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**NABP’s 102nd Annual Meeting Provides Attendees with a Forum in which to Unify**

NABP welcomed 455 attendees and guests representing state boards of pharmacy, industry, and government officials to its 102nd Annual Meeting, held April 8-11, 2006, in San Francisco, CA, and themed “Unifying Members, Candidates, and the Profession – A Journey to the Core of NABP.”

**Business and Educational Session Highlights**

Along with networking opportunities, attendees had the opportunity to participate in important business sessions during which officers and members of the NABP Executive Committee were elected. Also during these sessions, members had a chance to discuss and delegates voted on resolutions. Eight resolutions were adopted addressing such timely issues as establishing standardized experiential and practical requirements for student pharmacists; safe and proper disposal of unwanted medications; exploring recognition of Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs; development of a response plan for disasters that affect the United States drug distribution system; continuing NABP’s service as a resource to state boards of pharmacy regarding strengthening wholesale distributor requirements; submitting a request for the US Drug Enforcement Administration to reexamine its interpretation of the agency relationship between long-term care facility nurses and prescribers; and two recognition resolutions.

Meeting attendees also had the opportunity to earn up to 6.5 continuing education hours. Among this year’s presenters was The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, former secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services, who kicked off the CE sessions with “Public Policy Decisions: An Analysis of Issues that Have Dramatically Changed Health Care in the United States.” Secretary Thompson discussed factors affecting the development of public health policy, the enormous challenges that the US health care system faces in making the system more economically sustainable,

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Annual Meeting Highlights

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and innovative programs focusing on wellness and preventive medicine.

Another timely session, “Structuring an Effective Disaster Plan: Lessons Learned,” featured a unique interactive panel discussion relating to the challenges to multiple state boards of pharmacy in the wake of the hurricanes that hit the US Gulf Coast in the summer of 2005, as well as key components that NABP and the state boards should include in the development of a model plan for responding to similar widespread disasters.

Other important topics presented by experts in the pharmacy profession included “A Legislative Update for State Boards of Pharmacy,” “USP Chapter 797: Surveying for Sterile Compounding Compliance,” “Medical Gases: A Food and Drug Administration [FDA] Invitation to Partner with the State Boards of Pharmacy,” and “Effective Communication and Delivery of Board Policy in Public Meetings and with the Media.”

Special Programs and Events

Other programs and events at the 102nd Annual Meeting provided attendees with opportunities to network and share information. Participants in the Presentation Area were available to discuss their products and services. Educational presenters included Asteres Inc, DEA – Office of Diversion Control, FDA, NABP, Omnicell, ScriptPro, and SupplyScape Corporation.

The fourth annual Poster Session allowed boards of pharmacy and schools and colleges of pharmacy the opportunity to share details on their most interesting legislative issues, policy development, disciplinary cases, and practice issues. Participants in the 102nd Annual Meeting Poster Session included the Idaho Board of Pharmacy, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy and Oregon State University, the University of California at San Francisco School of Pharmacy, and the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

To aid voting boards in preparing for the election of Executive Committee officers and members, NABP again offered the Meet the Candidates Session. After the candidates gave speeches at the Second Business Session candidates were stationed around the room, allowing members the opportunity to meet individually with the candidates to discuss specific issues before voting took place.

Another encore session provided was the New Member Seminar. Again this year, newly elected executive officers and/or representatives of the member state boards of pharmacy were afforded a forum to gain an overview of the Association’s programs and services, and introduction to the annual meeting format and parliamentary procedure, as well as a briefing on conflict of interest.

