

Pharm-PAC Agency Liaison Report
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- IHS Junior and Senior Pharmacists of the Year were recognized at the Southwest Regional Pharmacy Continuing Education Seminar (the “Quad”) in Scottsdale, AZ in June.
 - **Senior Pharmacist of the Year** – CAPT Cindy Smith, Gallup, NM
 - **Junior Pharmacist of the Year** – LCDR Tim Murray, Claremore, OK

- CAPT Chris Watson, IHS Principal Pharmacy Consultant, has started a monthly newsletter series “On Point” which is distributed via the IHS Pharmacy Intranet website. Recent topics include an introduction, mission and vision, workload, and pharmacy leadership.

- The National Pharmacy Council recently underwent several membership changes. Especially important were several vacant positions that have now been filled by mostly junior pharmacists across IHS.
 - Additionally, the Chair of the National Pharmacy Council has changed. Special thanks to the outgoing Chair, CAPT Cindy Smith for her service. New NPC Chair is CDR Bradley Bishop

- At the recent NPC conference call, priorities were set for the coming year:
 - NPC Charter Update
 - Update of IHS Pharmacy Manual
 - DEA/Controlled substance issues
 - Electronic Health Record
 - Central fill of prescriptions
 - Point-of-Sale billing