excellent staff that makes volunteering fun.

**2012: ICHP Pharmacist of the Year, Trish Wegner**

2012: There are 124 colleges and schools of pharmacy in the U.S.

2012: New England Compounding Center meningitis outbreak

2013: ICHP Celebrates 50 Years of Caring for Patients, the Profession and Each Other

*The History of ICHP: 1963 - 2013*

