



Meet the PharmaSUG 2020 Conference Team

It really does take a 'village' to take care of an event like PharmaSUG. There are a number of people that work behind the scenes to pull everything together. There are people that work with presenters and there are those that work with the sponsors and exhibitors. In our next article in our "Getting to Know Your PharmaSUG Committee" series, we would like to introduce you to one of our Medical Device Section Chairs, **Carey Smoak**, and one of our Marketing Coordinators, **Marlene Miller**.

Carey was born and raised in California. He lived most of his life in California. However about two years ago an opportunity that he could not pass up landed at his feet. This new opportunity took him to Copenhagen, Denmark where he currently lives and works, which he finds it to be more relaxed than in the US. Of course, living in Denmark it just makes sense that he loves Danish pastries.

One of Carey's memorable work experiences was when he helped the company, he was working for develop a system for real-time monitoring reports for clinical trials using SAS add-in for Microsoft Office. He is the co-founder and co-leader of the CDISC Medical Device subteam and has been actively involved with PharmaSUG as a section co-chair. In addition, he is currently on a PHUSE working group for integrated (ISS/ISE) reviewer's guides for tabulation and analysis data. When he isn't working or volunteering for different organizations, Carey likes to read mysteries, with some of his favorite authors being Mary Higgins Clark, Elizabeth Peters, P.D. James and Ruth Rendell.

Carey and his wife also love to travel and see new places. He has been to all 50 states in the US and 17 countries. In the last several years he has been lucky enough to see the Perseid meteor shower, a total solar eclipse and the northern lights.

Marlene is from Spring Grove, Illinois, which is about 45 minutes northwest of Chicago. She has had a few chance meetings with celebrities. Marlene says she is very competitive and loves to do anything outdoors such as hiking, skiing and boating. She has a Morkie named Reno who is about 7 lb. Wonder if Reno joins Marlene on these outdoor adventures.

Although Marlene admits she is not very technical, she knows how to hire and manage the right people to get the technical stuff done. In addition, to being involved with PharmaSUG for the last several years, she has been involved as a committee member with her local SAS user group in DeKalb, as a volunteer with the Windy City SAS User Group and has attend more than 20 MWSUG conferences and has volunteered and presented.