

To whom it may concern:

My name is Alyssa Sykuta and I am writing to express my interest in the position of Secretary for the SCCM Ohio Chapter. I am a 2019 Doctor of Pharmacy graduate from Drake University in Des Moines, IA. Following a PGY1 Acute Care residency at the University of Iowa, I completed a PGY2 in Critical Care at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. I moved to Ohio last February to be closer to family and to pursue a Critical Care position at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, where I have quickly integrated with the multidisciplinary care team in our 32-bed Medical/Cardiac ICU as one of two primary pharmacists. I also play leadership roles within the OhioHealth system as a pharmacy delegate on our Critical Care Clinical Guidance Council, and I have co-led initiatives to create a Mechanical Circulatory Support Pharmacist On-Call program while collaborating with interdisciplinary team members to construct evidence-based protocols and order sets for the ECMO program launched at our hospital this winter.

While I enjoy the clinical aspects of my career, it has always been my intent once established as a pharmacist somewhere to maintain active membership within professional organizations. I have been a member of SCCM and the CPP section since embarking on my PGY2 residency and enjoyed the opportunity to present research and network virtually at the last two Critical Care Congresses. With the renewal of my SCCM membership over the summer, I was keen on joining the Ohio Chapter as a way to build relationships with other Critical Care professionals around the state. I am truly excited at the prospect of working with the Executive Board and the rest of the chapter, and I believe my eagerness to get involved will keep me committed to serving the organization and its members throughout the duration of the two-year term.

In addition to my enthusiasm and commitment, I believe I possess the other necessary skills required to excel as Chapter Secretary for SCCM Ohio. Organization and communication are two of my greatest strengths. These are skills I utilize daily in managing my time between clinical responsibilities and projects, keeping groups on task and on track to meet project goals, and collaborating with multidisciplinary team members to make clinical interventions. I am confident that these characteristics will enable me to fulfill the position's duties of maintaining Chapter records, planning and moderating Chapter meetings, and ensuring clear communication between the Executive Board and chapter members.

Thank you for your consideration of my application for Secretary of the SCCM Ohio Chapter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Alyssa Sykuta, PharmD, BCCCP