

Meet NASCSA'S Officers and Executive Committee 2009-2010

Grant Carrow, Ph.D., is Director of the Drug Control Program (DCP) in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), a position in which he has served since 1993. DCP enforces the Commonwealth's Controlled Substances Act by setting standards and conducting regulatory oversight activities with respect to the control of manufacture, distribution, prescribing, dispensing and administration of pharmaceuticals. Among its roles, the DCP sets standards for prescription format and security and manages the Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program. As part of his responsibilities, Dr. Carrow serves as Principal Investigator on enhancement grants for the Prescription Monitoring Program from the U.S. Department of Justice and on a research grant on electronic prescribing of controlled substances from the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. In addition to his responsibilities at MDPH, Dr. Carrow serves on the Executive Committees of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities and the Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs. Prior to joining MDPH in 1992, Dr. Carrow served as a Senior Health Policy Advisor in the Health Office of the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources. He is a graduate of Cornell University and received his doctorate in Cellular and Developmental Biology from Harvard University.

Brian Howes received a Masters degree in Business Organizational Management from the University of LaVerne in 1998. Brian worked for several years as a police officer before becoming an investigator for the State of Alaska's Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing in 1998. The Division is an umbrella agency comprising of 42+ (still growing) professions. Brian currently serves as the Division's Chief Investigator and Coordinator for Alaska's Prescription Monitoring System.

Mark Keeley is an Ohio native and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Toledo. Mark worked in hospital, retail, and home infusion pharmacy settings until 1993 when he became a Compliance Specialist for the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. As a Compliance Specialist he enforced the drug laws of Ohio by conducting administrative and criminal investigations and inspections of licensed sites. In 2000, Mark was promoted to Legislative Affairs Administrator at the Board. His duties include monitoring, evaluating and recommending the Board's response to proposed federal and state legislation and rules. Additionally, he is responsible for the administrative rule and exam processes, grant research and writing, and supervising the fiscal and drug information departments of the Board office.

Frances L. Kelly, M.P.A., M.Ed., is the Executive Director for Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. Frances and her staff of 90 are responsible the administration of 38 different boards and committees, which include 270 board members and just over 400,000 active license holders. The boards include medical, nursing, pharmacy and oversight for the prescription monitoring program. Ms. Kelly is a graduate of Indiana University with a B.S. degree in Business from the Kelley School of Business and M.P.A. degree in Public Administration from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. She also received a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Ohio University and was a certified Emergency Medical Technician. Ms. Kelly previously held positions as Chief Deputy Coroner for the Marion County Coroner's Office, Director of the Indiana Pharmacy and Medical Licensing Boards and as Project Coordinator with the Edison Biotech Center in Ohio prior to returning to Health Professions Bureau and Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. She has also been a participant in research on drug-related overdose deaths in Marion County with the Indianapolis Drug Enforcement Administration office and served on review panels for child fatalities and homicide associations and is the past Chapter President for the National Association for Drug Diversion Investigators and currently serves as Historian and conference chair for the national chapter of NADDI.

Kathy Keough is Executive Director of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA), having served in that capacity for the past seven years. Prior to that she served as President of NASCSA and had several leadership positions in the organization. Ms. Keough has nearly 25 years of experience in the health care industry, specifically in the areas of health care policy and related regulatory issues. In addition to her

work with NASCSA, she previously served as Executive Director of Government Affairs and Continuing Education at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and worked at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health where she held a variety of policy positions. She has served as a member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing and is active in a variety of charitable organizations. A graduate of Suffolk University, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, Ms. Keough received her Master's Degree from the McCormick Institute of Public Policy from the University of Massachusetts in Boston. She currently serves as a member of the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association Board of Directors and was the recipient of the "Pharmacist of the Year" Award from that organization in 2007.

Ronald Klein is currently Executive Director of the Montana Board of Pharmacy, where he is responsible for supervising pharmacy inspectors as office staff and oversees day to day operations of the Board. Prior to his current position, Mr. Klein served for nearly 10 years as a pharmacy inspector with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in the Credentialing Division, Regulation and Licensure where he performed inspections of pharmacies and other health care settings and worked closely with DEA and FDA on investigations. He is a 1981 graduate of St. John's University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions where he earned his Master of Science in Pharmacy Administration Degree. He is a member of wide range of professional associations related to pharmacy.

Ralph Orr is currently serving as the Program Manager for Virginia's Prescription Monitoring Program and has held this position full time since July 2005. He is responsible for administering the prescription monitoring program for the Department of Health Professions to include federal grant management, contract oversight and the operation and expansion of the program. Prior to taking this position he served as Deputy Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy. His responsibilities with the Board included the inspection program, licensure program, innovative and robotic program management and public information services. He is retired from the United States Army after more than 22 years of service.

Mr. Orr received his B.S. in Public Administration from Brenau College, Gainesville, Georgia, is a 2002 graduate of the Commonwealth Management Institute and a 2006 graduate of the Advanced Management Institute. He serves as a member on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Karen Tannert received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin, and recently received her Masters in Public Health at the Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health. She has been a pharmacist for 18 years and has worked for Walmart, Kroger and various other retail pharmacies. She has been working in the Drugs and Medical Devices Group of the Texas Department of State Health Services for ten years. Her duties include amending the Texas Schedules of Controlled Substances; review of drug, cosmetic, and dietary supplement labels; review of legislation; and revision of regulations relating to the various programs the Group oversees.

Dean Wright holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy. Dean worked in retail and long-term care pharmacy setting until 1991 when he became a Compliance Officer for the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy. As a Compliance Officer, he conducted compliance visits at regulated facilities, investigated complaints and violations of state and federal drug laws. In 1994, in addition to his regular duties, Dean became the Board's rule writer. In August 2007, he left compliance and moved into the Board office to become the Director of the Board's Prescription Monitoring Program.