

ASHI VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



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What committee(s) do you serve on?

Membership, Directors Affairs, Proficiency Testing (just rotated off). I am also an ASHI Lab Inspector.

How did you get started as a volunteer for ASHI?

I started volunteering with the International Committee and then had the opportunity to train as an ASHI Lab Inspector. From there I kept going, joining different committees if the opportunity arose and as time allowed.

How has volunteering for ASHI improved your professional development?

I have learnt so much from fellow committee members through the work of the various committees. Volunteering has provided learning opportunities that go beyond my daily responsibilities, and I have gained new insights from the different perspectives of other committee members. Volunteering has also expanded my professional network and I have made many new friends in the ASHI community.

What is your most memorable volunteer moment? Maybe not so much of a moment, but the time I served on the ASHI Board is my most memorable time as a volunteer. I learnt so much more about the wide range of work done by ASHI, and gained a deeper appreciation for how ASHI accomplishes everything through the willingness and dedication of so many volunteers who generously give of their time and expertise, to further the vision and mission of ASHI. My time on the Board was during the pandemic, but thanks to the ASHI Executive Committee, the outstanding staff at ASHI HQ and all the wonderful ASHI volunteers, the work of ASHI continued without interruption.

Why do you think it is important for others to volunteer with ASHI?

Volunteering is a great way to contribute to the work of ASHI. Without volunteers ASHI would not be able to accomplish the work it does. Contributing to ASHI is a way to support other ASHI members and the patients, donors and clinical teams that are the focus of our work. Volunteering also enables us to connect with other ASHI members, expand professional networks and build lasting friendships in the histocompatibility field. Volunteering with ASHI is truly rewarding, it is more like joining a family, we get back more than we contribute!