

CSHP OFFICERS 2000/2001

President: Linda Poloway

Immediately after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, in 1975, **Linda Poloway** began her career developing and managing a small, new hospital pharmacy and has continued with both front-line and administrative responsibilities ever since. Linda later joined the staff at the Red Deer Regional Hospital, Red Deer, Alberta, as Supervisor of Operations, eventually progressing to the level of director. In 1995, she became Director of Regional Pharmacy Services, David Thompson Health Region, which encompasses the services of Red Deer Regional Hospital and 11 other facilities. She also directs the provision of pharmacy services at a federal correctional facility.



Linda has been active in professional organizations throughout her career, participating in numerous activities of CSHP National and Alberta Branch, as well as the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association. Linda was CSHP Alberta Branch President, founded the Alberta Northeast Chapter of CSHP, and served on the executive of the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association. Linda has assisted with coordination of many CSHP educational events and chaired the CSHP Western Branches Banff Seminar for 2 years.

The CSHP Alberta Branch honoured Linda with its Practitioner of the Year award in 1996, and she became a CSHP Fellow in 1997.

Despite selecting administration as her career track, Linda continues to practice direct, patient-focused care. She provides medication counselling to psychiatric groups at the inpatient, outpatient, and community levels, and she is also a resource for and educator of health-care providers and the public.

Linda Poloway has demonstrated a long-time commitment to promoting the profession of pharmacy and to shaping its future.

President-Elect: Margaret Gray

Margaret Gray graduated, with distinction, from the College of Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, in 1987. She worked as a staff pharmacist at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta, from 1987 to 1995. During that period, her areas of clinical focus were critical care and infectious diseases. When the Capital Health Region was created in 1995, Margaret became 1 of 3 drug utilization pharmacists in the region, continuing to specialize in drugs used in critical care and infectious diseases.



Margaret is now 1 of 2 antimicrobial drug utilization pharmacists working in the Capital Health Region. She is responsible for issues related to infectious disease, primarily for the University of Alberta Hospitals, the Caritas Health Group (which comprises 2 active treatment hospitals and 1 long-term care facility), and the Leduc Community Hospital.

Margaret has been a member of CSHP since she was a student at the University of Saskatchewan and has been active at both the branch and national levels. She has served the Alberta Branch as Central Chapter Chair, President, and (most recently) Branch Delegate. At the national level, she is a member of the Public Relations Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee and is chair of the Bylaws Committee.

Margaret lives in Edmonton with her husband, Brian, and their 2-year-old son, Ian.

