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Important Dues Information

Membership dues notices will be mailed in the next two weeks so please be on the lookout.

Dues for members in good standing run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. So please be on the lookout for invoices.

If you prefer to pay by credit card please contact the office and we can send you an electronic invoice we can pay securely.

Membership applications can be found [here](#). Note that given the overwhelming success of our webinars, a slight change has been made for associate members to limit the number of attendees permitted in webinars as a way to encourage more organizations to consider becoming a sponsor or joining as an associate individual member.

Please note our mailing address has changed to the following so please make sure your accounts payable department updates their records. The address is:

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President's Message

Greetings!

I hope this message finds everyone doing well as we begin to see some resemblance of normalcy as we finally emerge from 15 months of COVID-19 related restrictions.

I have great news to report, based on member feedback from the recent survey, the NASCOSA Executive Committee decided to proceed with the "IN-PERSON" **2021 NASCOSA Annual Conference and Business Meeting** October 25-28, 2021. Also based on member feedback, the Executive Committee decided to change the venue from Minneapolis to the **Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas**. As many of you may remember, this is the same venue which held the 2017 NASCOSA Annual Conference and the hotel has since undergone a renovation in 2019. The Executive Committee is planning to reschedule the Minneapolis venue to 2023.

Information regarding the conference such as conference registration & program, hotel registration, and travel scholarship applications can be found on the NASCOSA website, we will continue to update the information as it becomes available. We certainly look forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio!

In other news, NASCOSA Vice President Christie Frick has left her position with the South Carolina Prescription Monitoring Program for a position in the private sector. In accordance with the NASCOSA bylaws, Christie will have to vacate her Executive Committee position at the conclusion of the next Executive Committee meeting held on June 11. Christie has been an incredible leader and asset to NASCOSA, she has represented South Carolina with the utmost integrity and professionalism. Christie has been not only a colleague but a friend, I am very saddened by her departure but I wish her the very best.

I look forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio!

Joe Fontenot
NASCOSA President

Sponsorship Information

On behalf of NASCSA we wish to extend a very special thanks to our sponsors who help support us during the conference and throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please visit our website [here](#).

For a complete list of our valued sponsors click [here](#).

NASCSA will be periodically featuring sponsors in our new "sponsor spotlight" section of our newsletter throughout the year.

NASCSA's Task Force Issues Recommendations to Update the Model PMP Act

In 2019 a Task Force was convened by NASCSA to update the Model Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Act. The purpose of the Task Force was to review and update language to the NASCSA 2016 Model PMP Act to address current and emerging uses and practices of PMPs. The Task Force was comprised of PMP Administrators and Stakeholders with expertise and understanding of PMPs. Members included Kevin Borchert (NE), Joe Fontenot (LA), Christie Frick (SC), Katrina Howard (MN), Stephanie Mueller (MS), Doug Skvarla (AZ), Jason Slavoski (DE), Sherry Green, and Kathy Zahn (ND).

Stakeholders from multiple organizations and agencies were provided an opportunity to comment on the initial draft language from the Task Force. Recently the Task Force, presented its recommendations to both the PMP Committee as well as the Executive Committee, both of whom unanimously voted to support this important initiative.

Save the Date for This Year's Annual Conference

The 37th annual conference will be here before you know it and will take place **October 25-28, 2021** in **San Antonio, Texas** at the **Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk**. Room rates are \$149 single/double occupancy. We will be posting more information in the coming weeks on how to book your reservation as soon as it's available.

A preliminary agenda, hotel information and conference registration information can be found [here](#) and will be updated frequently. We strongly urge members to book your hotel early as this is a particularly busy time of year and the hotel is extremely popular. We have a number of exciting sessions during this year's conference so stay tuned and please make sure to check the 2021 conference website frequently for important updates.

NASCSA Travel Scholarship Applications/Instructions Now Available

The Executive Committee of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) has authorized the awarding of six (6) travel scholarships to attend this year's annual conference, that we intend to take place in person **October 25-28, 2021** in **San Antonio, Texas**. Travel scholarship criteria as well as the application instructions have been posted [here](#). The deadline for submitting applications is July 23, 2021. We strongly encourage regular members to take advantage of this important opportunity and membership advantage provided by NASCSA.



Bill Ward Education Award Application Info Now Available

We are pleased to announce the Bill Ward Education Award in honor of Bill who was a long-time NASCSA member and former webmaster who lost his courageous battle with cancer in 2018. Regular members are strongly encouraged to view the criteria and submit nominations for this prestigious award. The deadline for nominations is July 23, 2021. More information can be found [here](#).

NASCSA Committee Reports

Attached please find the updated [Act](#) along with a comprehensive [summary](#) of the revisions. The updated Model Act will be formally presented and acted on at this year's annual meeting. In the meantime we recommend that members familiarize themselves with both the summary of changes and updated Model Act.



Sponsor Spotlight: Hyman, Phelps & McNamara, PC

It is no coincident why Hyman, Phelps & McNamara (“HPM”) has been a longtime supporter and sponsor of NASCA. HPM has counselled, advised and represented clients nationwide on federal and state legal and regulatory issues involving controlled substances, prescriptions drugs and precursor chemicals since 1980. HPM, a boutique law firm of 40 attorneys in Washington, D.C., specializes in food, drug, cosmetic and medical device issues. HPM was named U.S. News and World Report’s “FDA Law Firm of the Year” for 2021 and is ranked as a “Tier 1” law firm in FDA Law.

