

## **Welcome New Board Members!**

By Barbara Martin, PA-C

We are pleased to have three new board members who started their terms on July 1, 2011. Thank you for your dedication and service to the Physician Assistants of Oregon!

Ian Hartman, PA-C, is now the President-Elect for Oregon Society of Physician Assistants. He graduated from Pacific University PA Program in 2006 and has since worked as a Cardiothoracic Surgery PA with the Oregon Clinic in Portland. Ian has been involved with OSPA as a Director-At-Large for the past two years and has also worked with the Membership and Communications Committee for OSPA. He will serve one year as President-Elect, then will be President from 2012-2013.

“I have realized that, without this organization (OSPA), my career as a physician assistant today in Oregon would look much different,” Ian said.

Ian hopes to reach out to new PAs in Oregon and continue the hard work that OSPA has done to keep the PA profession thriving in Oregon.

Sharon Dickinson, PA-C, is our new Director-at-Large for a two-year term. Sharon graduated from Pacific University PA Program in 2007, and has since worked for a cardiology practice in Salem. She has been involved with OSPA's Legislative Committee, as well as the Oregon Medical Association (OMA) PA section and with the OMA's Healthcare Access Workforce Committee.

“I believe in, and work hard to be, someone who makes things better,” Sharon said.

We are pleased she is continuing this active engagement with OSPA.

Ted Ruback, PA-C, is our new House of Delegates (HOD) representative to the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA). Ted has been very involved with the HOD for the last 15 years, serving as a representative, alternate and mentor, and we welcome him back to share expertise and continue to be involved in this important role for the PA profession. Ted graduated from University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant/Child Health Associate program in 1979. He has served as the Director of the OHSU PA Program since 2001 and has been actively involved with OSPA for many years, including serving as previous President as well as a CME Chair. We thank Ted for his service and welcome him back to the House of Delegates.

I'd also like to give a shout out to the new Oregon Rural Health Association board members, Judy Ortiz, PA-C, MS; and Sandy Kosik, PA-C.

There are positions available for involvement in OSPA each year – please consider joining our board in the future, or getting involved in a committee that interests you! Please contact OSPA at [OSPA@oregonpa.org](mailto:OSPA@oregonpa.org) for further information or inquiries. Thank you!