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NASCSA Partners With National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws

NASCSA is pleased to announce that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDL) to collaborate on a variety of initiatives that will provide invaluable services to members of both organizations.

Among these initiatives that falls within the mission of NAMSDL include acting as a liaison to members of Congress and their staffs on key positions of NASCSA, providing NASCSA with state legislative charts of particular interest to NASCSA's members; periodic updates on federal bills of interest to NASCSA's members,

Presidents Message

Greetings! It was an honor to be elected as President of NASCSA at the 2013 conference. Based on conference evaluations, this year's conference was among our best. A huge thank you to our [sponsors](#) who ensured that last year's conference was so well received and allowed us to continue to offer travel scholarships to six individuals from member states to attend the annual conference.

Believe it or not the Program Committee has already held its first meeting as we begin to plan for the 2014 conference in beautiful Savannah, Georgia. If you are interested in serving as a speaker or know of a speaker/topic we should consider, please contact me or a member of the Program Committee. We have many exciting things planned for the coming year and I look forward to sharing them with you.

On a personal note, as many of you know, Mark Keeley, of the Ohio Board of Pharmacy who most recently served as President of NASCSA, has been ill. I am delighted to report that Mark has returned to work part-time and is getting better every day.

Sincerely,

Ralph Orr, President

Near Record Attendance at 2013 Annual Conference

The 29th annual conference took place in October in Kansas City, Missouri at the Westin Kansas City Crown Plaza setting an attendance record of over 150 attendees from over 34 states as well as industry representatives.

In an effort to "go green" presentations were posted online in advance of the conference and we received

acting as a liaison to other non-profit organizations that have missions similar to NAMSDL and NASCSA and working on joint projects or endeavors.

"We are delighted to partner with NAMDSL on this very exciting initiative," said NASCSA's President Ralph Orr, "We have always worked closely with NAMSDL for many years so this is a natural progression that we believe will provide an invaluable service to our members who work in the area of controlled substances."

NASCSA Needs Your Help!

Over the next several weeks, state Controlled Substances Authorities will be contacted in order to ensure that state profiles that are maintained by NASCSA are current. NASCSA's Executive Committee has contracted with *Bonnie Barnard*, a previous Board member of NASCSA who recently retired from Walgreens, to oversee the project.

We ask that all states respond as quickly as possible to requests to review information contained on state profiles. State Profiles are found [here](#). NASCSA's Executive Committee will be working to expand information contained on these pages to serve as a terrific resource for members and others interested in controlled substances issues.

Travel Scholarships

positive feedback to this change. The 2014 Program Committee has already held several meetings to begin working on this year's program, to take place at that the Hilton Savannah Desoto Hotel in beautiful Savannah, Georgia **October 21-24, 2014**. Attendees can book their hotel directly [online](#).

Please note that the Alliance of States With Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs will hold its annual conference in conjunction with NASCSA's annual meeting the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014.

For the latest updates for the 2014 conference please check NASCSA's website periodically [here](#).

Conference Highlights

Highlights of the 2013 conference include the following:

Election of Officers:

The following slate of officers and executive committee members were approved at this year's conference:

- Ralph Orr (VA) - President
- Dean Wright (AZ) - Vice President
- Brian Howes (AK) - Secretary/Treasurer
- Ronald Klein (VT) - Executive Committee
- Peg Clifford (NH) - Executive Committee
- David Dryden (DE) - Executive Committee
- Joe Fontenot (LA) - Executive Committee

Karen Tannert (TX), past President, will serve as Chair of the Executive Committee until such time as Mark Keeley is able to resume his duties as Chair

Presentations, conference highlights, attendee lists and a photo gallery may be found [here](#).

The Executive Committee wishes to extend a very special thanks to our sponsors who help support NASCSA during the conference and throughout the year. A list of Sponsors can be viewed [here](#).

Adoption of Resolutions:

A number of resolutions were adopted by the membership at the annual conference. Those adopted at this year's conference include:

- A Resolution Encouraging States to Adopt

Announced to Attend Our 2014 Annual Conference

The Executive Committee has authorized the awarding of six (6) travel scholarships to attend this year's annual conference.

Travel scholarship criteria as well as the application form and instructions have already been posted [here](#). The deadline for submitting applications is **June 27, 2014**.

Could Missouri Become the Final State to Adopt a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program?

