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Greetings!

I believe I speak on the behalf of the Executive Committee and the membership when I declare this year's conference in Fort Lauderdale a success. We had a record number of attendees despite the tightening of state budgets, and we appreciate deeply the choice many states made to attend our conference. The Executive Committee was pleased to note an increase in the diversity of attendees from other areas of the controlled substances world. We continue to seek out and invite new players to our meetings to expand the scope of information exchange. We hope the presentations were relevant to your work and met your expectations. Each year the executive committee fine tunes the conference in order to bring you the most important and current information in the most efficient manner. We also try to give you ample opportunity to meet and greet in a relaxed atmosphere. Another busy year is being planned, especially since we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary. We want this next year to be memorable as well as educational. You will be apprised of our progress throughout the year, via this newsletter. Thank you for a good 2008 and I look forward to 2009. Happy holidays to you all and may your budgets increase in the New Year.

Karen Tannert, President, NASCSA

24th Annual Conference Draws Record Attendance

Despite fiscal constraints for many states regulatory agencies and other organizations, this year's annual conference, held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida attracted over 130 attendees, including representatives from 34 states and territories, including Guam. In addition to state attendees, representatives from the US Drug Enforcement Administration, Food & Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control as well as Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration and representatives from industry were in attendance during the four day-long conference.

A final attendee list as well as presentations and resolutions passed during the conference has been posted on our website.

Following is a comment from one of the attendees from this year's conference

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"I just wanted to say thank you for a great conference! It was a pleasure meeting you and the NASCSA committee members. I can honestly say that the group of state administrators attending this conference are among the nicest people I have ever worked with. I felt welcomed as a partner and learned a lot this week. Thanks again. I look forward to working with you in the future!"

Executive Committee News

New Board Member Elected

At this year's conference members elected Frances Kelly, Director of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency to the Executive Committee. Ms. Kelly is filling a vacancy left from Teresa Anderson from Idaho who has served on the board for the past two years.

Additionally, members re-elected Karen Tannert as President, Grant Carrow as Vice President, Mark Keeley as Secretary Treasurer, and Dean Wright as members to the Executive Committee.

Committees Announced for the Coming Year

President Karen Tannert along with the Executive Committee voted to form the following subcommittees to work throughout the year on a variety of projects: 25th Anniversary, Program, Membership; Survey/Data; and, Resolutions/Policy. More details will be forwarded in the coming months.

NASCSA to Celebrate 25th Anniversary in 2009

As many of you know, 2009 marks NASCSA's 25th Anniversary. If you have photos or anything you may feel may be of interest, please forward it to either Tim Benedict (OH) at tbenedict@bop.state.oh.us or Frances Kelly (IN) FKelly@pla.in.gov, co-chairs of the 25th Anniversary Committee.

State Regulatory Developments is Back!

Please visit NASCSA's website www.NASCSA.org for the latest posting of State Regulatory Developments. This document summarizes state regulatory developments as they relate to controlled substances in respective states.

FY09 Harold Rogers PMP Grant Solicitations Posted

The Bureau of Justice Assistance earlier this week announced the availability of federal funding under the FY09 Harold Rogers Prescription Monitoring Grant Program and it was posted on 12/15/2008. The solicitation can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09PDMPsol.pdf. The solicitation is also available via www.grants.gov. Applications are due on Feb 12, 2009.

State News

Washington-- State Budget Woes Affect Washington State's PMP --
As more and more states face fiscal challenges, Washington State's Prescription Monitoring Program has been the first state PMP to fall victim to budget cuts when the state announced that the program would be suspended.

In order to provide the latest news and updates of interest to members as well as others interested in controlled substances issues, please forward any information that you think should be included in our e-newsletter and/or for posting on our website. All items will be considered.

States Encouraged to Review Existing Statutes Related to Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances

In anticipation of proposed rules by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to permit electronic prescribing of controlled substances, states are encouraged to examine their existing statutes and regulations to determine whether any legislative or regulatory changes may be necessary.

DEA Announces Updated Form 106

The US Drug Enforcement Administration recently announced the availability of an updated electronic version of the DEA form 106 will be available through the Diversion website, www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov. This newer version requires the registrant to include the National Drug Code (NDC) which is designed to assist in tracking those controlled substances reported as lost or stolen.

A letter released by DEA on the new Form 106 is posted on the Diversion website (located under the section entitled "reports required by 21 CFR". DEA announced that it will notify any registrant that submits a paper copy of the obsolete DEA form 106 after October 28, 2008, to discontinue using this form. DEA advises registrants wishing to obtain an electronic copy of the new DEA form 106 to go DEA's website and select the icon "DEA Form 106 Online, Report Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances."

Although the paper version is still available, DEA encourages registrants to use the updated electronic version. A registrant can still receive a paper copy of the updated form by writing to DEA Headquarters, Attn: Registration/ODR, P.O. Box 2639, Springfield, VA 22152.

We hope you have enjoyed our electronic newsletter. If you have news items to share or other information that may be helpful to our

members, please forward to me.

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