Other special events at the 102nd Annual Meeting included the President’s Welcome Reception honoring NABP President Dennis K. McAllister and his wife Cathy, the NABP/USP Breakfast, the NABP/NACDS Reception, a tour of Alcatraz Island, and the Fun Run/Walk. NABP’s Annual Awards Dinner honored the efforts of 2005-2006 Honorary President William A. Fitzpatrick; 2005-2006 NABP President Dennis K. McAllister; Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award recipients Gene Martin and Carl W. Aron; Lester E. Hosto Inspector Distinguished Service Award recipients Rosalie Marie Baran and Sara Helen Lowe; the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and Compliance Staff and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, winners of the Fred T. Mahaffey Award; and Henry Cade Memorial Award winners Leonard J. DeMino and Indiana State Senator Marvin D. Riegeeker.
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NABP 2006-2007 Executive Committee Inaugurated at 102nd Annual Meeting in San Francisco

Delegates to NABP’s 102nd Annual Meeting, held April 8-11, 2006, in San Francisco, CA, elected individuals to fill the president-elect, treasurer, and open member positions on the Association’s 2006-2007 Executive Committee.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, Lawrence H. Mokhiber, MS, RPh, executive secretary of the New York State Board of Pharmacy, assumed the office of NABP president, and immediate Past President Dennis K. McAllister, RPh, a member of the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy, became chairperson of the Executive Committee.

The newly elected officers of the NABP Executive Committee are President-elect Oren M. Peacock, Jr, RPh, a member of the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy; and Lloyd K. Jessen, RPh, JD, executive director/secretary of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy Examiners, and Karen M. Ryle, MS, RPh, member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, were each elected to serve one-year member terms. The other members of the 2006-2007 NABP Executive Committee who are currently fulfilling their terms include Reginald B. “Reggie” Dilliard, DPH, member of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy; Patricia F. Harris, BA, executive officer of the California State Board of Pharmacy; Richard A. “Rich” Palombo, RPh, of New Jersey; and William T. “Bill” Winsley, RPh, MS, executive director of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy.

Abbreviated biographies for the officers and members of the Association’s 2006-2007 Executive Committee follow:

**Chairperson: Dennis K. McAllister, RPh**

Dennis K. McAllister, a member of the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy, automatically assumed the office of chairperson after completing his one-year term as president. Before serving as president, Mr McAllister served a one-year term each as president-elect and treasurer and three years as a member on the Executive Committee. Mr McAllister has been an active participant in many of NABP’s committees and task forces. He has served on the Committee on Law Enforcement/Legislation; Task Force to Examine NABP’s Data Resources; and Task Force to Examine the Quality and Standards of Internship Requirements. Currently, Mr McAllister is director of pharmacy at Banner Desert Medical Center. He received a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the University of Minnesota.

**President: Lawrence H. Mokhiber, MS, RPh**

Lawrence H. Mokhiber, executive secretary of the New York State Board of Pharmacy, automatically assumed the office of president after completing his one-year term as president-elect. At the conclusion of his year as president, he will assume the office of chairperson of the NABP Executive Committee. He also served a one-year term as NABP treasurer after holding a one-year term as a member. Mr Mokhiber served on NABP’s Advisory Committee on Examinations from 1992 until his election to the Executive Committee in 2003. He also served on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination™ Review Committee. Mr Mokhiber has held his position as executive secretary for the New York Board since 1987. He is also the executive secretary for the New York State Board of Midwifery. He earned his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Albany College of Pharmacy at Union University.

**President-elect: Oren M. Peacock, Jr, RPh**

Oren M. Peacock, Jr, a member of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy was elected, to serve as president-elect. Prior to his election he served a three-year term as a member of the NABP Executive Committee (District VI). In addition to his affiliation with the Texas Board since 1996, he has also participated in several NABP committees and (continued on page 16)
Delegates Adopt Eight Resolutions, Defeat One

Delegates from the member boards of pharmacy adopted eight resolutions during the final business session at NABP’s 102nd Annual Meeting on April 11, 2006. The resolutions addressed such issues as establishing standardized experiential and practical requirements for student pharmacists; safe and proper disposal of unwanted medications; exploring recognition of Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs; development of a response plan for disasters that affect the United States drug distribution system; continuing NABP’s service as a resource to state boards of pharmacy regarding strengthening wholesale distributor requirements; submitting a request for the US Drug Enforcement Administration to reexamine its interpretation of the agency relationship between long-term care facility nurses and prescribers; and two recognition resolutions.

Also, the delegates defeated one resolution calling for NABP, in cooperation with other pharmacy associations, to provide the boards of pharmacy with resources and tools for educating practitioners in ethics.

