Don’t Miss the June 22, 2018 Travel Scholarship Deadline

The Executive Committee has authorized the awarding of six (6) travel scholarships to attend this year’s annual conference. Travel scholarship criteria as well as the application form and instructions have already been posted [here](#). The deadline for submitting applications is June 22, 2018.

Save the Date for our Annual Conference

The 34th annual conference will take place at the [Hotel Valley Ho](#) October 30-November 2, 2018 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Registration information as well as information on hotel accommodations is available on our website [here](#). We strongly urge members to book your hotel early as this is a particularly busy time of year and the hotel is extremely popular. Check the website on a regular basis for updates.

NASCSA Committee Spotlight

NASCSA’s Education Committee has been hard at work and recently organized its first webinar on May 8th “The Impact of the Opioid Crisis - An Insurers Perspective: Claims, Liabilities and Control Considerations” featuring Mike Warren, ARM, PHST, Risk Manager for Pharmacists.
positions that are open. If you are interested in serving please email Ralph Orr at ralph.orr@dhp.virginia.gov, indicate the position you are interested in running for and submit a copy of your resume.

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.

State Regulatory Developments

Did you know that NASCSA publishes a monthly compilation of state regulatory actions related to pharmacy and controlled substances. State Regulatory Developments is located on the website here.

Follow NASCSA on Twitter

NASCSA is pleased to announce that it is now on Twitter and the Mutual. Based on the terrific response the committee is already planning additional webinars this September so stay tuned for more information.

DEA Announces the Establishment of a new Diversion Office in Omaha

The US Drug Enforcement Administration recently announced the establishment of the Omaha Field Division - it’s 23rd division office in the United States. The division will include Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The Omaha Division will be led by Special Agent in Charge Matthew R. Barde, who comes from the St. Louis Division where he served as Associate Special Agent in Charge.

House Begins Consideration of Dozens of Bills to Combat the Opioid Crisis

Over the next two weeks, the House of Representatives will consider dozens of bills to combat the opioid crisis. This effort will begin this week with the consideration of numerous bipartisan bills.

A full list of bills to be considered will be posted here, as they become available.

Criminals Posing as Pharmacists Conducting Fraudulent Prescriptions Requests without Doctors' or Patients' Knowledge Throughout the United States

The Washington Field Office of the FBI, in coordination with Office of Private Sector, have issued a warning about fraudulent prescriptions affecting physicians and patients across the United States. FBI information indicated there are approximately sixty reported fraudulent prescription requests. If you have knowledge of such activity, report it to
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your security office, wf-healthcarefraud@ic.fbi.gov, and your local FBI Field Office.

Since March 2017, several partially-identified pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies have requested medical prescriptions and/or supplies without the physician's and patient's knowledge. The companies sent the alleged fraudulent requests through a fax-to-computer system originating from doctors' offices across the United States. These requests included ointments, over-the-counter medications, and diabetic supplies.

The Scheme - The perpetrators represented themselves as representatives of the above-mentioned companies. They contacted patients to obtain the patients' primary care contact information. The perpetrators then use the information to obtain authorization from the physician via fax.

FBI information indicated the perpetrators used the following Fax numbers:

• 800-581-1299
• 866-705-4069
• 866-462-7769
• 561-331-6061
• 800-868-8136
• 866-242-5573
• 866-308-4114
• 866-583-0576
• 888-641-0060
• 888-290-8812

The fraudulent prescription requests included the following medications:

• Diclofenac sodium solution (1.5 percent) and gel (3 percent)
• Omeprazole sodium bicarbonate
• Triamcinolone acetonide cream (0.1 percent)
• Lidocaine ointment

Please direct any requests and questions to your FBI Private Sector Coordinator at your local FBI Field Office: https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices. If you have knowledge of such activity, report it to your security office,
wf-healthcarefraud@ic.fbi.gov, and your local FBI Field Office.