The Missouri House of Representatives late last week approved legislation to create a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The Drug Monitoring Program Act (House Bill 1133) now will go before the Senate for further consideration. Missouri is currently the only state without a PDMP. Stay tuned!

Come Visit NASCSA at the National RX Drug Abuse Summit

Representatives from NASCSA's Executive Committee will be attending the upcoming [National Prescription Drug Abuse Summit](#) in Atlanta, Georgia April 22-24, 2014 in order to

Language to Give State Controlled Substance Authorities Emergency Power to Temporarily Schedule New Iterations of Cathinones and Synthetic Cannabinoids

- A Resolution Encouraging Jurisdictions to Adopt Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs that Incorporate Interoperability of Data
- A Resolution Encouraging Jurisdictions to Adopt Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs that Utilize Health information Technology for Integration with Health System Applications, Pharmacy Software Applications and Health Information Exchanges
- A Resolution Opposing the Retail Marketing of Merchandise Glamorizing the use/misuse of Prescription Drugs, Particularly to Youth
- In addition, resolutions recognizing the following individuals were adopted: Danna Droz, Grant Carrow, Nicholas Reuter, Ron Huether, William Bronson and Christina Morris

Copies of these resolutions as well as all resolutions adopted by NASCSA's members can be found [here](#).

The Resolutions/Bylaws Committee is already hard at work evaluating several possible resolution and bylaw changes for 2014. More information will be forwarded to members in the coming months. Members are also encouraged to submit resolutions or resolution ideas to Kathy Keough, Executive Director, at kathykeough@nascsa.org.

Updates Made to Bylaws:

A number of changes to NASCSA's Bylaws were also voted on and approved at the annual conference. Current Bylaws are posted [here](#).

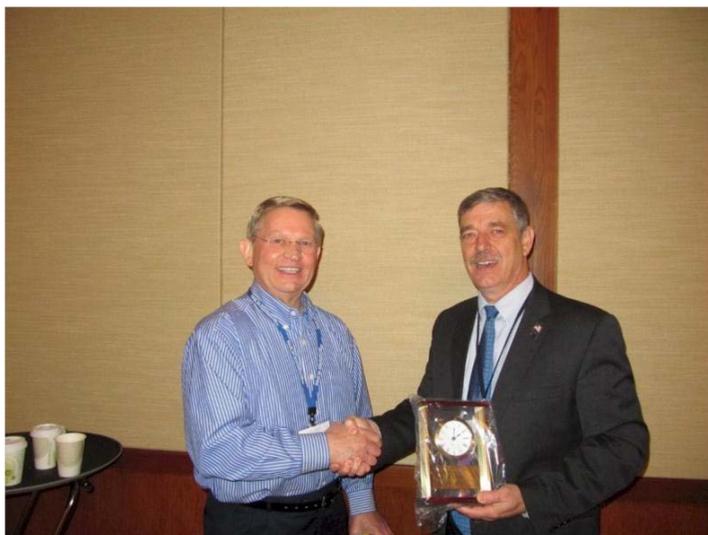
promote the organization.

NASCSA will be exhibiting at the summit and we strongly encourage anyone attending the summit to visit NASCSA's exhibit table and say hello.

2013-2014 Committees Formed

Want to become more involved in supporting the work of NASCSA? Many state/associate members have already stepped up to the plate, with a record number of volunteers having agreed to serve on NASCSA committees for the 2013-2014 year.

NASCSA is primarily a volunteer-led organization. Accordingly, NASCSA depends upon its committees to conduct the bulk of the work and to ensure that the membership is well represented. This year the following committees have been formed: Program; Resolutions/Bylaws; Special Projects; Survey/Data; and Membership. For a list of



NASCSA President Ralph Orr is shown presenting the 2013 President's Award to Terry Woodworth of the Drug and Chemical Advisory Group for his many years of support to NASCSA. Mr. Woodworth previously worked at the US Drug Enforcement Administration and has served on a number of NASCSA Committees over the past several years.

Request for Information for 2014 Prescription Drug Monitoring Grants to be Issued

NASCSA is pleased to announce that funds will be released in the coming months as continuation of grants to support state Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs). Funding is made possible from Purdue Pharma, LP to assist states with funding PDMPs for the purpose of operating and expanding such programs, and promoting the ability of state PDMPs to address the abuse and diversion of controlled substances.