Passed Resolutions

Resolution No. 102-1-06
Title: Standardized Experiential and Practical Experience Requirements for Student Pharmacists
Action: Passed

Whereas, the designation of the doctor of pharmacy degree as the entry-level pharmacy practice degree necessitated an increase in the number of required experiential hours within a pharmacy school curriculum; and

Whereas, some boards of pharmacy do not require practical experience hours beyond the structured experiential program; and

Whereas, the terminology describing students completing curriculum experiential requirements within pharmacy practice settings may vary from state to state; and

Whereas, the scope of duties students perform under a pharmacist’s supervision may vary from state to state;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP collaborate with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to establish standardized experiential requirements for students beyond ACPE’s Accreditation Standards and Guidelines for the Professional Program in Pharmacy Leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, Standard No. 14, and seek to create uniformity among the states through possible amendments to the Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that, if necessary, the NABP Executive Committee commission a task force to complete this objective.

Resolution No. 102-2-06
Title: Safe and Environmentally Friendly Medication Destruction Programs
Action: Passed

Whereas, patients often need guidance on the proper disposal of unwanted, unused, or expired medication; and

Whereas, the inappropriately disposal of unused or expired medication may pose
a significant risk to the public and the environment; and

Whereas, there is an increased incidence of theft of prescription medications from homes and residential trash, resulting in the diversion and abuse of such medications; and

Whereas, patients with excess or unused medication often share their medication with other individuals in the absence of any pharmacist or medical supervision;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP and the boards of pharmacy work with the pharmacy community, environmental community, and regulatory agencies to develop programs whereby patients can safely and properly dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired medications; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that NABP develop guidance for the boards of pharmacy and the pharmacy community addressing the environmentally safe and legal collection and destruction of unwanted, unused, or expired medications from patients.

Resolution No. 102-3-06
Title: US Recognition of CCAPP Accredited Programs
Action: Passed

Whereas, there is noted uniformity of the required competency to practice pharmacy within Canada and the United States; and

Whereas, the accreditation standards of the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) and Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) are equivalent to a certain degree; and

Whereas, the member boards of NABP have strongly encouraged CCAPP and ACPE to collaborate on the mutual recognition of pharmacy educational programs;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP escalate discussions with the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities to research the mutual recognition of graduates from CCAPP-accredited programs in Canada and graduates of ACPE-accredited programs in the US; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that NABP engage the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in the discussions and work with ACPE to consider recognition of CCAPP-accredited programs.

Resolution No. 102-4-06
Title: Emergency Preparedness, Response, and the US Drug Distribution System
Action: Passed

Whereas, the recent occurrence of natural disasters, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, have tested the viability of the medical response systems at local, state, and federal levels; and

Whereas, the United States drug distribution system was severely impacted by said natural disasters causing delays and disruptions in therapy of those who were impacted by said natural disasters; and

Whereas, local, state, and federal disaster relief agencies, along with the support of private enterprises, made a concerted effort to provide medical and pharmaceutical assistance for those impacted individuals;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP continue its efforts in collaboration with government agencies, national professional associations, and industry representatives in the development of a response to natural and man-made disasters that affect the US drug distribution system.

Resolution No. 102-5-06
Title: Regulatory and Legislative Initiatives to Protect the Public from Counterfeit and Diverted Drugs
Action: Passed

Whereas, counterfeit and diverted drugs continue to pose a significant threat to the protection of the public health; and

Whereas, unscrupulous, as well as unsuspecting, wholesale distributors operating in the secondary market often serve as an entry point for the introduction of counterfeit and diverted drugs into the (continued on page 8)
NABP Honors Leaders at Association’s Annual Awards Dinner

NABP honored leaders in the pharmacy profession at the Association’s 102nd Annual Meeting, held April 8-11, 2006, in San Francisco, CA. Each year, the Association presents awards to members of the pharmacy profession who have served with dedication and commitment, and reflect the mission of NABP to protect the public health.

