

NASCSA NEWS

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Greetings!

The Executive Committee of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) has been hard at work over the past several years, pursuing initiatives generated by you, our membership. NASCSA has achieved greater national visibility through our efforts and the organization's input is requested more and more on issues that affect both the nation and states. We hope you like the newsletter as a tool for keeping you informed of these activities. We look forward to seeing you in Florida so we may report in detail about ongoing projects. Welcome to another exciting year.

Karen Tannert, President, NASCSA

NASCSA Travel Scholarships Available

NASCSA's Executive Committee has authorized two travel scholarships to attend this year's conference. Please visit NASCSA's website for further information and to obtain an application. The deadline for submitting an application is August 31, 2008.

Annual Conference Update

It's hard to believe that our 24th annual conference is only months away. This year's program will be held at the Sheraton Yankee Clipper Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale from October 21-24, 2008. Conference brochures will be mailed in early August, however a preliminary program is already available on-line. Room rates are set at the federal per diem rate, however should the rates drop at that time, the hotel will honor the prevailing rate. Please make sure you reserve your hotel room early to avoid the disappointment of the hotel being completely booked. Additional information is available on our website and in the conference brochure. As in past years, the Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs will be meeting just prior to the NASCSA conference on October 20-21, 2008.

Dues Update

Dues Notices were distributed in June to all members. Please remember that we rely on membership dues to support our various activities throughout the year. If you need a copy of an invoice,

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Important Information About Resolutions

In accordance with NASCSA's bylaws, the deadline for submitting resolutions for consideration at this year's conference will be

Friday, September 5, 2008

Submissions, including member contact information, should be sent by the deadline date to Grant Carrow, NASCSA Vice President, who will serve as Chairperson of this year's Resolutions Committee: E-mail: grant.carrow@state.ma.us or via mail :

Address: Grant Carrow, Deputy Director, Department of Public Health, Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality, 99 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111.

The Resolutions Committee will review all resolutions to prepare them for presentation and consideration at the conference. The Resolution Committee will work with authors during the review process to ensure that the intent of the resolutions is preserved. After review, resolutions received from members by the deadline date will be posted on the NASCSA website and published in our annual conference notebook.

In accordance with the NASCSA bylaws a member who wishes to submit a resolution after September 5, 2008 (including during the conference) is required to receive an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the regular members present and voting at the conference to allow consideration of the resolution. The actual adoption of such a resolution, once accepted by the regular membership for consideration, will still require a simple majority vote for approval. Additionally, a member who submits a resolution after the deadline must provide typed or clearly written copies of the proposal in sufficient quantity for distribution to the members present at the conference. Please note that resolutions submitted late will not be published on the NASCSA website nor in the conference notebook. Also, resolutions submitted on time will not be subject to the 2/3 vote for consideration.

If you have any questions about the resolutions process or are interested in serving on the Resolutions Committee please contact Kathy Keough, Executive Director, by telephone at 617-472-0520 or by e-mail to Kathykeough@nascsa.org.

Prescription Monitoring Program Project Update

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is currently in the midst of evaluating grant proposals submitted to BJA that will provide training and technical assistance to prescription monitoring programs. It is anticipated that BJA will be announcing the grant

awards sometime this fall. In the event that NASCSA is a successful applicant, we may be hiring several individuals to assist in the project, namely a project director, researcher and administrative assistant. If you are interested in any of these positions, or know of someone who might be, please contact Kathy Keough, Executive Director, for a job description.

Stay Connected!

One of the strengths of NASCSA lies in the relationships that are forged and maintained over the years. It is critical that you notify us of changes in mailing addresses and other contact information. Also, please let your colleagues and others that you feel might benefit from our organization know about NASCSA and our annual conference.

We Want to Hear From You

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.

Michael Klein Named Director of Controlled Substances at FDA

Michael Klein was named director of the Controlled Substance staff at FDA. Dr. Klein has been with the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research for 19 years providing leadership on policy and review issues related to drug abuse, addiction drug products, and controlled substances, and as team leader and associate director of the CSS. Prior to joining the agency, Dr. Klein conducted research at Argonne National Laboratory and was a senior scientist with the Drug Enforcement Agency for 15 years.

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.

Sincerely,

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