

ASHI VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



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What committee do you serve on? Proficiency Testing; Communications, Marketing & Engagement; DTRC/Credentialing; Education sub-committee; Annual Meeting Abstract Committee

How did you get started as a volunteer for ASHI? Dr. Susan Saidman called me one day, when I was a fledgeling DIT, and asked if I would like to join the ASHI PT Committee. I was both honored and frightened that I was too new to ASHI to help, but Dr. Saidman was kind and encouraging. I could not pass up such a wonderful offer to learn.

How has volunteering for ASHI improved your professional development?

How has it not improved my professional development would be an easier question to answer! There is no way I can think of that volunteering for ASHI committees has not improved my professional development. There is no better way to encounter broad and practical knowledge in HLA laboratory practice, network, connect with new friends or be involved in the HLA community than to volunteer for an ASHI committee (or several!).

What is your most memorable volunteer moment? Walking into my first big in-person ASHI PT committee meeting at the ASHI annual meeting in 2014 and feeling so intimidated by all the rockstar HLA practitioners in the room...but immediately being welcomed and accepted with open arms by all. A grace from others in the community that I will never forget and a kindness to a "newbie" that I have come to learn is ubiquitous in our community.

Why do you think it is important for others to volunteer with ASHI? ASHI needs YOU! YOU need ASHI! Our community needs new talent and new ideas to grow and evolve. ASHI is a community that will help you (as a volunteer) accentuate your career in HLA, transplantation, research, and diagnostics.