

## NASCOSA News

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### DEA Issues Proposed Production Quotas

The US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) late last week issued proposed production quotas for Schedule I and II Controlled Substances and Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine for 2023. To view the notice click [here](#).

We are also delighted to note that DEA recognized the assistance of NASCOSA members in the proposed rule and we look forward to our continued partnership with DEA.

### Volunteers Needed

Want to give back to NASCOSA, have fun, and meet new colleagues? Several Committees are looking for additional members to join this year including the Program Committee, Controlled Substances Committee, Education Committee,

## President's Message

October is upon us which means the annual training conference. The stage is set. The lights are about to come on. The speakers are ready, and our Executive Director is anxious to raise the curtain. Over 150 have registered so far! The Executive Committee and I are eager to see our friends and colleagues, both familiar and new. The committees have worked hard all year for our biggest event. On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you to all our members and sponsors for another year of hard work. We couldn't do it without you. Wishing you safe travels and looking forward to all of us coming together in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah!

*Alan McGill*  
President

## Last Chance to Join Us at NASCOSA's 2022 Annual Conference

Registration is now underway for our 38th annual conference that will take place October 24-27, 2022 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

For more information including the latest program, speaker list, registration information is found on the conference website [here](#).

**Important Note:** the conference will begin on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 8:15 am and conclude on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 11 am. We will hold our welcoming dinner and reception on Monday evening at the conclusion of the day's sessions.

We are seeing great attendance so don't delay and see you next week!

## Important Notice - Regular Members

The Business Meeting begins promptly at 1:15 pm on Monday, October 24, 2022. Please make certain you

Membership, Survey/Data and Resolutions/Bylaws Committee. If you are interested please contact the office or let one of the members of the Executive Committee know. Each committee sets their own schedule and makes an attempt to accommodate the members' schedule. A list of committees and their responsibilities can be found on our website [here](#). Most committees meet no more than monthly. A list of committees and responsibilities is posted [here](#).

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## **Volunteers Needed - 40th Anniversary Committee**

It's hard to believe but NASCSA will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve on our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee that will offer recommendations to celebrate this important milestone.

If you are interested please contact the office at 617-347-1455 or email [kathykeough@nascsa.org](mailto:kathykeough@nascsa.org).

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## **DEA Publishes New Diversion Headquarters Org Chart**

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recently pushed its Diversion Headquarters Organizational Chart that includes names and titles. The listing can be found [here](#).

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## **A Special Thanks to our Sponsors**

NASCSA wishes to extend a very special thanks to our sponsors who help support NASCSA during the conference and

are present at this time as a roll call will be held in order to establish a quorum.

In the case where there are multiple attendees from a regular member state, territory or district in attendance at the meeting, please confer and determine who will be casting the sole vote pursuant to the bylaws that allow a single vote per state, territory or district on association matters.

Please take a few moments to review the proposed resolutions which are available online. Additional copies will also be available.

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## **Resolutions/Bylaws Committee Update**

The Resolutions/Bylaws Committee has been hard at work over the past several months reviewing proposed resolutions for consideration by regular members at this year's annual conference and business meeting. The Committee is chaired by Eric Griffin, Ohio Board of Pharmacy, Vice President of NASCSA and consists of members Terri Witkowski-Iowa Board of Pharmacy/PMP, Larry Houck – Hyman, Phelps & McNamara, Stephanie Mueller – MS Board of Pharmacy and Shannon Tonn – Minnesota Board of Pharmacy. To date there are no proposed changes to the bylaws. However the committee has put forth a number of Resolutions for consideration:

- Resolution 2022-01 - A Resolution Relative to Scheduling Gabapentin as a Schedule V Controlled Substance
- Resolution 2022-02 - A Resolution Encouraging the Review of Status of Schedule 1 Drugs
- Resolution 2022-03 - A Resolution Relative to Prescription Monitoring Program Data Integrity
- Resolution 2022-04 - A Resolution Encouraging the Expanded Role of Pharmacists to Address the Opioid Crisis
- Resolution 2022-05 - A Resolution Recognizing Ralph Orr
- Resolution 2022-06 - A Resolution Recognizing Sherry Green
- Resolution 2022-07 - A Resolution Recognizing Terry Woodworth
- Resolution 2022-08 - A Resolution Relative to Requiring Enhanced Storage of Controlled Substances by Non-Practitioners (note: this requires a 2/3 vote by the membership present to be considered)

Please click [here](#) to review the proposed resolutions.

