



College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists Announces Election of 2011-2013 Officers

The College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) membership has elected three officers to serve on the 2011-2013 Board of Directors. Assuming their offices effective July 1, 2011 will be Drs. Rex Lott, Steven Burghart and Megan Ehret.

Drs. Lott, Burghart and Ehret join current and “retiring” board members:

- **Ann Richards, PharmD, BCPP, CPNP Past President (term concludes June 2011)**, Pharmacy Director, Texas Department of State Health Services, San Antonio, TX
- **Steve Stoner, PharmD, BCPP, CPNP President**, Clinical Professor and Chair, University of Missouri at Kansas City, St. Joseph, MO
- **Jerry McKee, PharmD, MS, BCPP, CPNP President-Elect**, Associate Director, Mental Health Pharmacy Program, North Carolina Community Care, Raleigh, NC
- **Jerry Overman, PharmD, BCPP (term concludes June 2011)**, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, MD
- **Carol Ott, PharmD, BCPP**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Purdue University, Wishard Health Services, Indianapolis, IN
- **Mary Borovicka, PharmD, BCPP, BCPS (term concludes June 2011)**, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, University of Toledo, Brecksville, OH

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Rex S. Lott, Pharm.D., BCPP, Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Department of Pharmacy Practice & Administrative Sciences, Idaho State University College of Pharmacy; Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington School of Medicine; Mental Health Clinical Pharmacist, Boise VA Medical Center, Boise, Idaho

Dr. Lott has practiced and taught psychiatric and neurologic pharmacy for over 35 years. After earning a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from Washington State University in 1972, he became an Assistant Professor in the College of Pharmacy there. He earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota in 1977; during that training, his interest in psychiatric and neurologic clinical practice blossomed. Subsequently, for over 7 years, he worked as a consultant clinical pharmacist in Minnesota’s State Hospital System where he gained extensive experience working with adult and geriatric psychiatry inpatients as well as with institutionalized, developmentally disabled adults. Working with these populations also allowed him to gain experience in the management of epilepsy in a challenging patient population. He was also a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University Of Minnesota College Of Pharmacy where he shared responsibility for didactic instruction in psychopharmacy and for precepting students on psychiatry clinical rotations. From 1985 to 1987 and from 1991 to 1997, he was Clinical Pharmacist and Pharmacy Director in two different institutions for developmentally disabled adults in Washington State. During 1987 – 1991, he worked as a long-term care Consultant Pharmacist and also maintained a private practice as a pharmacotherapy consultant for developmentally disabled clients of the

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. From 1994 until 1997, he was also a Clinical Associate Professor with the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and co-precepted students in advanced clinical practicums. Since 1997 he has been a full-time faculty member with Idaho State University with a practice in psychiatric pharmacy at the Boise, Idaho VA Medical Center. His practice focuses on inpatient and outpatient adult psychiatry. He precepts students from Idaho State University and, since 2008, has also taught 3rd and 4th year psychiatry residents from the University of Washington in the Idaho Track Residency Program. He also established a psychopharmacy residency at the Boise VAMC. While with ISU and the Boise VAMC, he has completed several clinical research projects. He is a member of the American Epilepsy Society, the Idaho Society of HealthSystem Pharmacists, and the American Society of HealthSystem Pharmacists (ASHP). He served ASHP as a member and chair of the Section of Clinical Specialists' Programming Committee and as a member of the Commission on Therapeutics. He is a member of the Professional Advisory Board and the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho, and he served as President of that non-profit organization's Board of Directors.

TREASURER

Steven M. Burghart, DPh, MBA, BCPP, Director of Pharmacy, Rolling Hills Hospital, Franklin, TN

Dr. Burghart currently serves as Vice-Chair of the CPNP Consumer Relations Committee. Prior to that, he served as Chair of the Membership Committee. He has just completed his first three-year term on the Specialty Council for Psychiatric Pharmacy and will be serving as Vice-Chair of the Specialty Council next year as he begins his second three-year term. He previously served eight years on the board of the Kansas Pharmacists Association including one term as Vice-President. He is a recipient of the Harold N. Godwin Lecture Award from the Kansas Society of Health-System Pharmacists and has been a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists throughout his career.

For the past two years, he has been Director of Pharmacy at Rolling Hills Hospital, an 80 bed for profit psychiatric hospital located in Franklin, Tennessee. Prior to that, he was employed as Director of Pharmacy at Prairie View Psychiatric Clinic in Newton, KS. He has also been employed as the Director of Pharmacy for The Menninger Clinic in Topeka, KS as well as Parkview Psychiatric Hospital in Topeka, KS. He currently serves as a preceptor for Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy and also has a Masters in Business Administration from Baker University.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Megan Ehret, PharmD, BCPP, Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT

Dr. Ehret received her PharmD degree from the University of Toledo in 2003 and then completed an ASHP accredited residency at the Louis Stokes VAMC in Cleveland, Ohio with Dr. Fuller and a Psychopharmacology and Pharmacogenomics fellowship at Nova Southeastern University under the direction of Dr. Levin. She became board certified in psychiatric pharmacy in 2007. Presently, she is an Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Her primary practice site is at the Institute of Living (IOL) on an inpatient adult general psychiatry unit. She provides a psychopharmacology consultation service to the IOL and an experiential rotation for P4 students from UConn. Additionally, she has had the pleasure of training psychiatric pharmacy residents who are active members of CPNP.

Her research interests are in evidence-based practice and medication adherence. Currently, she works within the Connecticut Department of Corrections developing evidence-based practice guidelines for bipolar disorder. Additionally, she has recently started the development of a medication adherence guide to assist in the transition of inmates back into the community. She believes pharmacists can play a vital role with this extremely vulnerable population due to the current downfalls of the system. Overall, her research has won the Post Doctoral/Fellow and New Investigators Awards from CPNP in addition to the New Investigator Award at the 2006 NCDEU meeting.