

June 26, 2022

Important Membership Dues Announcement

Dues Notices have been sent to all members in May however as with many businesses, we are experiencing significant issues with the US Postal Service. If you need a duplicate invoice or are sure of the status of your membership please contact the office at 617-347-1455 or kathykeough@nascsa.org. An electronic invoice can be generated in order to pay due securely.

Mark Your Calendars! NASCSA Fall Webinars Announced!

NASCSA's Education Committee is pleased to announce a number of exciting webinars that are offered for members and sponsored in the coming months. Webinars include the following:

- **September 14, 2022 3-4 pm ET - The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Detecting Diversion**
- **September 28, 2022 3-4 pm ET – NASCSA Town Hall**
- **November 9, 2022 3-4 pm ET - Fraud Activity – Pharmaceutical Distribution Supply Chains**

Registration for each of the upcoming webinars is found [here](#). Note Attendance is **solely** limited to members and sponsors.

President's Message

Friends and Colleagues

As summer is upon us, our executive board has eyes to the fall in eager anticipation of our annual conference. This year we are excited to be in Salt Lake City. It is our first time visiting this beautiful location and we look forward to seeing you all there. Our program committee has put together another great lineup of topics with exciting speakers. Everything from psychedelic drugs for the treatment of mental illness, to the impact of drugs on human trafficking, and so much more.

The committee has packed a lot of learning into a few short days, but they've also left time for important networking opportunities. As you know, the importance of learning and connecting with each other is a vital part of combating the drug epidemic.

As we wait to join you at the conference, we've been hard at work putting together more webinars and podcasts to continue the learning experience throughout the year. Our latest podcast involves the emergency prescribing of buprenorphine by paramedics. We have more podcasts being produced now. Be sure to follow *The NASCSA Podcast* so you can automatically get the latest episodes as they are published. And we have started a YouTube Channel which features even more topics. You can find all the latest news and information on our website and social media by following us on Twitter.

To our members, we appreciate all you do. We notice all your hard work and dedication, not only to NASCSA, but to the overall mission. Your commitment and expertise in our committees make this association the best it can be. It is a testament to our success as a group.

And a big thank you to all our [sponsors](#). Your help, both financially and otherwise is critical to our success and we could not do all we do without you! Your time and support keep the association going. Additionally, we would not be able to produce all the great educational opportunities without you.

On behalf of the executive committee, we can't wait to see all of you in Salt Lake City!

Alan McGill, President

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 throughout the year.

A special welcome to our newest sponsors:

[Healthcare Distribution Alliance](#)
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[Logicoy, Inc.](#)
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Volunteers Needed - 40th Anniversary Committee

It's hard to believe but NASCSA will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2024. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve on our 40th 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.



Sponsor Spotlight - LogiCoy®

LogiCoy has been in the Prescription Monitoring Program space since 2009, offering healthcare integration products

Join Us at NASCSA's 2022 Annual Conference - Registration Now Open!

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

The program committee has been hard at work over the past several months in developing this year's conference agenda. Among the confirmed topics/speakers include representatives from the **US Drug Enforcement Administration, Food & Drug Administration** and **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**. In addition, topics to be included in the agenda are numerous topics related to **Prescription Monitoring Programs, virtual manufacturing**, as well as numerous interactive workshops.

A preliminary program has been posted [here](#). The final program should be available in the next several weeks.

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 expect a great attendance this year and look forward to seeing you all in person this fall.

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

solutions and solutions across the entire Healthcare Ecosystem. With complete data transparency, built-in analytics, and customizable user interfaces, each LogiCoy product is organically built with modern and secure technologies to give providers confidence in decision making regarding opioids and medications of concerns.

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- Ralph Orr
- Resolution 2022-06 - A Resolution Recognizing Sherry Green
- Resolution 2022-07 - A Resolution Recognizing Terry Woodworth

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. In order to streamline the Business Meetings at the Annual Conference (agenda [here](#)) NASCSA will be holding a Town Hall on September 28, 2022 at 3 pm ET to review the proposed resolutions in advance of the meeting. To register for the Town Hall meeting for regular members register [here](#).

