



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

2018-2019 Committee Reports

Controlled Substances Authorities Committee

The Controlled Substances Authorities Committee was established this year in order to identify more global issues pertaining to controlled substances. The committee meetings so far have focused primarily on speakers and topics for this year's conference including the Patient & Communities Act (HR6); suspicious order monitoring from both state and industry perspective; naloxone prescribing; and marijuana, CBD and hemp laws. The committee is already planning on relevant and interesting topics for next year's conference. The committee started working on developing questions for a future survey; both updating routine information and focusing on more targeted topics. The committee is looking forward to digging deeper into issues that will continue to support NASCSA's goals.

Membership Committee

This year the Membership Committee developed a special memorial education award in honor of long-time state member, committee member, volunteer, webmaster, photographer and friend, William P. "Bill" Ward, which was awarded to an individual that has been recognized to have made significant contributions that have influenced positive change in the field of controlled substance regulations. Additionally, the Membership Committee revised the Travel Scholarship criteria and has been working diligently in identifying ways to increase NASCSA membership.

Education Committee

The NASCSA Education Committee meet nearly every month via conference call. Together, they discuss educational opportunities and topics. This year, the committee concentrated on Webinars with a goal of providing one educational webinar per quarter or four a year. We succeeded in conducting three and anticipate our fourth webinar in early December. Additionally, we now intend to provide PODCASTS for the membership as well as the general public. These will be in various formats for the intent of educating our members and others on various topics. The intention is to provide one podcast per month or 12 a year. Each educational topic, whether it is a Webinar or PODCAST, is selected by the education committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The committee looks forward to expanding educational opportunities throughout 2020 and beyond.

Prescription Monitoring Committee

NASCSA's PMP Committee had a busy and productive year. Activities included brainstorming PMP-specific presentations and workshops for NASCSA's Annual Conference, preparing an action plan to ensure NASCSA's Model Act remains current and applicable, reviewing various topics for potential NASCSA resolutions, formulating a survey to be sent to PMP administrators, and responding to various requests from the Executive Committee. If you are a PMP administrator and are interested in participating in NASCSA's PMP Committee, you are encouraged to sign up at the Annual Conference or express interest to NASCSA's president.