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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Expert Elected 2024–2025 American Pharmacists Association House of Delegates Speaker-Elect

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) announced that Mary S. Klein, Pharm.D., was elected the 2024–2025 speaker-elect of the APhA House of Delegates. As speaker-elect, Klein will serve a one-year term before taking over as speaker of the house and trustee for two years (2025–2027).

Klein is an associate professor of pharmacy practice and director of Practice Labs and Simulation at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy in Abilene.

"The TTUHSC School of Pharmacy has a strong history of faculty who are national leaders in pharmacy, and we are honored Dr. Klein has the opportunity to shape pharmacy policy and practice on a national scale," TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy Regional Dean Sara Brouse, Pharm.D., said.

Klein received her Pharm.D. from TTUHSC in 2007 and completed a community-based ambulatory care residency through Scott and White Hospital and the University of Texas at Austin in 2008.

Klein joined the TTUHSC faculty in 2008. She teaches the immunization certification course, patient assessment lab and Pharmacy Leadership, Ethics and Law class. Klein also practices in primary care on an interprofessional team at the Abilene Community Health Center, a federally qualified health center.

"I have always believed that being involved is a key component of being a part of the profession of pharmacy," Klein said. "This kind of involvement gives us an opportunity to shape the direction that the profession is headed."

Klein served as president of the Texas Pharmacy Association during 2017-2018, on the Texas Pharmacy Association board of directors in various roles for 12 years and as the Speaker of the House of Delegates in 2010. Klein has been a member of APhA since 2003 and has served as a delegate in the House since 2009. She has served on every

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standing committee of the APhA House and is currently serving as the chair of the Policy Reference Committee. She also has chaired the Policy Committee and New Business Review Committee.