

## Transitions in California



*The only constant in life is change.*

– Heraclitus

Ten minutes after I had put the phone down from speaking with Jon Roth and accepting the Editor-in-Chief position, I opened the email that announced his resignation! That change I wasn't prepared for. Jon has been an amazing CEO for CPhA; his ten-year tenure saw so many changes, most of them positive. And he has been instrumental for many of these at the legislative level, at the association level, and for the profession of pharmacy. His strong and firm stance on professional issues under his polished, soft-spoken demeanor and ability to speak to anyone at their level helped CPhA and the profession achieve so much from SB 493 to AB 1114! He has also been the backbone for this Journal, which comes out of CPhA! Thank you for your service to CPhA and this Journal, Jon. You will be missed! Good luck in your new venture!

Jon leaves us as the profession experiences some changing and challenging times, especially in California. We are all well aware of the impact of DIR and slowing reimbursements. CPESN-CA is trying to springboard on the energy it has created in order to “flip the pharmacy” focus from dispensing to clinical patient care. We are all watching to see what new disruption Amazon brings to medication distribution, pharmacy practice, and healthcare. Governor Gavin Newsom is experimenting with a return to our previous state-run Medicaid model, moving away from the current Medicaid Managed Care.

Every challenge is an opportunity for improvement! We await the arrival of our new CEO and look forward to their leadership into the new decade, building off the great work of Jon Roth. This is also the time for the Journal to be true to its name and showcase contemporary pharmacy practice within the healthcare setting. I encourage my colleagues in practice, education, and research to send in their manuscripts exploring, enquiring, examining, explaining, and expanding the profession's role and its impact on patient care, practice, and policy.

I look forward to meeting all members of the Editorial Advisory Board at the annual retreat planned for March 2020.

- To roll out a new Strategic Plan for the Journal – brainstorming and branding it, to take the foundation built by my predecessor, Dr. Karl Hess (also a former faculty at my institution), to the next level, to add and embellish its structure and process.
- To grow and establish the Journal to a high quality, PubMed Central-indexed publication.
- To maintain its solid grounding in California roots while still expanding it to a national focus.
- To seal its niche in emerging and evolving pharmacy practice and keeping it current with the times.

All with the help and support of the wonderful editorial team of Erica Teal and Sheila Johnston.

I hope we accomplish all this and more, and move forward CPhA's flagship to new heights.

In all my years in academic administration, I have recognized the value of input from all stakeholders, including our next generation - our students, who bring in bright new ideas and infuse their energy into our profession. I welcome views and ideas from all perspectives to help the Journal in its forward movement.

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