Jenelle Sobotka, Pharm.D. Candidate for APhA President-Elect 2011-12

Jenelle Sobotka, Pharm.D., FAPhA, has served two terms on APhA's Board of Trustees. While on the Board, she served 3 years on both the Executive Committee and Finance Committee. Sobotka has served two terms with the Ohio Pharmacists Association Board of Directors.

She received her BS and Pharm.D. degrees from the University of Iowa. Sobotka is currently Director of Professional Relations at Procter & Gamble. Prior to joining P&G, she was Associate Director of the Iowa Pharmacy Association and Director of the Iowa Center for Pharmaceutical Care (ICPC). ICPC received the 1999 APhA Foundation's Pinnacle Award for work to advance patient care practice. She co-authored *A Practical Guide to Pharmaceutical Care* published by APhA.

Sobotka's pharmacy practice background includes community pharmacy, clinical specialist/internal medicine (VA Medical Center), and academia. She serves as a student pharmacist preceptor and is a Board member of St Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy in Cincinnati. She received the 2009 National Pharmaceutical Association Foundation Excellence Award, the 2008 Kappa Epsilon National Career Achievement award, the 2005 PTCB Service Award, the 2003 University of Iowa Rho Chi Honorary Alumni Award, and is an APhA Fellow.

Position Statement

I am very proud of what APhA has accomplished, yet there is much to be done to achieve our profession's goals in patient care service delivery. We will know we've reached success when pharmacists' services are routinely recognized for improving patient care and are included as a standard covered health service. I want to lead APhA in pursuit of these professional goals.

My background prepares me to be an effective leader and advocate as APhA President. My career includes a variety of experiences, all of which helped me grow in my understanding of pharmacy, pharmacists, and the issues to be addressed. My involvement with the Federation of International Pharmacists (FIP) over the past 10 years has allowed me to see and experience pharmacy practice in many other countries. I can apply this additional perspective to address pharmacy's issues here in the USA. I have also had the opportunity to work with leaders and staff of national and state health care professional associations other than pharmacy. I will use this experience to lead APhA in representing the pharmacist as a key member of the heath care team. My experience as staff and board member of a state pharmacy association helps me bring practical, local experience to APhA.

Having served two past terms as an APhA Board member, I have the experience and organizational understanding needed to lead APhA as your President. Most importantly, I believe my vision and passion for the pharmacist's role in patient care will serve me well in leading the Association's efforts to advance the profession.