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OSHP Board of Directors
Portland, OR

Subject: Complimentary Registration for OSHP-Sponsored Conferences

Dear OSHP Board of Directors,

On behalf of Pacific University and Oregon State University SSHP, we would like to request eight complimentary registrations for the upcoming OSHP Fall and Annual Seminar. Our goal is to provide complimentary registrations to the current executive members (6 from Pacific University and 2 from OSU). Historically, the executive teams at both schools are highly involved and visible at these events. Additionally, these individuals spend significant time outside of the classroom organizing events to promote health-system pharmacy practice, the PAI, residency training, etc. Providing complimentary registration for each of the executive teams not only allows student representatives to participate in the seminars without a financial burden, but it also recognizes them for their year-long contributions to their respective school's SSHP chapter.

In exchange for the complimentary registrations, each of the participants would become a dedicated volunteer and assist with any identified needs of the planning committees or on-site coordinators such as registering attendees, directing attendees to sessions, running the silent auction, etc. Additionally, the strong presence of a core student leader group may further encourage other students to participate in the events. As a result, it could increase interest and inspire them to pursue leadership and service roles in OSHP at both the student chapter and organizational level.

To establish the importance of attending OSHP Fall and Annual Seminar, the Pacific University ASHP/SSHP executive team created a survey to collect experiences, feedback, and tips from Pacific University pharmacy students who attended OSHP Annual Seminar 2019. The responses reflected an overall positive experience. The most common reasons for students attending were to network, present research projects, support peers' presentations, and learn more about the pharmacy profession. When asked about the most significant takeaway from the seminar, students commonly replied that it was an invaluable opportunity to network with both students and pharmacists, to learn new topics from the poster session, and to stay up-to-date with the offered educational sessions throughout the day. One student even noted a desire to volunteer during the next seminar and underscored the impact of OSHP on the pharmacy profession. Likewise, most indicated a strong interest in attending OSHP Annual Seminar 2020. We plan to continue to collect feedback from students post-seminar in order to facilitate optimizing the student pharmacist experience.

The executive team members from both schools are highly involved in the organization and promoting the mission and vision of OSHP. We believe that providing this form of support to build a lasting connection between these future pharmacy leaders and the organization would benefit everyone involved.

Sincerely,

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