I am honored to serve as the incoming President of the Capital Area Pharmacists Association (CAPA). I want to thank last year’s president Jennifer Momber and Executive Board members for creating and maintaining such an active organization that focuses on advocacy and furthering the profession of pharmacy.

This year, our organization will continue to focus on increasing the awareness of the role of pharmacists in patient care. From helping to curb the opioid epidemic, to assisting patients in finding the most cost-effective medication to promoting medication safety, pharmacists need to be recognized for the critical part they play in our nation’s health care environment. I would like to continue to emphasize these important points through community outreach, interaction with legislators and public education. I would also like to focus on increasing membership of both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, by focusing on our members’ needs and priorities and emphasizing membership appreciation. Additionally, by increasing awareness of CAPA’s events and benefits through enhanced communication with local pharmacies, we can expand our organization’s reach to gain the interest of new potential members.

CAPA has continually worked to increase our legislative and advocacy involvement, supporting several important legislative issues that stand to create large changes in pharmacy practice. We will continue these efforts by providing education to patients, so they can understand how these legislative issues may affect how we are able to care for them.

I am very much looking forward to this year and the opportunities that it brings. I extend a huge thank you to all of the previous CAPA executive board members and officers, who have invested much of their time and energy to ensure that this organization continues to be a voice for area pharmacists and pharmacy technicians and the patients that we serve. I can’t wait to see what we accomplish in the year to come!