Per Article XXII of the [Bylaws](#) resolutions must be presented 45 days in advance of the annual meeting.

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throughout the year.

Check out our sponsors [here](#).



## Sponsor Spotlight - Bamboo Health

Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) are critical to the mission of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA), helping to prevent the misuse and diversion of controlled substances. Bamboo Health provides the nation's most comprehensive prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) solutions through our years of experience with partnerships across 44 unique PDMPs. Bamboo Health's advanced analytics, real-time clinical decision support, and critical insights and interventions support more than 1.6 million physicians, pharmacists, and care team members across hundreds of millions of patients encounters each year.

Our solutions have demonstrated leadership and continued support of state PDMP innovations designed to maximize the effectiveness of the PDMP for its users. Our solutions include the ability to add clinical tools such as clinical alerts, intuitive data graphs, peer-to-peer messaging which enable prescribers and pharmacists to better evaluate PDMP reports. In addition, Bamboo Health's PDMP integration protocol through the PMP Gateway solution supports an estimated 1 billion patient queries annually across 48 states. States who adopt our statewide integration solution realize a 6-8-fold increase in PDMP queries while

## Special Request - NASCSA Members

During last week's webinar "How Criminals Sneak Counterfeit Drugs Into the US Supply Chain" conducted by Shabbir Imber Safdar, Executive Director of the Partnership for Safe Medicines (PSM), a request was made that NASCSA members share any marketing emails they might receive or have access to from gray market wholesalers to share them with PSM's research team so they can learn how these wholesalers operate. If you or your colleagues receive such things, please forward them to the PSM research team at [editors@safemedicines.org](mailto:editors@safemedicines.org). PSM will not disclose the identity of any recipient of these emails.

## Joint Economic Committee Releases Cost of Opioid Crisis Report

The Joint Economic Committee of Congress recently released a new [analysis](#) of the cost of the ongoing opioid epidemic. The analysis finds that the opioid crisis cost the U.S. nearly \$1.5 trillion in 2020, a nearly 50% increase of \$487 billion over 2019. This cost includes expenses for health care, criminal justice, lost productivity, lower quality of life, and the projected value of lives lost.

The analysis recommended several policy solutions to address the opioid epidemic, including addressing the barriers to healthcare, increasing opioid death data collection, and prioritizing medical treatment over incarceration. Additional details are available on the Joint Economic Committee [website](#).

## DEA Announces Results of Enforcement Surge to Reduce the Fentanyl Supply Across the US

More than 10.2 million fentanyl pills and about 980 pounds of fentanyl powder were confiscated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) between May 23, 2022, and September 8, 2022, as part of the [One Pill Can Kill](#) campaign. The amount of fentanyl seized during this five-month operation is equal to more than 36 million lethal doses removed from the illegal drug supply. In addition to illicit pills, DEA seized 338 weapons. Out of the 390 cases that were tied to this operation, 51 cases were linked to overdose poisonings, and 129 were tied to social media platforms.

## DEA Take Back Day Is October 29, 2022

significantly improving user satisfaction. As responsible leaders in this market, we are proud to partner with our State PDMP partners to continue to innovate and enhance our solutions to deliver on this mission, ensuring that we get the right information in front of the right clinicians, at the right time, and in the right place. For more information visit [www.bamboohealth.com](http://www.bamboohealth.com)

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## Social Media Update

Did you know that NASCSA is now on most social media platforms?

Linkedin - follow [here](#)

Youtube - follow [here](#) (we will be posting some (but not all) webinars that will be available for viewing.

Twitter @[NASCSA](#)

Please follow us and share this information widely.

In addition, NASCSA offers several podcasts of significant interest to our members available on most podcast platforms.



Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced that the next [National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#) will take place on October 29, 2022, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Individuals can turn in their unneeded or expired medications at a collection site within their city.

During the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Take Back Day held on April 30, 2022, there were 5,144 total collections sites and 360 tons or 721,093 lbs of unused medications were collected in total. To locate a collection site click [here](#).

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## NASCSA Webinars

NASCSA has several upcoming webinars that are open to [members](#) and [sponsors](#) that will be taking place in the next several months.

For more information click [here](#).

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