

ASHI VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



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What committee(s) do you serve on?

Accreditation Review Board (ARB) as current Junior Co-chair and inspector (and previously served as commissioner for region-6), National Clinical Affairs, Abstract reviewer and Global Standards task force.

How did you get started as a volunteer for ASHI?

After attending several ASHI Annual Meetings, I was encouraged to become an ASHI inspector by my former Lab Director, Dr. Christopher F. Bryan.

How has volunteering for ASHI improved your professional development?

Seeing the incredible dedication of our field's professionals behind the scenes has been truly inspiring. I have learned so much from working alongside these experts and continue to grow with every new role I take on. Collaborating with these devoted experts has been an incredible learning opportunity. I truly enjoy my time with this organization and hope to encourage more colleagues to get involved in our mission.

What is your most memorable volunteer moment? In 2021, I had the privilege of presenting an inspector workshop at the ASHI Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. It was incredibly rewarding to receive such positive feedback and support from my colleagues in the field.

What would you say to someone who is thinking about getting involved with ASHI?

The most sustainable path to professional advancement and personal maturity is found through empowering and serving others. I profoundly believe that giving is living and serving is learning.