

# NASCSA NEWS

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## President's Message

Greetings! It was an honor to be elected as President of NASCSA at the 2011 conference. Last year's conference was huge a success and we are working hard to ensure that this year's conference program is a success too. We have decided to devote this entire newsletter to some highlights from the 2011 conference. Hope to see you all at the 2012 conference in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona this Fall.

*Mark Keeley, President, NASCSA*

## NASCSA Holds 2011 Annual Conference

### *Attendance Record Set*

The 27th annual conference took place in October in Portland, Maine at the Eastland Park Hotel setting an attendance record of over 160 attendees from over 34 states as well as industry representatives. In an effort to "go green" attendees provided conference evaluations and feedback electronically and preliminary results are very positive. The 2012 Program Committee has already held several meetings to begin working on this year's program, to take place at the **Valley Ho Resort** in Scottsdale, Arizona October 23-26, 2012. Save the date for what promises to be a conference that is not to be missed!

Highlights of the 2011 conference include the following:

In addition, if your contact information changes, please login using the original email address you originally had subscribed with and update any information (including your new email address and updated contact informatoin)

## State Regulatory Developments

State Regulatory Developments is a monthly compilation by NASCSA of state regulatory actions related to pharmacy and controlled substances. State Regulatory Developments is located on the website [www.nascsa.org](http://www.nascsa.org) under "News."

## **Election of Officers:**

The following officers were elected by the membership:

- Mark Keeley (OH) - President
- Ralph Orr (VA) - Vice President
- Dean Wright (AZ) - Secretary/Treasurer
- Ronald Klein (MT) - Executive Committee
- Brian Howes (AK) - Executive Committee
- Peg Clifford (NH) - Executive Committee
- Christina Morris (KS) - Executive Committee

Grant Carrow (MA), past President, will serve as Chair of the Executive Committee.

Presentations, conference highlights and a photo gallery may be found at: <http://www.nascsa.org/conference2011.htm>

The Executive Committee wishes to extend a very special thanks to our sponsors who help support NASCSA during the conference and throughout the year. Sponsors are listed [here](#).

## **Adoption of Resolutions:**

A record number of resolutions, all of which can be found on NASCSA's website [here](#) were approved including the following:

- Resolution in recognition of Tim Benedict;
- Resolution in recognition of Mark Caverly;
- Resolution in recognition of Jerry Jones;
- Resolution in recognition of Joanee Quirk;
- A resolution supporting the placement of Carisoprodol into schedule IV of the Federal Controlled Substances Act;
- A resolution recommending states implement laws and/or regulations allowing for the electronic prescribing of controlled substances pursuant to adopted Federal regulations;
- A resolution supporting the Federal government's effort to place synthetic cathinones, contained in products marketed as "Bath Salts" into schedule I of the Federal Controlled Substances Act;
- A resolution encouraging the DEA and states to schedule/regulate synthetic cannabinoids not approved by the FDA contained in products marketed under

such names as "K2/Spice" into schedule I of the Federal Controlled Substances Act and to encourage states to take similar actions;

- A resolution encouraging the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration and /or states to make Salvinorin A and Salvia Divinorum controlled substances ;
- A resolution supporting Federal legislation authorizing the U.S Department of Defense and U.S Department of Veterans Affairs to submit dispensing data to state prescription monitoring programs;
- A resolution in recognition of Bill Weast;
- A resolution in recognition of Johnny Hatcher; and
- A resolution endorsing the Office of National Drug Control Policy's 2011 Prescription Drug Abuse Plan regarding tracking and monitoring by prescription drug monitoring programs and to encourage sustained funding for state prescription monitoring programs.

The Resolutions/Bylaws Committee is already hard at work evaluating possible resolutions for 2012. 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](mailto:kathykeough@nascsa.org).

### **2011-2012 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 2011-2012 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; Policies & Procedures; Survey/Data; Membership; and Logo. For a list of current committee membership click [here](#).

## South Carolina's Wilbur Harling Recipient of 2012 President's Award



2011 NASCSA President Grant Carrow is shown presenting the 2011 President's Award to Wilbur Harling, Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Bureau of Drug Control for his many year's of support to NASCSA. Mr. Harling, who recently announced he would be transitioning from his present position, served as a member of NASCSA's Executive Committee for many years. He was recognized by NASCSA for his tireless support of the organization over the years.

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## NASCSA White Paper on Pseudoephedrine

Trish Freeman and Jeffrey Talbot from the University of Kentucky, Institute for Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, presented results of their synthesis of information concerning the impact of state laws and regulations on pseudoephedrine and methamphetamine trafficking and abuse. The white paper, the first of its kind for NASCSA, is scheduled for release in the coming weeks.

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We hope you have enjoyed our latest edition of NASCSA News. This electronic newsletter is sent periodically to update and inform members

and other interested parties of matters that may be of interest. 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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