

Volunteering at ISPE: From Ticket Taker to President.

ISPE, like many non-profit professional societies is led and served by active volunteer members. For those interested in offering their time and energy to the society there are countless opportunities to jump in! Active members can volunteer their time and participate on committees/councils/SIGs, educational programs, as well as other society initiatives. Volunteers can progress to positions that offer increased responsibility and opportunity to develop ISPE and the many professional fields it supports. These opportunities also provide professional and personal development, a great opportunity to network and learn from/with the best in the industry.

There is no set ISPE career path, many Presidents of ISPE started out as active student members, volunteering their time to take tickets at annual meetings or volunteering to take a student leadership position and carrying on in the society as they gained employment, then speaking at or helping plan an annual or midyear meeting. Some have not; they may have joined the society later in their careers and provided support to the society as a speaker and topic expert. There is no right way to volunteer in ISPE, because service is recognized with opportunity, especially as ISPE continues to grow across the globe.

Here are a list of volunteer positions/opportunities, and how to get active.

Students:

-Student membership.

All students interested are welcome to join ISPE at a reduced rate.

-Active involvement on the Student Council

Participate in social networking, attend online seminars and offer you time at ISPE Annual Meetings. Volunteer for a leadership position!

-Elected Student Leadership Position

Organize online seminars and the student activities at the annual meeting. Be the student voice to the ISPE Board and help shape the student council.

Non-Students:

-Regular member (of ISPE)

Attend an Annual Meeting and join a committee, SIG or a council by attending a meeting.

-Council/Committee/Special Interest Group involvement

Participate year round: Volunteer for a subcommittee or support staff with committee objectives, participate in conference calls meetings as they occur.

-Council/Committee/Special Interest Group Vice Chair

Volunteer opportunity available to committee members.

-Council/Committee/Special Interest Group Chair

Volunteer to lead a team of you peers and answer a charge from the Board of Directors.

-Fellow of the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology (F.I.S.P.E.)

A designation that identifies the holder as a leader in the society.

-ISPE Speakers Bureau

Educate and increase the quality of knowledge in the society and field.

-Elected member of the ISPE Board of Director

Self or peer nominated, yearly election for many board positions.

-Elected officer (President-Elect; Vice President Finance)

Please feel free to contact any ISPE member, particularly Fellows (A list is available at <http://pharmacoepi.org/aboutISPE/fellowlist.cfm>) or the Executive Secretary for more information.