Good Doc, Bad Doc: Supreme Court Finds Prescriber Knowledge Counts

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By [John A. Gilbert](#) & [Karla L. Palmer](#) —Hyman, Phelps, McNamara

On June 27, 2022, in one of the last [opinions](#) issued during its current term, a majority of the U.S. Supreme Court (six justices) issued a noteworthy opinion on criminal liability related to prescribers of controlled substances. This consolidated case has implications not only for prescribers of controlled substances but also for pharmacists and pharmacies who are subject to a “corresponding responsibility” to only fill prescriptions issued for a legitimate medical purpose pursuant to the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 841) and its implementing regulations (21 C.F.R. § 1301.74)).

The following is a brief summary based on an initial review of the case. Please stay tuned for further thoughts as we consider the potential broader implications of this important decision.

To read the entire blog click [here](#).

Attention NASCSA members: We Need Your Help Investigating Drug Diversion in Healthcare

by *Tom Knight*, NASCSA member, and Chairman of [HealthcareDiversion.org](#)

Our non-profit organization, [HealthcareDiversion.org](#), is looking to collaborate with state controlled substances authorities to investigate and reduce drug diversion in healthcare facilities.

I have had the pleasure of attending most of the recent NASCSA annual conferences and discussing this with many other NASCSA members, and I was

affordable price. With the same SureScripts® certification as other products and easy functionality, our LogiCoy eRx tool lets a prescriber use desktop and mobile formats to meet the need of the patient.

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delighted when Kathy Keough and Alan McGill suggested I write about this topic in this NASCSA newsletter.

Background on HealthcareDiversio.org

For anyone not familiar with our non-profit: our mission is to reduce drug diversion in healthcare, and thereby:

- Prevent diversion from harming patients and their families
- Deter diversion while giving coworkers with Substance Use Disorder the help they need
- Strengthen communities by preventing overdoses and the resale of stolen drugs
- Safeguard reputations by helping healthcare facilities lead the charge against the national opioid epidemic

HealthcareDiversio.org is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit corporation. We are a public-private partnership whose [advisory board](#) includes federal organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state licensure boards, patient safety advocates, and representatives from healthcare organizations across the nation.

Our website, as www.HealthcareDiversio.org provides a national network for reporting and researching diversion incidents, information to raise awareness about past diversion, and education and best practices to prevent future diversion. It also includes [a map showing several hundred drug diversion](#) criminal convictions or licensure board disciplinary actions.

We are excited to collaborate with NASCSA members on this mission, and open to any and all suggestions you may have.

What We Need Now from NASCSA Members

We are receiving many reports of drug diversion from across the country, which are submitted either to our 24 hour hotline, or on our website at <https://healthcarediversio.org/report/>.

In some cases, these incidents have already been investigated at the local, state, or federal level. However, a growing number of incidents we receive have not yet been investigated by anyone outside the healthcare facility, and many of these are reports from co-workers who feel management is not investigating it adequately.

Our request: Would you be open to talking with us about how we could forward incidents in your state to you or your state colleagues for investigation?

Our hope is that we could forward the information we have to the appropriate investigator(s) in each state, such as investigators on the state board of nursing, board of pharmacy, or medical boards, and/or to the appropriate state or local law enforcement agencies. By providing the information to the appropriate investigators, we hope to get the information into the right hands who can conduct an

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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.

investigation to determine if drug diversion is in fact occurring.

If you are open to discussing this with us, or have other ideas for potential collaboration, please email me at tknight@healthcarediversion.org.

NASCSA Responds to NCPDP White Paper

In January 2019 NCPDP published NCPDP Standards-based Facilitator Model for PDMP-An Interoperable Framework for Patient Safety. In that paper, NCPDP provides their perspective on Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) and a proposed solution. NASCSA reviewed this paper and created a document by several Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) administrators and subject matter experts in response to the NCPDP publication to clarify and correct some of the statements and claims made by NCPDP and how existing PMPs address the opioid crisis, public health needs, and patient safety. A copy of NASCSA's response is found [here](#).



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