Unlike previous years, the Special Projects Committee will be issuing a Request for Information from states in order to identify unique projects or initiatives. Following a review of responses, the committee will issue a solicitation in the next several months.

Prescription Drug Abuse Bill Introduced in Congress

A new House bill aimed at combating prescription drug abuse, was filed introduced earlier this week by Reps. Tom Marino (R-PA) and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and was referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee, for which Blackburn is vice chair, and the

current committees click [here](#).

Keep Your Contact Info up-to-date for the "NASCSA Newsletter?"

if your contact information changes, please login using the box at top of this web page and enter the email address you originally had subscribed with and provide any updated contact info including your new email address .

State Pain Policy Advocacy Network Resource

The State Pain Policy Advocacy Network (SPAN) offers a great resource to NASCSA members on legislation related to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs, Pain Clinic regulations, medical marijuana (among other issues of interest). For more information visit their link [here](#).

NASCSA Forum

Members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the "Forum" site for members and others interested in a variety of topics related to controlled substances, prescription monitoring programs, trends, legislation and other issues. The Forum, located at <http://forum.nascsa.org> is also accessible from the main website www.nascsa.org. The Forum requires a one-time

Judiciary Committee.

[HR 4069](#), the "Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2013" would amend the Controlled Substances Act by requiring that companies registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration ensure employees with access to controlled substances meet criminal background checks and drug tests, and manufacturers and distributors who may be at risk of losing their registration be given the chance to submit a corrective action plan.

The new bill also would set up a Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Working Group consisting of 20 members, including those representing DEA, FDA, Office of National Drug Control Policy, patients, pharmacies and manufacturers. The group's main duties would be to report to Congress on federal efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse, identify gaps, review recommendations to transfer controlled substances from schedule III to schedule II under the Controlled Substances Act, and propose ways to reduce diversion or abuse.

NASCSA will be closely monitoring the bill in the coming months and will keep its members posted

One year after the act is passed, the group would be required to provide recommendations on the following topics:

- Systems for prescription drug monitoring.
 - Illegal internet sites and facilities that distribute and fill prescriptions indiscriminately.
 - Facilitation of proper disposal of prescription drugs.
 - Identification of geographic areas where prescription drug abuse is prevalent.
 - Access to prescription drugs for legitimate medical purposes.
 - Collaboration among agencies, especially the DEA and FDA, to coordinate prevention and enforcement efforts.
 - Collaboration among federal and state agencies.
 - Resources for law enforcement.
 - Education of providers, patients, parents and youth on prescription drug abuse.
 - Development of abuse-resistant prescription drug products.
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initial registration to create a user name and password in order to post or subscribe and is moderated by volunteers. NASCSA has initially limited the number of "forums" included, however if you would like to suggest a new forum subject please send your suggestion to KathyKeough@nascsa.org. Detailed instructions on how to use the Forum are also included on the site.

Did You Know NASCSA is on Twitter?

If you have a Twitter account, please make sure to follow us @NASCSA. Our followers are growing by leaps and bounds so spread the word and stay connected!

State Regulatory Developments

Did you know that NASCSA publishes a monthly compilation of state regulatory actions related to pharmacy and controlled substances. State Regulatory Developments is located on the website [here](#).

ACLU Wins Fourth Amendment Challenge on DEA's Request to Access Oregon's PDMP Records

By Karla Palmer

Reprint courtesy of Associate Member Hyman, Phelps & McNamara

Last week, the United States District Court for the District of Oregon [ruled](#) that the Drug Enforcement Administration's ("DEA") administrative subpoena powers are not unfettered when it comes to obtaining protected health information ("PHI") submitted by pharmacies to Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ("PDMP"). The Oregon PDMP challenged DEA's attempt to obtain PHI based on a state statute permitting such disclosure only after the requesting party obtains a valid court order based on probable cause (and issued at the request of a federal, state or local law enforcement agency). ORS 431.966(2)(a)(C). Click the link [here](#) courtesy of Associate Member Hyman, Phelps & McNamara.

We hope you enjoyed this latest edition of NASCSA News. We strongly encourage members and others to share information from their respective agencies for consideration for our newsletter. Please email KathyKeough@nascsa.org with your articles and ideas.

Sincerely,

Kathy Keough
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