

Student Chapter Advisory Committee

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I. Regions

- a. For the first time since forming the current CPFI regions in 2013, all nine regions have had Regional Directors appointed. Regional Directors serve to enhance communication between chapters.
- b. Two very successful regional retreats were held in the 2016-2017 year
- c. This coming year will present with the challenge of filling new openings as many regional directors will be graduating
- d. Continued efforts to utilize Regional Directors to connect chapters to CPFI will remain a focus

II. NSC

- a. Ashley DeVaughan will be stepping in as the NSC Chairperson for the coming year
- b. Positions of NSC Chairperson-Elect, Publicist, Student Retreat Coordinator, and Membership Transitions Coordinator will be filled at the upcoming student election

III. Incentives

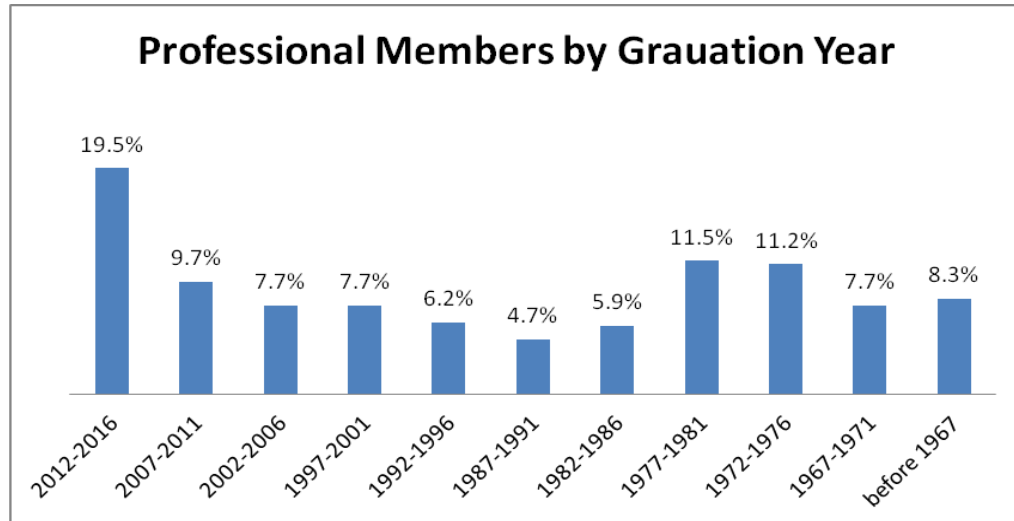
- a. Recent graduates were provided incentives to return to the annual conference this year. Those graduating in 2015 or 2016 were offered 50% off registration (used by 5). Lapsed graduates from 2011-2014 were offered 50% off registration if they renewed (used by 2). The first option seems to be the greater incentive and has been met with the most enthusiasm.

IV. Hands and Feet Grant

- a. This year CPFI began the Hands and Feet Grant to support student chapters in community service projects. 11 chapters submitted applications for 4 grants. The chapters selected for the grant were University of Kentucky, Palm Beach Atlantic University, University of Maryland, and Wilkes University.

V. Recent Graduate Membership

- a. Recent graduates who have been to an annual meeting and stay involved with CPFI have been the most likely to retain membership. This group continues to be a significant proportion of members.