Those honored leaders include 2005-2006 Honorary President William A. Fitzpatrick; 2005-2006 NABP President Dennis K. McAllister; Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award recipients Gene Martin and Carl W. Aron; Lester E. Hosto Inspector Distinguished Service Award recipients Rosalie Marie Baran and Sara Helen Lowe; the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and Compliance Staff and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, winners of the Fred T. Mahaffey Award; and Henry Cade Memorial Award winners Leonard J. DeMino and Indiana State Senator Marvin D. Riegeacker.

Abbreviated biographies for the award winners follow:

**Honorary President:** William A. Fitzpatrick, RPh

Over the years, William A. Fitzpatrick has shown his commitment to the Association’s mission and goals through his service to public health, his dedication to NABP and the boards of pharmacy, and his unshakable integrity and selfless dedication to patient care. A licensed pharmacist since 1965, Mr. Fitzpatrick served as a member of the Missouri Board of Pharmacy from 1989 to 1997. Mr. Fitzpatrick has served on and played an integral role in several NABP task forces and committees including the Task Force to Study Pharmacists’ Workload, the Task Force on Therapeutic Interchange, and the Pharmacy Practice Committee. Presently, he serves as a corporate compliance officer for Omnicare, Inc.

**NABP President’s Award:** Dennis K. McAllister, RPh

Dennis K. McAllister has been a driving force behind NABP as it has looked inward to enhance its existing programs and continue the pursuit of its mission to protect public health. Mr. McAllister took the initiative to take a hard look at NABP’s programs and services and commissioned NABP membership surveys to determine how the Association’s programs and services could be improved to further support NABP members, candidates, and the profession. NABP’s core programs have also seen growth under his leadership with pharmacists seeking licensure transfer as well as candidates for licensure reaching a record high. One of NABP’s major successes this year is the launch of the Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors™ (VAWD™) program. Through it all, Mr. McAllister has been an energetic leader, guiding and supporting NABP as these initiatives have been implemented.

**Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award:** Carl W. Aron, RPh

A pharmacist for more than 30 years, Carl W. Aron joined the family business, Aron’s Pharmacy in Monroe, LA, in 1968 and then took
ownership in 1971. Since then, he has contributed much to the profession as well as to his patients. A member of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy since 1971, Mr Aron currently serves as president. Mr Aron has also shown dedication to ensuring that NABP’s examinations remain valid and effective, serving on the Advisory Committee on Examinations (ACE) from 1999 to 2005, and, in 2004, he served as chair of ACE.

**Lester E. Hosto Inspector Distinguished Service Award: Gene Martin, PhD**

Gene Martin has served as a pharmacist in both retail and hospital settings, and is currently licensed in Florida. During the course of his career, Dr Martin has also served in the academic setting moving through the ranks to become an associate dean at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy from 1984 to 1987. Dr Martin’s commitment to the Association is exemplified in his extensive service on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination™ Review Committee, of which he has been a member since 1979.

**Lester E. Hosto Inspector Distinguished Service Award: Rosalie Marie Baran, RPh**

Rosalie Marie Baran has exemplified the mission of NABP through her vigilance as an inspector for the Michigan Board of Pharmacy and a nursing home monitor for the state of Michigan. Currently, Ms Baran is the director of pharmacy at Felpausch Pharmacies, and also is an adjunct faculty member for pharmacy law and ethics at the Ferris State University College of Pharmacy. Before moving to her present positions, Ms Baran had a 17-year career with the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services Bureau of Health Systems. She has consistently volunteered her time to pharmacy organizations, including serving on the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination® Review Committee for six years.

**Lester E. Hosto Inspector Distinguished Service Award: Sara Helen Lowe, RPh**

Sara Helen Lowe has been a senior pharmacist with the Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance and Investigative Services/Board of Pharmacy for the past 15 years. Since 1990, she has significantly contributed to the health of Florida’s citizens and visitors by ensuring that the pharmacies under her jurisdiction are operating within the laws and rules of the state of Florida, and often consults with local, state, and federal criminal investigation units. Before joining the Board, Ms Lowe was director of pharmacy at several hospitals including the Capital Regional Medical Center, West Florida Hospital, and the John R. Flippin Memorial Hospital.

