

NASCSA NEWS

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July 1 Deadline to Apply for Travel Scholarships to attend NASCSA's Annual Conference

This is a reminder that the deadline for submitting applications for one of six travel scholarships is days away. Travel scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1500 each for states to attend this year's NASCSA conference. Scholarship criteria as well as the application are posted on NASCSA's website at www.NASCSA.org. Don't miss your chance!

NASCSA's 25th Annual Conference to be held October 20-29, 2009

This year's 25th Annual Conference is less than four months away so it is not too early to think about making travel arrangements. The conference will take place at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown San Diego in San Diego, California October 20-23, 2009.

The preliminary program should be posted in mid July and conference brochures should be mailed in early August. This year marks a historic milestone -- NASCSA's 25th anniversary, and several exciting events are being planned to mark the occasion.

We hope to see you there!

From the States

Florida - Florida became the most recent state to enact legislation establishing a Prescription Monitoring Program after Governor Charlie Crist signed into law Senate Bill 462 on June 18, 2009.

California - The Senate passed Senate Bill 484 that would require prescriptions for over the counter cold and allergy medications that contain pseudoephedrine, modeled after legislation in Oregon, in an effort to combat the abuse of methamphetamine abuse. Go to <http://www.sacbee.com/ourregion/story/1949719.html> to read the entire article.

Illinois - Illinois is proposing regulations that would enhance the Prescription Monitoring Program to add Schedule III, IV, and V controlled substances to the prescription monitoring program; and establish provisions regarding the state Prescription Information Library database. Comments are due July 13, 2009. Contact: Tracie Drew; DHS, Bureau of Administrative Rules and Procedures; (217-785-9772)

Rhode Island - the Rhode Island Legislature earlier this month became the third state (behind California and New Mexico are the other states) to allow

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State Regulatory Developments

State Regulatory Developments is a monthly compilation by NASCSA of state regulatory actions related to pharmacy and controlled substances. To visit this section of the website monthly for an up to date listing of issues that may be of interest. [\[Click here\]](#)

Dues Notices were mailed earlier this month for the upcoming fiscal year on June 15, 2009.

the medical use of marijuana, by overriding the governor's veto and permit up to three dispensaries of marijuana. Go to:
http://www.projo.com/news/content/MEDICAL_MARIJUANA_OVERRIDE_06-17-09_IUEOBRE_v17.3f6bb47.html

Texas - The Legislature passed SB 904 adding carisoprodol to Schedule IV of the Texas Controlled Substances Act. This same bill also updated the Texas Act to allow multiple post-dated prescriptions up to a 90 day supply, thus mirroring current federal regulations. Both actions were effective June 19, 2009. The text of the bill may be found at
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=81R&Bill=SB904>

Volunteers Sought for Annual Conference

The Executive Committee is still seeking attendees at the annual conference to volunteer to serve as a Parliamentarian(s) during one or more business sessions at the annual conference. The Parliamentarian(s) will assist the Officers in applying Roberts Rules of Order during the conference business sessions. The designated Parliamentarian(s), would be expected to refrain from debate during any session in which he/she serves in that capacity, and would be selected from the list of volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please contact Kathy Keough at 617-472-0520 or kathykeough@nascsa.org.

We hope you have enjoyed our our most recent edition of the NASCSA Newsletter. 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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