As we move past the soon-to-be distant memories of the polar vortex and think about springtime, ideas of spring-forward, renewal, and growth resonate. Many of these themes are shared in the articles below. In this issue, we feature the new BPS Board Chair, Sharon Durfee. We highlight the growth of board certified pharmacists, the rise in the number of "Likes" on the BPS Facebook page, and the fifth video on the BPS YouTube Channel. We issue a call for nominations to reappoint or add leaders to the BPS Specialty Councils. BPS moves forward with its commitment to explore and discuss enhancements to its professional development program by holding a recertification conference. For pediatric and critical care pharmacists, the eligibility criteria for the certification exams are now available.

Congratulations to all new Board Certified Pharmacists and to those who have chosen to recertify for another cycle. There is important information regarding upcoming recertification opportunities for board certified pharmacists who want an early start to earning credit toward recertification. We appreciate your continued support of BPS and board certification.

William Ellis
Executive Director
Board of Pharmacy Specialties

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Sharon M. Durfee, BS, BCNSP
2014 Chair, Board of Directors
Board of Pharmacy Specialties

A remarkable 23 years of uninterrupted leadership at the state and national levels as well as her nutrition support practice in Fort Collins, Colorado has prepared Sharon Durfee to lead the BPS Board of Directors as its Chair.

Durfee is Director, Poudre Infusion Therapy and has extensive experience in practice and teaching in the nutrition support field. She earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from the University of
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Number of BPS Board Certified Pharmacists Increase by 21% from 2012

BPS announced the results of the 2013 specialty certification and recertification examinations. Of the 4,901 pharmacists who sat for the exam, 3,247 were certified for the first time. Ambulatory Care Pharmacy experienced the largest percentage of growth from 1,000 in 2012 to now 1,539 Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacists. Pharmacotherapy remains the largest specialty at 13,961. There are now 19,109 BPS Board Certified Pharmacists.

A number of diverse media outlets including the Beverly Hills Courier, Drug Store News (DSN), and WorkersCompensation.com reported on the news release that was distributed.

Wyoming, where she currently holds an Adjunct Clinical Faculty appointment.

Durfee served two terms on the BPS Nutrition Support Pharmacy Specialty Council and was elected Council Vice Chair in 2006, then elected to two terms as Council Chair in 2008 and 2009. Sharon's leadership at the Council level was recognized by BPS when she was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2008 with subsequent reappointments through 2013.

In addition to her service to BPS, Durfee has a long history of involvement and leadership with A.S.P.E.N., ASHP, and the Colorado Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. BPS is fortunate to have Durfee's talent, energy, experience, and commitment to pharmacy at the helm to lead the growth of board certification.

Upcoming Recertification Opportunities

There are several opportunities to earn CE hours available in the coming months:

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy

ASHP's Intensive Study A & B, available now

ASHP's Live BCACP Review Course, available March 27-28 in Orlando, FL (in conjunction with APhA Annual Meeting)
BPS convened a Professional Development Program Stakeholders Conference to review the current program and explore opportunities for enhancements as part of the self-study that was announced in 2012. The conference allowed current professional development providers a chance to review survey results from employers, recertification candidates, and stakeholders, and receive input from Board Certified Pharmacists during focus group meetings. The four areas discussed by attendees were modalities, modifications, standardization, and intentions/barriers to recertification.

Attendees engaged in panel and roundtable discussions with experts in recertification and adult education theory. Broad themes that were discussed during the conference included alternative activities that incorporate different learning modalities, length of recertification cycle, coverage of content outline, general standards for providers, and strategic initiatives related to the value of board certification. Volunteer leaders, consultants, and staff representatives from ACCP, ACPE, ANCC, APHA, ASHP, ASPEN, BOC, CPNP, CCGP, HOPA, PPAG, SCCM, UNC, UNM, and BPS Board, Specialty Councils, and Staff attended the conference. BPS plans to develop and release proceedings from the stakeholder conference, and a White Paper on a model of continuing professional development for the recertification of board certified pharmacists.

