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❖ ***Why did you initially join ASCPT?***

Initially, I was trying to publish my paper in *CPT* and learned about the benefits of ASCPT. It is a prestigious Society and an honor to be an ASCPT member. ASCPT meets all my professional needs – access to amazing science, interaction with experts in clinical pharmacology, and access to colleagues that have helped me develop and establish myself in the field. Additionally, ASCPT membership provides access to the family of Journals, which are great resources for finding articles relevant to my research area. Therefore, for me, becoming a member brought together my most valuable resources – ASCPT colleagues and *CPT*.

Also, Larry Lesko, PhD, (he recruited me at the FDA) spoke very highly of ASCPT and believed everyone at the FDA should join this important Society. Another mentor of mine, Roger Williams, MD, also indicated that I should be more involved in establishing myself with ASCPT. I was also additionally involved in the initial discussions with ASCPT CEO, Sharon Swan, about how the FDA and ASCPT could work together on important clinical pharmacology and translational medicine initiatives.

❖ ***Why do you continue renewing your ASCPT membership?***

The biggest reason is for the exceptional scientific resources I have access to within ASCPT. As a member, you get access to the ASCPT family of journals, including the highly cited *CPT* journal. Networking is another reason I return as an ASCPT member each year as all the experts in the clinical pharmacology and translational medicine space are just one click or email away. I have also developed personal relationships with professionals in the field all thanks to the networking opportunities within ASCPT.

❖ ***How has ASCPT helped with your professional development/career goals?***

After joining ASCPT and interacting with other members, I had the opportunity to work very closely with the Society, serving as a Board Member, President and Past President of ASCPT. Thanks to colleagues I've interacted with throughout my membership, I have also been fortunate enough to be involved as an inaugural associate editor of *CPT*. Serving on the Board allowed me to experience multiple liaison roles with other committees and enabled me to learn more about ASCPT as an overall organization and the strategic vision for future growth and opportunities. My interactions with fellow members and leaders within ASCPT have also significantly aided in my position at the FDA throughout the years.

❖ ***What is the best thing that you have acquired from ASCPT?***

If I had to choose just one thing it would have to be friendship! ASCPT has provided a forum for me to interact with so many people who are not just scientists and highly cited authors but are truly great individuals that I have grown personal friendships with.

❖ ***What would you suggest to new members?***

It is very important to become more involved with ASCPT by participating in Society activities and volunteering. Be assertive. Reach out to other members via LinkedIn or the ASCPT Member Search and build your network.

❖ ***What are the current challenges in clinical pharmacology and translational medicine?***

There are a lot of opportunities in clinical pharmacology and translational medicine to help drug development and regulatory review. It is the time for ASCPT members to increase their contributions and capture these opportunities to showcase our research. Expand on available platforms to promote your perspectives, including publications, communicating with your peer network, and using your knowledge to portray the importance of clinical pharmacology and translational medicine beyond our

niche industry. We have a lot of important information to offer and need to continually improve our communications to ensure our message is being heard.

❖ ***How useful do you find involvement in the ASCPT Networks and Communities like the Translational & Precision Medicine Network?***

Use volunteer opportunities to get more involved with ASCPT and learn further about the Society. Be a part of the various Networks and Communities to connect with colleagues, put forward your ideas and get involved with programming efforts. Networks and Communities also provide opportunities for recognition and Steering Committee leadership. Additionally, exploring options within the webinar program and mentor opportunities help shape the future of this important Society!