

# NASCSA NEWS

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## Countdown to NASCSA's 25th Annual Conference!

This year's 25th annual conference is now less than three months away! As we enter the home stretch, we strongly encourage you to register for the conference and book your hotel if you haven't already done so. The conference will take place at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown San Diego in San Diego, California October 20-23, 2009. Check your mailboxes for the conference brochure that was mailed earlier this month. You can also access the registration form, a preliminary program and hotel information on our website.

We have an excellent program planned as well as a few 25th anniversary special events. We have worked hard this year to implement many of your suggestions for enhancements to the conference and we will present an overview of our progress and achievements.

Make sure to attend our opening reception on October 20, 2009 for an opportunity to network and renew old friendships. Finishing touches are being made to make our 25th Anniversary celebration special. For those attendees who will be staying overnight on Friday night, the Program Committee is currently exploring a group activity on Friday afternoon after the program concludes at noon.

We look forward to seeing all of you in San Diego.

*Sincerely,  
Karen Tannert, President*

## Welcome to Our Newest Member!

NASCSA would like to welcome its newest member - Arkansas. Representatives from the Arkansas Board of Pharmacy have been participants at NASCSA's annual meeting and joined as a member this year. Welcome. Membership is available to states as well as individuals or organizations. A membership application is available on our website.

## Travel Scholarships Announced

We are pleased to announce the following individuals have been awarded travel scholarships to attend this year's annual conference:

1. Wisconsin - Robert Block
2. Washington - Grant Chester
3. Arkansas - Gerry Jones
4. Wyoming - David Willis

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 information)

## 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."

**Please make sure to renew your membership dues for 2008-2009**

5. North Carolina - William Bronson
6. Delaware - David Dryden

Due to financial issues being felt by many of our state members, the Executive Committee this year elected to increase the number of travel scholarships to six this year. Travel scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$1500 each. The availability of travel scholarships is just one of the many member benefits available to states.

## Resolutions Accepted for 25th Annual Conference

In accordance with NASCSA's bylaws, the deadline for submitting resolutions for consideration at this year's conference will be **Friday, September 4, 2009.**

Submissions, including member contact information (phone and email), 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](mailto:grant.carrow@state.ma.us).

The Resolutions Committee will review all resolutions to prepare them for presentation and consideration at the conference. The 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 the organization's annual conference notebook.

In accordance with the NASCSA bylaws a member who wishes to submit a resolution after September 4, 2009 (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 or in the conference notebook. Resolutions submitted on time will not be subject to the 2/3 vote for consideration.

Resolutions not submitted by September 4, 2009 must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee no later than noon on October 22, 2009. A resolution submitted after that date and time cannot be considered at the 2009 conference. Please note that new for this year's conference will be a special business session at 4 p.m. on October 22, 2009 at which resolution authors will be able to present and answer questions about their resolutions. Authors are thus encouraged to be prepared to present and explain their resolutions at that time. The actual voting on resolutions (including formal amendments and discussion) will take place at the NASCSA business session on Friday, October 23, 2009 at

the final business session.

## NABP Convenes PMP Task Force

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) recently announced it will convene a task force October 28-29, 2009, to research various prescription drug monitoring programs (PMPs) and recommend standards or model rules. The task force came about in response to Resolution No. 105-6-09, passed at the NABP 105th Annual Meeting in Miami, FL, calling for its development. The resolution identifies a need to standardize PMPs, noting that "many of the state boards of pharmacy have enacted varying statutes and regulations and operational systems and standards related to PMPs." The task force is slated to review existing PMPs in light of the current language on PMPs found in the Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (Model Act), identify for member boards where variations among programs exist, and encourage states to adopt language and standards to provide uniformity in the various PMP programs across the nation."

## King Pharmaceutical's Pain Drug Received FDA Approval

The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) last week approved King Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s EMBEDA (morphine sulfate and naltrexone hydrochloride) extended release capsules for oral use, a long-acting Schedule II opioid analgesic for the management of moderate to severe pain. The company states the drug is the first FDA-approved long-acting opioid that is designed to reduce drug liking and euphoria when tampered with by crushing or chewing.

## FDA Releases Draft Guidance to Help Manufacturers Block Counterfeiting

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has released a draft guidance document to assist pharmaceutical manufacturers who want to use physical-chemical identifiers in solid oral dosage forms to thwart drug product counterfeiting. A physical-chemical identifier is a substance or combination of substances possessing a unique physical or chemical property that unequivocally identifies and authenticates a drug product or dosage form. Adding a trace amount of an inactive ingredient with a unique physical-chemical characteristic to an existing section of the dosage form makes it possible to detect and authenticate legitimate dosage forms and identify counterfeits.

*"Guidance for Industry: Incorporation of Physical-Chemical Identifiers into Solid Oral Dosage Form Products for Anticounterfeiting"* is available on the FDA Web site.

## 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 session 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](mailto: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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