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Dear OCCP Members,

Happy New Year! Best wishes to you and your family a very happy and healthy 2009!

I hope this message finds you well. This past year for our Chapter was a good one, and we look forward to what 2009 brings! Both the Spring and Fall Meetings were very successful with excellent presentations and member participation. At the Fall Research Meeting, the presentations of the clinicians and residents were well received by the membership. Thanks to those who presented! In addition, I would like to congratulate Ellen Yang, Pharm.D. (MetroHealth Medical Center) and Melissa Lagzdins, Pharm.D. (Hillcrest Hospital), for winning the *Best Abstract Presentation*, and Lisa Garrity, Pharm.D. (Cleveland Clinic) and Joseph Smigiel, Pharm.D. (Louis Stokes VAMC-Brecksville) for winning the and *Best Clinical Research Abstract*.

Since the last meeting, elections were held, and it is my pleasure to announce Nina Neager Murphy, Pharm.D. as the new OCCP President and Ken Komorny, Pharm.D. as our Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations and good luck to our new officers!

Other News

2008 ACCP Fall Meeting Notes of Interest:

- Frontier's Fund
 - The 2008-2009 Frontiers Fund Campaign signals a new beginning for the Research Institute. Frontiers Fund donations will support new programs and awards for clinical pharmacists to enhance their scholarship and professional growth.
 - Focused Investigator Training (FIT) Program
 - ACCP National Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) Start-up
- Chapter Officer Meeting
 - ACCP Volunteer Recognition Initiatives

2009 ACCP Meeting:

- 2009 ACCP/ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy
 - April 24-28, 2009; Orlando, Florida

2009 OCCP Spring Meeting:

The meeting will be held on May 29, 2009 at the Hilton Cleveland East/Beachwood. A chairperson for the meeting is still needed. Please contact Nina Naeger Murphy (nnaeger@metrohealth.org) if you are interested in participating on the Spring Meeting Planning Committee. Once again, there will be a resident/fellow poster session at the Spring Meeting with abstracts due in April. Additional information regarding the meeting will be available in the near future, please stay tuned.

Membership:

Now is the time to renew your membership to OCCP. Membership Forms are available on the OCCP website at www.occpweb.org.

Your 2009 Membership (\$50) is for the calendar year (January to December). Please send form and check to:

Ken Komorny, Pharm D
Summa Health System
525 E. Market Street
Akron, OH 44304

It is important to renew your membership because if you are also an ACCP member, our Chapter receives money back for every OCCP member that is also an ACCP member. If you are not a member of ACCP, here is the link to their registration form (www.accp.com/member).

Awards:

The eligibility criteria and applications for OCCP awards are available on the website at www.occpweb.org.

If you are interested in applying for the **2009 BCPS Award** (\$1000), please send your materials to the following OCCP member as soon as possible, but no later than March 31, 2009:

Mandy Leonard, Pharm.D.
Manager, Drug Information Center
Department of Pharmacy/Hb-105
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
9500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44195

I would like to thank each of you for your support of my presidency over the past two years. It has been a great experience, and it would not have been possible without your support. A special thanks goes to Nina Naeger, Jennifer Sekeres, and Mike Militello. I

will continue to be an active member, and I wish you the best in 2009!

Sincerely,

Jodie M. Fink, Pharm.D., BCPS
President, OCCP