

# NASCSA NEWS

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## NASCSA Announces Availability of 2011 Prescription Drug Monitoring Grants

*Deadline to apply: January 5, 2011*

The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) is the recipient of a \$200,000 grant for FY2011 from Purdue Pharma, LLP to assist states with funding Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) for the purpose of operating and expanding such programs, and promoting the ability of state PDMPs to address the abuse and diversion of controlled substances through education.

NASCSA's Special Projects Committee, comprised of three members, will review proposed projects and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for final approval and determination. The Executive Committee will solely be responsible for the selection of grant recipients and the determination of award amounts.

The maximum amount of each grant is \$20,000, unless special circumstances warrant awarding a grant in an amount in excess of \$20,000. Smaller projects costing \$5,000 - \$10,000 each are also encouraged.

Applications must be received no later than **5 p.m. on January 5, 2011**. For a complete set of criteria go to: [NASCSA's website](#).

## NASCSA Holds Annual Conference

*Attendance Record Set*

This year's 26th annual conference took place last month in Charleston, South Carolina at the Embassy Suites Hotel setting an attendance record of over 150 attendees from over 32 states as well as industry representatives. In an effort to "go green" attendees provided conference evaluations and feedback electronically and preliminary results are extremely positive. The 2011 Program Committee will begin meeting shortly and will review conference feedback as it plans next year's conference, to take place in Portland, Maine October 18-21, 2011.

Among the highlights of this years conference include the following:

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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 [www.nascsa.org](http://www.nascsa.org) under "News."

### Election of Officers:

The following officers were elected:

- Karen Tannert (TX) - Chair
- Grant Carrow (MA) - President
- Mark Keeley (OH) - Vice President
- Ralph Orr (VA) - Secretary/Treasurer
- Dean Wright (AZ) - Executive Committee
- Ronald Klein (MT) - Executive Committee
- Brian Howes (AK) - Executive Committee
- Peg Clifford (NH) - Executive Committee

### Adoption of Bylaws:

During one of three business sessions, NASCSA's members voted to amend it's bylaws. Copies of the amended bylaws are posted at:

<http://www.nascsa.org/bylaws.htm>

### Adoption of Resolutions:

A record number of resolutions, all of which can be found on NASCSA's website were approved including the following:

- Resolution in recognition of Charles Nix
- Resolution in recognition of Stan Tylman
- Resolution recommending states define and address "doctor shopping"
- Resolution recommending states require tamper proof prescriptions
- Resolution recommending states require the presentation of positive identification for dispensing controlled substances
- Resolution on continuing education for prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances
- Resolution endorsing the Prescription Monitoring Program Model Act
- Resolution supporting the implementation of medication collection and disposal programs

Presentations, conference highlights and a photo gallery are found at:

<http://www.nascsa.org/conference2010.htm>

A very special thanks to our sponsors who help support NASCSA during the conference and throughout the year. Sponsors are listed [here](#).

***NASCSA will be launching an online community. More details will be released in January 2011.***



*NASCSA President Grant Carrow is shown presenting the 2010 President's Award to Bonnie Barnard of Walgreens for her many year's of support to NASCSA.*

## NABP Developing System to Link PMPs Across States to Facilitate Data Exchange

In response to an expressed need by prescription monitoring program (PMP) administrators for a way to facilitate the sharing and exchanging of data among PMP systems, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) will be developing an interconnected communications hub for state PMPs. The "interconnect hub," which will be operational in nine months, will be made accessible to the states at little or no cost in order to help further the protection of the public health - a mission shared by the state boards of pharmacy and NABP.

Once the system is in place, authorized clients will log in to their PMP as usual and make requests for information from other participating PMPs through the interconnect hub 24 hours a day. The interconnect hub will facilitate the completion of the data request so that clients can quickly obtain the data they need to identify possible prescription drug abuse and diversion. The interconnect hub will also enforce each program's access rules to ensure only authorized and appropriate access to information. Used only to facilitate the communications process, the interconnect hub will retain no prescription data and all PMP data will

remain resident with the PMP. For more information go to:  
[NABP's press release.](#)

## North Dakota PMP Releases Study

North Dakota's Prescription Monitoring Program recently released a report conducted by the University of North Dakota evaluating the state's on-line training program for prescribers and dispensers about the program and use of data collected. The study showed a great deal of satisfaction with the training provided as well as positive feedback on their understanding of how to access the information. A copy of the report is found [here](#).

## Ohio Man Convicted of Pill Distribution Conspiracy in Kentucky

An Ohio man was convicted on November 5th, 2010, of leading a drug conspiracy that was responsible for the illegal distribution of at least 40,000 prescription pills in parts of Eastern Kentucky. For full details see the press release issued by the [US Drug Enforcement Administration](#).

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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