Their faces may be more recognizable than their names to NASCSA members. John Gilbert regularly provides his highly anticipated Legislative, Regulatory and Case Law Update at NASCSA’s annual conference. HPM Directors Karla Palmer and Larry Houck also frequently present and participate at NASCSA programs. Larry serves on NASCSA’s Resolutions and Bylaws Committee and received the organization’s President’s Award in 2018. John, Karla and Larry draw on wide expertise and deep experience in the controlled substances arena. Before joining HPM in 1995, John was an

Resolutions/Bylaws Committee – is currently reviewing the bylaws for any changes/updates. In addition, the Committee is requesting any member interested in submitting a resolution for consideration at the annual business meeting to send draft resolutions/ideas to kathykeough@nascsa.org for consideration.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee continues to monitor NASCSA’s finances to ensure that we are in financially sound and has been diversifying its investments to maximize returns.

Education Committee – the Committee has had an exceptional year holding numerous successful webinars throughout the year for members/sponsors including two upcoming webinars later this summer (**July 1** and **August 4**) and more to come. If you have a speaker/topic for consideration please let us know. All webinars are found [here](#). Additionally, there are a number of podcasts that have been produced and several more in the pipeline. All can be found [here](#).

Membership Committee – The Committee updated the Annual Conference Travel Scholarship application and the Bill Ward Education Award application and encourages eligible individuals to apply. Please click [here](#) to access the instructions and applications. Applications are due by July 23, 2021, and awardees will be notified no later than August 13, 2021. The Membership Committee has also been focusing on sponsor and member recruitment and engagement. Click [here](#) for more information.

Controlled Substances Committee – The committee has been working to identify helpful resources on controlled substances for members here. If you have additional suggestions please feel free to pass on the information.

Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)

Committee - has had a busy and productive past several months. Some highlights include:

Welcoming new members to the PMP Committee

- Brainstorming topics and speakers for NASCSA’s Annual Conference
- Reviewing the revisions made to NASCSA’s Model PMP Act
- Performing outreach to PMP administrators to ensure their contact information is current on NASCSA’s website
- Making website suggestions and improvements, specifically pertaining to PMP-content
- Holding robust discussions in the subcommittees, especially, the PMP Data Integrity Subcommittee.

As a sneak peak, this subcommittee is working towards facilitating another PMP Data Submitter Roundtable at the Annual Conference. Stay tuned!

News From the States

Missouri Becomes the 50th State to Create a Prescription Monitoring Program

attorney in DEA's Office of Chief Counsel, Diversion/Regulatory Section. Karla has over 27 years of litigation experience, now focusing on DEA and FDA enforcement matters. Larry was a DEA diversion investigator in the field and staff coordinator at headquarters for 15 years before joining HPM in 2001.

HPM invites the NASCSA community to visit HPM's website (<https://hpm.com/>) and keep updated on controlled substance and other drug legislative and regulatory developments by signing up for its award winning FDA Law Blog (<https://www.fdalawblog.net/>).

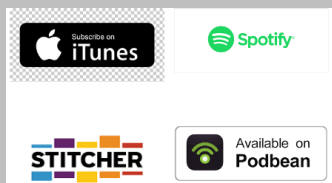
Consider Donating to NASCSA

Did you know that you can contribute to NASCSA online? As a 501(C)(3) nonprofit is a great organization to consider donating to.

To donate please click [here](#).

NASCSA is on Twitter

NASCSA is pleased to announce that it is now on Twitter and the number of followers continues to grow each month so please follow us at [@NASCSA](#).



Don't Forget to Check out NASCSA's Podcasts!

The Education Committee, co-chaired by Alan McGill of the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General's Office and Kari Shandard-Koenders, South Dakota Board of Pharmacy,

After years of failed attempts to establish a statewide Prescription Monitoring Program, Missouri recently became the 50th state to create a long-sought statewide prescription drug monitoring program. In a ceremony at the Capitol, Gov. Mike Parson signed the so-called PDMP into law after after year's of efforts to get the bill passed.

New Ohio Pharmacy Cabinet/Safe Regulation

Outpatient pharmacies in Ohio must now store all schedule II controlled substance dangerous drugs in a "securely locked, substantially constructed cabinet or safe," which must remain locked and secured when not in use. Ohio Admin. Code 4729:5-5-23(A) (5). Schedule II substances can no longer be dispersed among a pharmacy's stock of dangerous drugs. Pharmacies may store schedule III through V controlled substance dangerous drugs with schedule II controlled substance dangerous drugs in a safe or cabinet or continue to disperse them among non-controlled substances. *Id.*

The Board of Pharmacy has determined that such a cabinet or safe must be:

- Substantially constructed to generally resist entry by unauthorized persons;
- Able to be securely locked to prevent unauthorized access.
- Permanently constructed, attached to the building structure or fixtures, or be of such a size and weight that it would generally prevent the cabinet or safe from being physically removed from the premises. Ohio Board of Pharmacy, Inspection Guide: Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs Outpatient Pharmacy 11 (Updated Jan. 11, 2021).

Though effective December 1, 2020, the Board of Pharmacy delayed implementation of this new requirement until March 31, 2021, because of COVID-19. *Id.* 45.

Upcoming Webinars

[July 1, 2021 3-4 p.m. ET](#) - *From Benzodiazepines through Opioids, and Now Cannabinoid's: a Look Back at the Treatment of Psychological Trauma in the United States With Emphasis on Pain*

Speaker: Bennet Davis, M.D., Medical Director, Pain Rehabilitation Program Director, Sierra Tucson Medical Director, Weitzman Pain ECHO

[August 3, 2021 3-4 p.m. ET](#) - *Expanding Access to Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder - A Report by the Pew Charitable Trusts*

Speaker: Beth Connolly directs the Pew Charitable Trust's substance use prevention and treatment initiative

reminds members of the availability of a number of exciting podcasts which are available [here](#) and on most platforms.

Note: Webinars are open to members and sponsors. For more registration information click [here](#).