

# ASHI VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



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**What committee(s) do you serve on?**

ACHI CHT & CHS Exam Committee, Publications Committee

**How did you get started as a volunteer for ASHI?**

I got started as a volunteer with ASHI by first expressing interest during the Annual Meeting and connecting with committee members directly. I also kept an eye out for announcements about open positions or calls for volunteers in the ASHI newsletter and website.

**How has volunteering for ASHI improved your professional development?**

Volunteering for ASHI has significantly enhanced my professional development in many ways. It has expanded my understanding of best practices and the evolving standards in histocompatibility and immunogenetics, which I've been able to apply directly in my daily work. Collaborating with other volunteers in the community has provided me with lots of new perspectives that I find very enlightening.

**What is your most memorable volunteer moment?** My most memorable volunteer moment was when I assisted in collecting virtual crossmatch reporting formats as a member of the Directors' Affair Committee. This experience was particularly valuable as it provided me with insights into how different institutions approach this work, giving me a broader perspective on best practices. It was a great opportunity to learn from others while contributing to the field.

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

relies on volunteers to support its educational programs, enforce laboratory quality assessment and standardization, and promote scientific knowledge in histocompatibility and immunogenetics. Volunteering with ASHI not only enhances our professional community, but it also allows individuals to grow personally and professionally.