



**U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**  
**Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee**  
**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**04 DEC 2003**  
**Office of the Surgeon General Conference Room**  
**1300-1525**

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**Members Present:**

**In Rockville**

CDR Raelene Skerda (Chair)	LT Violette Geza (secretary)
LT Krista Scardina (Vice Chair)	CAPT Craig Hostetler
LT Renu Chhabra	CAPT Sharon Gershon
LCDR Laura Pincock	
CDR James Bresette	

**Via Telephone**

LCDR Mike Long	CDR Michelle Gemelas (alt. LCDR Strong)
LCDR Mike Lee	CDR Paul Huntzinger
LT Krista Maves	CDR Mike Forman
CAPT Jim Imholte	LCDR Burt Hill
LCDR Thomas Berry	Mr. Jae Kim
LCDR Daniel Hasenfang	

**Members Absent**

RADM Richard Walling  
LCDR Mark Strong

**Guests:**

Jennie Chang	Hyon Kwon
CAPT Mike Lilla	LT Tara Turner
LT Ayoub Suliman	Martin Pollack
Samir Patel (student)	Renan Bonner
CDR Nick Quaglietta	LT Jialynn Wang
LCDR Marci Kiester	LTJG Jeff Vang
CAPT Paul Thomas	LCDR Melvin Tempel
LCDR Sharon Oestereich	LT Kelly Valente
CDR Jim Watkins	LT Brian North
LCDR Karen McNabb-Noon	LT Emily Thomas
LCDR Catherine Vieweg	LT Arianne Camphire
CAPT Beverly Friedman	LT Christine Bina
LT Aaron Sigler	LT Phelicia Bush
LT Connie Jung	LCDR Beth Fritsch
LCDR Chris Allen	CDR Cindy Dougherty
LCDR Steve Dittert	CAPT Mike Lilla
CAPT Mike Jones	CAPT Patricia Murphy
CDR Brian Schafer	LT Nasser Mahmud
CAPT Timothy Ames	LCDR Rick Glabach

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## Section Lead Comments

- ◆ Administration → LT Krista Scardina ([scardinak@cder.fda.gov](mailto:scardinak@cder.fda.gov))
  - New PAC members need to forward alternate information to LT Scardina along with a CV and concurrence from their supervisor ASAP.
  - LT Scardina noted that PharmPAC members are eligible for the USPHS Special Assignment Award for 30 consecutive or nonconsecutive days of PAC activity. One day is equivalent to two hours or more of work. Members are eligible only once in a 3 year term. PharmPAC members should keep a log in order to track the amount of time spent on PAC activities. Anyone eligible should submit their PAC appointment letter and the log of activity to LT Scardina.
  - Information was sent to the Primary Points of Contact (POCs) of the pharmacy schools in order to gather data needed for the USPHS Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award for students, such as timeframes of awards ceremony and graduation dates. The nomination forms will be sent electronically to the schools and will be in a PDF fillable format. Currently 21 POC's have responded. POCs should forward the information to CDR Mike Forman ([mike.forman@ihsabr.ihs.gov](mailto:mike.forman@ihsabr.ihs.gov)) as soon as possible.
  - LCDR Pincock is leading the History activity and will be working to develop an archiveable system of past and current pharmacy events.
  - LT Scardina is in need of assistance with updating the PharmPAC charter to reflect the current PAC structure. The last update was about 2-3 years ago by LT Elizabeth Yuan.
  
- ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette ([jbresett@hqe.ihs.gov](mailto:jbresett@hqe.ihs.gov))
  - CDR Bresette is compiling the number of civil servant pharmacists in PHS and stressed getting more to help on the PharmPAC.
  - As of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, there are 886 commissioned pharmacists and 7 SRCOSTEPS. The BOP has 5 SRCOSTEPS and IHS has 2 SRCOSTEPS.
  - There were 26 calls to active duty for pharmacists for the months of October, November, and December. This is an increase from previous years.
  - The deadline for the JRCOSTEP and SRCOSTEP programs is still December 31<sup>st</sup>, due to decreased staffing at DCP. Students should be advised to at least have the application filled out and sent in by that date. There are currently 60 applications for the SRCOSTEP program.
  
- ◆ Career Development → CAPT Jim Imholte ([jimholte@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:jimholte@osophs.dhhs.gov))
  - The report on special pays has been completed and forwarded to RADM Walling.
  - LCDR Mark Strong is continuing to gather data collected for the CCRF survey. Due to change in duty stations, the surveys should be forwarded to CAPT Imholte.
  - CAPT Imholte stressed getting more civil servants involved with the PAC. He also acknowledged those civil servant pharmacists present at this meeting.
  - The section is working to update the pharmacy extern site on the PharmPAC website
  
- ◆ Communication → LCDR Mike Long ([mzlong@bop.gov](mailto:mzlong@bop.gov))
  - The PAC website needs continued updating.
  - The website will be adding a section for the Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) under the professional development section.
  - The pharmacist list on the website has been updated and is only a week old.
  - CAPT Hostetler will be providing a write up on Mary Louise Anderson to be added to the website.
  - APhA has put out a call for nominations for the Board of Trustees and for President-elect.
  - LCDR Long noted that civil servant pharmacists can subscribe to the PHS listserv.
  - PLANT (Pharmacists Learning & Networking Together) needs volunteers to write profiles of pharmacists in each of the agencies. LCDR Long is also seeking a coordinator for the project. Anyone interested in helping should contact LCDR Long and LT Emily Thomas.