Left Picture: Lenora Knapp, PhD (President at Knapp & Associates International) provides keynote address on the importance of Recertification and Continuing Competency

Center Picture: David Barnes, BCNP (Nuclear Pharmacy Specialty Council Member) presents a report during the Roundtable Discussions.

Right Picture: James Henderson, PhD (Senior Psychometrician at Castle Worldwide) discusses passing points during a workshop.

Nutrition Support Pharmacy
A.S.P.E.N.’s PN Safety Series, available now

Oncology
ACCP/ASHP’s BCOP Live Review Course, available May 1-3 in Washington, DC
ACCP/ASHP’s BCOP Home Study Syllabus available in May

Pharmacotherapy
ACCP’s PSAP Book 1, Critical and Urgent Care, available now
ASHP’s Intensive Study A & B, available now

Psychiatric Pharmacy
CPNP’s Literature Analysis, available now
CPNP’s Live/Self, available April 27

For a complete list of available programming and links to approved provider websites, please view the CE Chart for your specialty area.

Stay up-to-date with BPS!
Stay up-to-date with BPS! During the seven-year recertification cycle, be sure to track your progress
by using your **MyBPS account**. Logon to your MyBPS profile to:

- Track your CE progress
- Update your contact information
- Track upcoming recertification deadlines
- View information on approved CE offerings

**Certificates and Lapel Pins for New Board Certified Pharmacists**

Certificates and lapel pins for new Board Certified Pharmacists in Ambulatory Care, Nuclear, Nutrition Support, Oncology, and Psychiatric Pharmacy as well as International Board Certified Pharmacists were mailed last week. BPS is in the process of mailing certificates and lapel pins for Pharmacotherapy. All Board Certified Pharmacists should receive their certificates and lapel pins by Friday, March 21st. Please do not hesitate to contact BPS for certificates and lapel pins not received.

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**Board Certified Pharmacist elected to ACPE Board**

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**Eligibility Requirements for Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy**

The BPS Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the Specialty Councils, approved the eligibility requirements for the new specialties, Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy. Candidates must meet all criteria, including the practice requirements, prior to sitting for the examination.

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Critical Care Pharmacy Practice Requirements

- Completion of four (4) years of post-licensure practice, with at least fifty percent (50%) of time spent in critical care pharmacy activities as defined in the BPS Critical Care Pharmacy Content Outline;
- or -
- Completion of a PGY1 residency* plus two (2) additional years of post-licensure practice, with at least fifty percent (50%) of time spent in critical care pharmacy activities as defined in the BPS Critical Care Pharmacy Content Outline;
- or -
- Completion of a specialty (PGY2) residency* in Critical Care Pharmacy.

Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Requirements

- Completion of four (4) years of post-licensure practice, with at least fifty percent (50%) of time spent in pediatric pharmacy activities as defined in the BPS Pediatric Pharmacy Content Outline;
- or -
- Completion of a PGY1 residency* plus two (2) additional years of post-licensure practice, with at least fifty percent (50%) of time spent in pediatric pharmacy activities as defined in the BPS Pediatric Pharmacy Content Outline;
- or -
- Completion of a specialty (PGY2) residency* in Pediatric Pharmacy.

For more information, check out the BPS Critical Care Pharmacy Website and Brochure, as well as the BPS Pediatric Pharmacy Website and Brochure.

"Like Us" on Facebook and "View" our YouTube Channel

Join the increasing number of friends on Facebook (378 and counting). "Like" BPS - Board of Pharmacy Specialties to follow information posted related to application deadlines, certification maintenance, press releases, and other general information.

BPS has added a fifth video in the series on promoting the value of Board Certified Pharmacists. This video profiles two patients who describe how they benefit from having BPS Board Certified Pharmacists on their Healthcare Team.

To see all the videos produced to date, go to Board of Pharmacy Specialties Channel.

