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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Introduction

On behalf of the committee, I would like to warmly welcome you to WAPSA's Special General Meeting (SGM) for 2026. Thank you all for taking the time to attend today.

The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the year ahead, and vote on new committee members to fill our vacant positions. We encourage and invite respectful discussion and contributions, and active participation throughout the session.

This year, my focus as President is strengthening WAPSA both now and into the future. I am committed to ensuring every pharmacy student feels valued, included, and represented within our association. I also aim to further strengthen our partnership with the UDOPs so we can work collaboratively and effectively for our cohort. At the same time, we will continue building towards WAPSA 2028- establishing strong foundations that support sustainable growth and long-term success.

What have I been doing?

1. National Representation

My first responsibility of being in the President's role was to prepare 42 WAPSA delegates for the NAPSA Congress in Sydney along with Bridget, Hannah and Libby. WAPSA was able to absorb 100% of the costs for our delegates' wristbands, and for the basics of the battle night costumes.

On the day before Congress, I attended the National Council Meeting (NAPSA's board of directors, Chairs, 19 National branch presidents), which was a great opportunity to build on our national relationships. It was also voted on and announced that the NAPSA 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Canberra in July- where the new NAPSA Board will be elected.

During Congress, the WAPSA presence was strongly felt by the other Universities, taking home the Battle Night and Vampire Cup trophies. Due to the hard work and successful bid Kaitlyn Campbell and the 2025 WAPSA Committee put forward, WAPSA was also announced to be the hosting committee for the NAPSA Congress 2027. Sukhman (Sukhie) Virk was announced as the Congress Chair for 2027, and together we have been

working closely with NAPSA to collate our Congress Organising Committee, which will be soon announced.

2. Partnerships

We have secured a financial and educational support agreement with AdPha. This partnership will provide our members with access to a range of resources and opportunities, including free membership, scholarships, workshops, and career development programs. Tahlia Masterson and Isabelle Bode have been announced as our 2026 AdPha Student Representatives, which will help continue to strengthen the relationship between AdPha and pharmacy students at Curtin University.

WAPSA was able to secure a partnership with Pharmacy 777. Pharmacy 777 have generously accepted our offer to exclusively sponsor our Cocktail Night, and after meeting with them are in discussion for a new education event for this year.

In 2026, one of my goals is to further develop WAPSA's partnership with UDOPS (formerly known as UWAMPS). In response, we have decided to continue with our Bingo Night and Campus Clash events. In collaboration with UDOPs, we have also officially planned a WAPSA x UDOPS combined Gala Ball, which if successful will hopefully be a start to a new tradition amongst all Pharmacy Students in Perth.

3. WAPSA Committee Polos

Currently, I am trying to secure a sponsor for 2026 WAPSA Committee Polos. This year I am hoping to organise WAPSA-branded Polos for the executive team and WAPSA chairs that can be worn to WAPSA-organised events and education events. I believe this will strengthen student awareness of WAPSA within the Curtin Pharmacy community.

4. Behind-the-Scenes Progress

A lot of work has been happening behind the scenes as we prepare for the year ahead, and aim to implement the 2028 WAPSA Strategic Plan. We've been focused on planning for the year ahead, ensuring that we have the resources and support necessary to carry out our objectives successfully.



Loren Retta
WAPSA President 2026