



CPS Member Spotlight

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What is your favorite thing about being a CPS member?

I enjoy interacting and working with pharmacy colleagues toward a common goal, whether that is legislation to advance the profession or educational programming to advance our individual competence.

How did you get introduced to the world of pharmacy?

My introduction to pharmacy is somewhat cliché, at least for the early 1970s. I got a job in high school working at the soda fountain in our local Rexall drug store. I was fascinated by the way the pharmacist could help people with so many of their health needs and questions. He took me to pharmacy career days at both Drake University and the University of Iowa which, along with all I had witnessed in the pharmacy, sealed the deal on a career in our profession.

How did you get to where you are in your career?

I have had a classic stepwise career ladder going from clinical faculty member at Purdue to department chair at Shenandoah to associate dean at Minnesoté to dean at Regis. But what really ignited my desire to take some leadership roles were the people I've worked with along the way: great leaders like Larry Weaver, Bob Chalmers and Marilyn Speedie and the myriad faculty and students who challenged me to find a way to make the most positive difference in pharmacy education.

How do you give back to the profession?

I try to give back in two major ways: first, by advocating for the profession at all levels of education, practice and regulation; and second, by encouraging and mentoring students and faculty in both formal and informal ways.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I love to travel and to read, from pop mystery novels to historical fiction to actual history books. Since moving to Colorado, my wife and I have discovered hiking and get out to the mountains as often as possible.