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) announced the election of Donna S. Wall, PharmD, BCPS, to serve as Interim Board Liaison to the CPE Commission. She is a clinical pharmacist for Indiana University Health at Indiana University Hospital. Wall has served as a member of the Indiana Board of Pharmacy for 12 years and is Past-President of NABP. She was appointed to the Board of Directors by NABP.

BPS seeks Pharmacists to serve on its Specialty Councils

BPS seeks nominations to fill its open Specialist and Non-Specialist positions on six of its eight Specialty Councils. The term of appointment for Specialty Council members in this call for nominations is January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017.

Each Specialty Council is composed of nine (9) pharmacist members. Of the nine, six are Specialist Members who hold BPS Board Certification in the specialty area under the responsibility of the Council. Three members are Non-Specialists who have practice expertise that is complementary to but distinct from the specialty area. A Non-Specialist must be not Board-eligible in the specialty area for consideration, but may hold board certification in other specialty areas.

Prospective Specialty
The Benefit of Patients having BPS Certified Pharmacist on their Healthcare Team

BPS on the Go

BPS exhibits at most of the national meetings to promote board certification and to meet with potential and current Board Certified Pharmacists. Be sure to stop by the exhibit booth and pick-up your "BPS Certified" ribbon during the following meetings.

- APhA Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- HOPA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
- CPNP Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
- ASHP Summer Meeting, Las Vegas, NV
- SNM Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO

In January 2014, BPS exhibited during the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition's (A.S.P.E.N.) Clinical Nutrition Week (CNW). More than 2,000 physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dietitians attended the CNW in Savannah, GA to learn about new evidence-based research, new and updated best practices, new tools and new contacts in clinical nutrition and metabolism that will help improve patient care.

Pictured below are a group of Nutrition Support Pharmacists visiting the BPS Exhibit during the 2014 Council members must have at least five (5) years of dedicated experience in the specialty practice area. Specialty Councils should be comprised of pharmacists with extensive practice expertise and a variety of practice settings. Participation on other or certification or licensure boards, and experience as an item writer are preferred, but not required.

BPS has outlined ideal expertise, practice setting, and experience of prospective Board Certified Pharmacist and Non-Specialist Pharmacist nominees based on the needs of each Specialty Council for this appointment cycle. Please note that the Specialty Councils strive to maintain a mix of practice expertise and practice setting. As such, the needs of each Specialty Council are different and will vary from appointment cycle to appointment cycle. A description of desired characteristics and a link to nomination materials are found within the News Release.

BPS must receive nomination materials (completed nomination form, statement of interest, CV, completed disclosure and confidentiality documents, and optional letters of recommendation) by Friday, April 25, 2014.

BPS breaks new ground at Critical
Annual Meeting of the America Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

Left to Right: Reid Nishikawa, BCNSP of California, Beverly Holcombe, BCNSP of North Carolina, Sharon Durfee, BCNSP of Colorado (BPS Board Chair), and Jane Takagi of California.

For the first time, BPS exhibited during the 43rd Critical Care Congress hosted by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) in January 2014. More than 4,000 critical care professionals attended the Congress in San Francisco to discover the latest solutions and developments in scientific and clinical advances, cutting-edge clinical treatments, fundamental business methods, and ICU administration and management. Many of the critical care professionals, including physicians, nurses, and pharmacists met with BPS staff to learn about certification, and to express their enthusiasm for the new board certification for critical care pharmacists.

Pictured below are Board Certified Pharmacists who met with BPS staff during the Congress.

Left to Right: Joseph Boullata, BCSNP of Pennsylvania, (BPS Specialty Council on Critical Care Pharmacy), Katherine Chessman, BCNSP, BCPS of South Carolina (BPS Specialty Council on Pediatric Pharmacy Chair), Lingtak-Neander Chan, BCPS (BPS Specialty Council on Nutrition Support Pharmacy)

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Left to Right: Brian Lawson hands a Board Certified Pharmacist Ribbon to Jacqueline Hartford, BCPS of Indiana.

Left to Right: Brian Lawson presents a BPS portfolio to Janice Li, BCPS of Singapore.