

ASHI VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



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What committee(s) do you serve on?

Science & Technology Initiatives Committee (STIC)

How did you get started as a volunteer for ASHI?

Since I started my career in HLA, I was impressed by the positive vibes in the ASHI community and looking for a way to get involved and make contributions. Of all the committees of ASHI, STIC best matched with my interest in science and technology, so I applied when a vacancy became available and was fortunately selected to serve initially as a member, and later as a Vice Chair.

How has volunteering for ASHI improved your professional development?

The ASHI volunteer experience has improved my professional development from multiple angles: 1) networking with peers and mentors is a valuable learning opportunity and has enhanced my understanding of the advancements in the field; 2) getting opportunities to participate in exciting projects and manuscripts; 3) proposing and implementing novel and meaningful ideas to help share the future of ASHI.

What is your most memorable volunteer moment? There are numerous memorable volunteer moments. To name one – proposing the idea of a session on combined HCT and solid organ transplantation and being part of planning and moderation of the “Unconventional applications of HCT” plenary session during the 2022 ASHI Annual Meeting.

Why do you think it is important for others to volunteer with ASHI? Besides the advantages mentioned above related to professional development, another important consideration to volunteer with ASHI is that HLA is a relatively small community, like a tight-knit family. Every member’s active involvement and engagement not only helps an individual to be better integrated into the community, but also is critical to move the field forward.