



# DIABLO CHAPTER CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF HEALTH SYSTEM PHARMACISTS



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## Board of Directors Meeting June 15, 2021

The meeting was conducted via telephone and the Internet (Microsoft Teams, Zoom).

Pre-board meeting presentations on “Considerations for the use of Farxiga (dapagliflozin) in the Management of Chronic Kidney Disease” by Marie Davies, Pharm. D. of AstraZeneca and “Yupelri (revefenacin) Inhalation Solution in the Maintenance Treatment of COPD” by Candice Clay, Ph.D. of Theravance Biopharma. The Board gives its sincere thanks to Drs. Davies and Clay and to representatives Gene Collins of AstraZeneca and Amit Patel of Theravance Biopharma for interesting and timely presentations.

1. Call to order at 6:45 p.m. by President-elect Jared Garcia in lieu of president Amy Le. A quorum was present.

Directors present: Derek Dwinell, Jared Garcia, Eunice Lee, Edlen Wong, Rod Zimmerman, Katrina Zywiec.

Board Members present: Brooke Betts, Martin Iyoya, Linda Kan-Huey, Judy Lee, Veronica Madrigal, Brigitte Ouabo, Laura Polonsky, Mary Tawiah, Samantha Teshima, Barbara Uenaka, Lyubov (Luba) Villanueva, Johnny Wong, Keith Yoshizuka.

Guests present: Elizabeth Camba (Touro Student), Darlene Nguyen (Touro Student Chapter President).

2. Old Business.
  - A. The May 2021 Board Meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.
3. New Business.
  - A. The Board welcomes Touro Student Chapter President Darlene Nguyen to the meeting.
  - B. California Pharmacist Licensing Examination by Keith Yoshizuka.

1. There was much discussion regarding the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE) vs. the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE). The Deans of the California Schools of Pharmacy (California Pharmacy Council) have proposed the California Board of Pharmacy change from the CPJE to the MPJE licensing examination. Currently, an applicant must pass both the CPJE and NAPLEX (North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination) as part of the qualifications to be a licensed pharmacist.
2. The CPJE consists of about 15% pharmacy practice standards and 85% pharmacy law. It tests for competency in hospital, community, and ambulatory care pharmacy.
3. The MPJE is a combination of state and federal law with no practice standards included. In recent test results, the MPJE has had a higher pass rate than the CPJE.
4. The Board of Pharmacy does not have the authority to make this change. It is solely up to the California Legislature. Any legislative change will take at least one year to implement.
5. The deans of the more recently established Schools of Pharmacy in California are concerned about a low pass rate of their school’s graduates on the CPJE. The deans fear this may affect their school’s application for accreditation by the ACPE (Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education). Residency directors are concerned because their residents from out of state are having trouble passing the CPJE.
6. At this time, there is a surplus of pharmacists in California and the job market is saturated.
7. The current California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) Professional Policy endorses retaining the CPJE and NAPLEX as requirements for licensure.
8. An informal poll of CSHP affiliate chapter presidents by Keith Yoshizuka found a



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consensus feels the CPJE should be retained. However, the members of the Board of Directors of CSHP are in favor of changing the exam to the MPJE.

9. All Board Members who spoke believe adoption of the MPJE in lieu of the CJPE would compromise the quality of pharmacy in California and lead to economic hardship. It would be a giant step backward in healthcare. No formal action was taken on this matter.

### 4. Directors Updates.

- A. Immediate Past-President by Edlen Wong. No report.
- B. President-elect by Jared Garcia. He is filling in for president Amy Le at this meeting.
- C. Treasurer by Derek Dwinell.
  - 1. The DSHP insurance will be paid this week.
  - 2. The chapter rebates have not been received. This is usually done when there is a surplus in the CSHP treasury. At this time, this has not been determined.
- D. Secretary by Rod Zimmerman. No report.
- E. Directors by Eunice Lee and Katrina Zywiec. No report.

### 5. Liaison Reports.

- A. CSHP Board by Keith Yoshizuka. See new business.
- B. Government Affairs by Brigitte Ouabo and Keith Yoshizuka.
  - 1. CSHP is keeping a close eye on AB 1328, Clinical laboratory technology and pharmacists.
    - a. This bill has passed the State Assembly. It is under consideration by the State Senate and has been approved by all appropriate Senate Committees.
- C. New Practitioners and Students by Brooke Betts and Veronica Madrigal.
  - 1. A new practioner event may be held June 22. New practitioners would engage in a competition to earn points.
- D. Students by Darlene Nguyen.
  - 1. Touro students are requesting a donation from the Diablo Society of Hospital Pharmacists (DSHP) of \$250 to go toward a mixer for students at Seminar 2021 at Disneyland. A New Practioner Executive Committee/Student Section Executive Committee (NPEC/SSEC) mixer would credit DSHP as sponsor.
- E. Technicians by Donna Fitzgerald. No report.
- F. Industry. No report.

### 6. Committee Updates.

- A. Nominations by Jared Garcia.
  - 1. Please submit any CSHP nominations before the July 1, 2021 deadline.
- B. Community Service. No report.
- C. NOWI by Brigitte Ouabo and Laura Polonsky.
  - 1. A venue has been secured and this event is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2021.



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2. If all who attend are vaccinated, masks may not be required.
  3. At this time, 14-15 industry representatives have indicated a strong interest.
  4. There will be a speaker on congestive heart failure.
  5. No alcohol beverages may be “sold” at this site but they may be consumed.
- D. Membership by Jared Garcia.
1. Renewal of membership is increasing but we are not at the level of February 2021. There are a few new members.
- E. Education by Barbara Uenaka and Luba Villanueva.
1. How are members treated who are not vaccinated but attend DSHP events? As for now, these members are required to wear masks. We must protect the public.
  2. The residency lectures will be transitioning to a new coordinator.
  3. DSHP needs to disseminate information regularly. For example, the Seminar Scholarship application form should be distributed now. Scholarship recipients are reimbursed Early Bird Registration fees. Keith Yoshizuka will make an announcement at Touro. Anyone with information from last year please contact Keith.
- F. Manager’s Meeting by Martin Iyoya and Jared Garcia.
1. Meetings will be quarterly. The next meeting is in August.
- G. Website by Jared Garcia.
1. The website has been updated, cshpdiablo.org.
- H. Newsletter by Elizabeth Vuong. No report.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rod Zimmerman, Secretary

The next scheduled meeting is 8/17/21, 6-8p.m. Board meetings are monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6pm-8 pm, except on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November. No meeting in July or December.  
Phone call in 925-942-4020 conference security code 35323.