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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. State Regulatory Developments is located on the website at www.nascsa.org under "News".

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NASCSA Resolutions Available

The Resolutions/Bylaws Committee of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) has been hard at work over the last several months developing draft resolutions for consideration at the annual meeting next month. The Committee is comprised of the following members: Ralph Orr (VA) - Chair; Christina Morris (KS); Charles Thomas (AL); Doug Lang (Express Scripts) and Dave Maness (Cactus).

In accordance with the Bylaws resolutions must be posted 45 days in advance and are found [here](#). There are three resolutions for consideration and voting at the annual conference including a resolution on pain clinics, reporting by law enforcement and drug pedigree.

Please note that according to the Bylaws, for resolutions to be considered at the conference a 2/3 majority vote must be obtained, however we would encourage all members who might have a last minute resolution to forward it to a member of the Resolutions/Bylaws Committee.

The Committee did not have any recommended changes to the Bylaws this year.

Important Notice Regarding NASCSA's Executive Committee

After 20 years of state service with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as the Director of the Drug Control Program, Dr. Grant Carrow recently announced his retirement from state service. Dr. Carrow served as an officer

heavily on volunteers throughout the year and during the annual conference. There are many volunteer opportunities including assisting during the business meetings, serving on committees and serving as an officer or member of the Executive Committee. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kathy Keough at kathykeough@nascsa.org or KathyKeough@nascsa.org or a member of the Executive Committee to learn how you can get involved.

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 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.

DEA to Hold Fifth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, Sept 29, 2012

The US Drug Enforcement Administration will conduct its fifth national

and board member of NASCSA for the past nine years and most recently has served as chair of the Executive Committee. We wish Dr. Carrow well in his future endeavors and thank him for his many contributions over the years to the organization.

In accordance with NASCSA's bylaws that require the chair to have served as a past officer of the organization, the Executive Committee has selected Danna Droz, RPh., J.D., from the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, to serve as chair through October. Ms. Droz had previously served as President of NASCSA.

Countdown Begins to NASCSA's Annual Conference Oct. 23-26, 2012

Reminder: Hotel Deadline is October 1

Registration is now open for the 28th Annual Conference of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities to take place at the Hotel Valley Ho in Scottsdale, Arizona October 23-26, 2012. This year's conference will continue to offer informative and diverse topics as well as an opportunity to network with colleagues and participate in several important business meetings throughout the conference. The Hotel Valley Ho is located in historic Scottsdale, Arizona and is within easy walking distance to many of the finest restaurants in the city as well as shopping and historic sites. The program, registration information, and hotel information can be found on our website [here](#). Please note the room block is only being held until October 1, 2012 so it is important to reserve your room prior to that date.

The hotel features complimentary Wi-Fi access. You will need to make your own transportation arrangements (cab or super shuttle) from the airport to the hotel. Please note that there will be a luncheon on Thursday to provide an opportunity for attendees to stay on the property and network with their colleagues. For information on exhibitor or sponsorship opportunities please contact Kathy Keough at kathykeough@nascsa.org.

prescription drug "take back" day on September 29, 2012. Consumers may safely dispose of unwanted medications at one of thousands of collection sites coordinated by DEA and provided by law enforcement agencies and community organizations in all 50 states and United States jurisdictions. The DEA online collection site locator will be available in August 2012. The DEA online collection site locator is found [here](#).

Please note that the Executive Committee of the Alliance of States With Prescription Monitoring Programs will be meeting on the morning of October 23, prior to the commencement of NASCSA's conference. Additional details will be posted on the Alliance and NASCSA websites for those who are interested in attending.

It's Dues Renewal Time!

As a small nonprofit organization, NASCSA relies on dues from its members to help support its operations and to continue to provide valuable services to its members.

Dues statements for this year (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013) should have been received, however, there are still a number of states that have not yet paid their dues. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office. If you need to update any information, please make sure to complete the membership application to ensure we have updated contact information. Please note that in order for states to be eligible for full participation in the organization, including voting, running for office, travel scholarships and the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program grant program, dues must be paid in full.

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