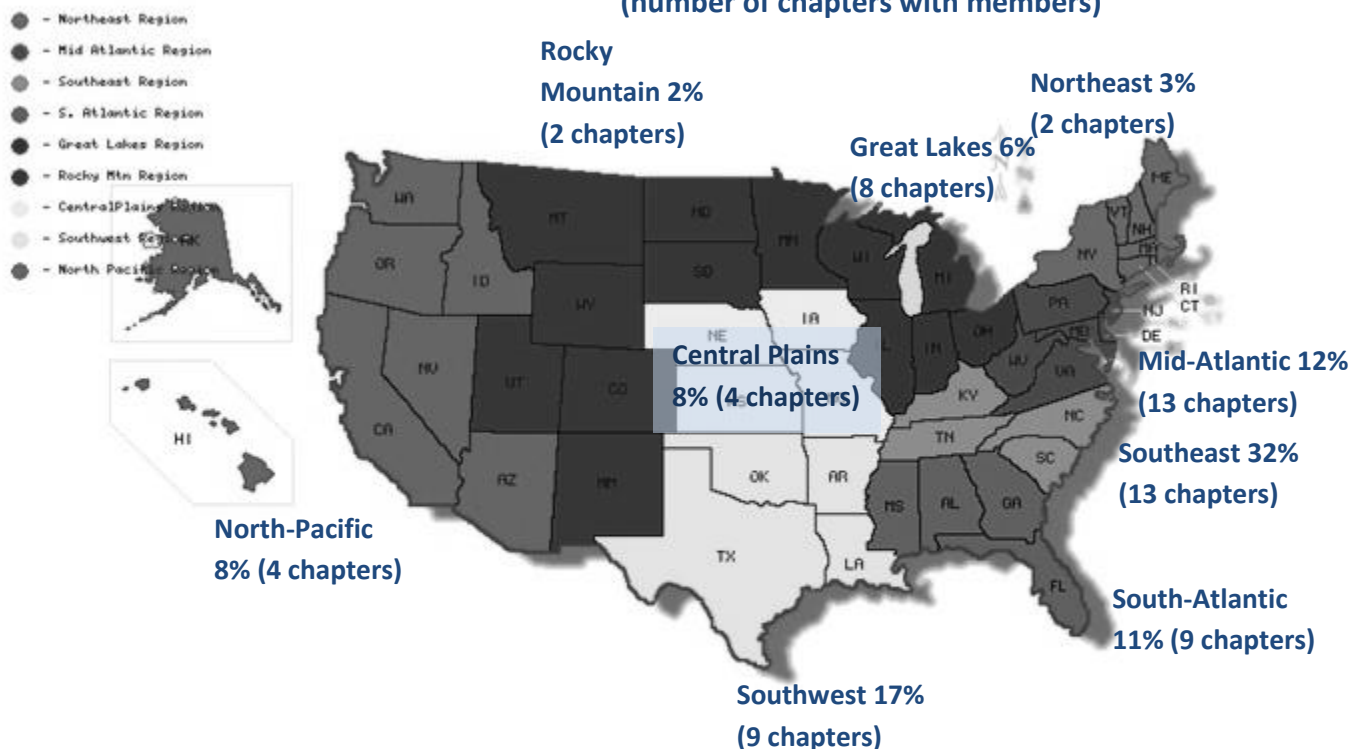
VI. New Chapter Opportunities

- a. Shelley Schliesser formed a team to contact all chapters who have not started the process of developing a CPFI chapter. They found that many colleges of pharmacy are actually limiting new student organizations. She provided several with information should they become willing to start a CPFI chapter.
- b. These findings suggest we have saturated the colleges that would be willing to host a CPFI chapter. Trends of a decreased number of new chapters over the past several years would support this.

VII. Chapter Membership

- a. Currently the biggest challenge to student involvement, graduate retention, and student membership is disconnected student chapters. A handful of chapters continue to maintain a large majority of student membership. While a challenge that must be addressed, this also shows the benefits that have come from increasing region-based activity.
- b. Regions that have both a larger number of chapters and a larger percentage of student members are those that have had consistently strong leadership through Regional Directors. Additionally, many of these regions have also hosted at least one regional retreat in the past 2 years. Although progress has been made in recent years, Rocky Mountain, Central Plains, Northeast, and North-Pacific regions continue to be areas for growth.

CPFI Regional Map



Three years ago I took over the responsibility of Student Chapter Advisory Committee chairperson from the hands of Julie McDonald. Julie's dedicated efforts to establish student chapters led to the development of our current student chapter system. In 2014, I took over the responsibilities of the committee with the goals of building on the framework Julie developed to further engage chapters into the CPFI community, create opportunities for student involvement in national projects, and develop dedicated CPFI professionals from our student members. While this will continue to take significant effort to maintain and refine, recently my interest and concern has shifted towards our professional membership. For this reason I will be running for the office of Vice President. If I am elected, currently there is no one who has been selected to take the place of SCAC chairperson. However, this is a critical role for CPFI and the responsibilities will not be ignored. I will continue to fulfill this role as well until it is transitioned to an individual comes forward with extreme dedication and passion for the students of CPFI.

Through the past three years we have tried out several ideas. Some did not produce results, but a few produced big results. I encourage the board to continue to support new student initiatives when the fresh ideas of the next leader of the SCAC arise, just as they have done with me, to continue to see growth in our student member involvement.