



APhA-ASP Leadership Profile: Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator

As a regional officer, the APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator (MRMC) is responsible for assisting APhA staff in planning, promoting, and executing the APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meeting (MRM). Serving as a MRMC is an opportunity for student pharmacists to enhance their event planning skills as they coordinate the logistics of the Friday evening social, MRM Expo, and a regional educational session.

The position also provides an opportunity to become active with APhA-ASP on a regional and national level through interactions with student pharmacists, chapter leaders, and practitioners from across the county.



Primary Responsibilities

- Coordinate the Friday evening social, and Regional Educational Session
- Establish a PR plan and MRM Liaison Network to communicate with every APhA-ASP Chapter in the region
- Conduct fundraising for the meeting
- Collaborate with the Regional Member-at-large and Regional Delegate to maintain an e-presence
- Attend the APhA-ASP Regional Officer Meeting, APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition, and the APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meeting
- Serve as the MRM moderator to ensure the overall continuity of the meeting
- Maintain communications with Staff Liaison

Activities throughout the year...

The MRMC works throughout the year with APhA staff to plan and implement activities held during MRM. Each MRMC has the opportunity to develop various aspects of the meeting to meet the needs of their region. The Friday night social allows them to highlight the culture and nightlife of the MRM host city, and the Regional Educational Session provides them with a venue to target the educational programming to the student pharmacists within their region.

The MRMC also assists in contacting exhibitors for the MRM Expo and fundraising for the MRM. This allows them to establish valuable connections with chain and independent pharmacy retailers, pharmaceutical corporations, and hometown businesses.



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APhA-ASP Regional Officer Meeting

The APhA-ASP Regional Officer Meeting is typically held the first full weekend of January in Washington, DC. At this meeting, the eight MRMCs receive training in all aspects of their responsibilities. They set goals, develop timelines, learn about fundraising, MRMC responsibilities, donations, budgeting, developing ice breakers, and discuss new ideas. During this meeting, they also critically evaluate the previous year's programming to develop ways to improve the upcoming MRM.



In addition to providing the groundwork for their year of preparation and fun, the meeting also provides an opportunity to network with other APhA-ASP Regional Officers, the National Executive Committee, the APhA-ASP/IPSF National Officers, and Staff. Full reimbursement for meeting-related expenses is provided.

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The APhA-ASP MRM serves as the finale to a year's worth of planning for the MRMC. In the hours leading up to the meeting, the MRMC is responsible for coordinating volunteers to help with organizing meeting materials and finishing final tasks. As the official host or hostess of the event, the MRMC serves as the primary speaker for the Opening Session. Throughout the weekend, the MRMC also introduces speakers, serves as a moderator for icebreakers, gives away raffle prizes, and greets exhibitors.

It is an opportunity for MRMCs to see the results of their hard work, as well as socialize with student pharmacists from throughout the region.

"Time management is essential in taking in this task. It can make or break you. Learn when and where to invest your time so that it is not wasted."

Kerri Temple, Region 2 MRMC 2005-2006

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