



Meet the PharmaSUG 2020 Conference Team

While majority of the work for planning a conference typically starts the fall prior to the upcoming conference, there are some things that take place prior to the last conference. The individuals in charge of those tasks are the ones that lead and oversee the entire conference team. These are the Operations and Academic Chair. In our first article of the series “Getting to Know Your PharmaSUG Committee”, we would like to introduce you to **Craig Brelage** and **Gary Moore**.

Craig grew up in Batesville, IN and currently resides in a country setting west of Indianapolis, IN. He attended his first PharmaSUG conference in 2004 and has had the opportunity to see the conference expand to incorporate the variety of technologies presented during the conferences (i.e. R, Python, Tableau, etc.). This expansion has helped him to convince his leadership that they needed to expand the number of analytics tools within their Analytics Team. Craig worked through college as an Apiary Inspector (Beehive) for Indiana DNA. It seems he made the transition from helping to maintain a healthy bee environment to working in the pharmaceutical industry to help with the health of people. In addition, he likes to enjoy building the sets for the local civic theater for his children annual productions. We heard that chocolate ice cream is his favorite, so if you like ice cream, then maybe you can meet up with Craig at the conference and go to a local ice cream parlor and grab a cool snack.

Gary is from Little Rock, AR. He has a great sense of humor (at least in his own mind). He got his first statistical programming job because of his PL/I (Programming Language One) skills and he knew nothing about SAS. SAS was originally written in PL/I and is where most of the syntax comes from so Gary picked it up quickly. He was hired to support the biometrics department at an FDA facility out in the middle of nowhere called NCTR (National Center for Toxicological Research). He was responsible for a procedure called PROC CHRONIC that was written in PL/I and compiled with the SAS User Written Procedures Toolkit. On his first day at work, he was given a stack of SAS manuals that was about 3 feet tall and told to read them. He did and as they say, ‘the rest is history’. Gary also likes to collect hobbies. With his self-confessed obsessive personality, he has to learn as much about something as possible. But with only so much time in life, he has given up previous interests in order to move onto others. His current obsessions are pottery, singing, and martial arts. He is a member of the Central Arkansas Statistical Association, but outside of work he is involved with the Arkansas Chamber Singers and the Arkansas Arts Center. Gary likes to snack on a variety of snack foods but his go to is peanut butter crackers because it gives him that boost of energy he needs when he forgets to eat lunch.

We will continue to highlight the conference committee over the months leading up to [PharmaSUG 2020](#). If you would like to see who else is on the team, visit our [conference committee](#) page.