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United States drug distribution system; and

Whereas, NABP has developed and is currently in the process of updating the Model Rules for the Licensure of Wholesale Distributors, which address the regulation of wholesale distributors in such a way as to significantly help reduce the chances of counterfeit or diverted drugs entering the US drug distribution system;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP continue to serve as a resource to the boards of pharmacy and other regulatory agencies that are revising rules and regulations and developing legislation to strengthen the licensure requirements for wholesale distributors through inspections, pedigrees, surety bonds, criminal background checks, increased penalties and fines, and utilization of NABP's Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors™ program;

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that NABP offer educational opportunities addressing appropriate wholesale distributor inspection procedures to board of pharmacy staff.

Resolution No. 102-6-06
Title: Nurses as Agents of Prescribers in Long-Term Care Facilities/Alternate Care Sites
Action: Passed

Whereas, on April 25, 2001, United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a notice in the Federal Register soliciting comments regarding preventing accumulation of controlled substances at long-term care facilities (LTCF) (66 FR 20833). In that notice, DEA clarified their interpretation regarding physician’s agents, stating that no legal agency relationship exists between an LTCF nurse and a physician and, therefore, controlled substance orders written or verbalized by physicians then relayed by LTCF nurses to pharmacists are not in compliance with DEA requirements; and

Whereas, this issue of legal agency is also found in hospice and other alternate care sites; and

Whereas, the Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (Model Act) currently does not address in detail the issue of agency relationships, but recognizes agents of all prescribers (as opposed to only physician prescribers) and allows agents to communicate prescription drug orders to pharmacies; and

Whereas, a recent proposed amendment to the Model Act states that, in institutional facilities, for an agency to be valid, agents must be “authorized by and in accordance with written policies and procedures of the facility and applicable state and federal laws” and would allow LTCF and alternate-care site nurses to legally communicate non-controlled substance medication orders to pharmacies, provided the facility maintains written policies and procedures facilitating the prescriber-LTCF/alternate-care site nurse agency relationship; and

Whereas, the DEA interpretation referenced above, as it presently exists, creates barriers to quality and timely patient care by requiring multiple contacts among prescribers, LTCF and alternate-care site nurses, and pharmacists with regards to controlled substance medication orders; and

Whereas, patient care would be significantly improved if DEA modified the interpretation reference above;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP ask DEA to reexamine its interpretation of the agency relationship between LTCF and alternate care site nurses and prescribers and consider recognizing the agency relationship in the presence of written facility policies and procedures that comply with applicable state and federal laws to allow for the LTCF and alternate care site nurses to legally communicate controlled substance orders and changes to such orders to pharmacists responsible for the care of the patient.

Resolution No. 102-7-06
Title: Recognition of Retiring Executive Officers/Former NABP Presidents
Action: Passed

Whereas, the following executive officers have provided outstanding service to the members of their respective boards of pharmacy during their tenure:
- David E. Holmstrom, executive director, Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, 30 years;
- Kevin E. Kinkade, executive director, Missouri Board of Pharmacy, 23 years; and
- David R. Work, executive director, North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, 30 years.

Whereas, they have shown dedicated commitment by taking a lead role in promoting the health and safety of the citizens of their states; and

Whereas, their significant accomplishments in promoting the public health and safety have impacted the practice and the profession of pharmacy and the protection of the public health; and

Whereas, they have received numerous awards recognizing their contributions to the profession of pharmacy throughout their careers; and

Whereas, they have served and supported NABP through membership, service on various committees including the NABP Executive Committee, and as NABP president;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Executive Committee, on behalf of the boards of pharmacy they served and NABP, thank these fine gentlemen and wish them the very best in their retirement.

Resolution No. 102-8-06
Title: Recognition Resolution Action: Passed
Whereas, the individuals listed here have made significant contributions to NABP, the protection of the public health, and the profession of pharmacy:

- Dyke Anderson (NE);
- Warren F. DeBoard (MO);
- Frank Fitch (IN);
- William Lackey (AZ);
- Clinton E. Munch (IL);
- Donald Jack Myers (WI);
- Nicholas Repke (OH); and
- Hewitt P. Theriot (LA).

Whereas, NABP and its member boards of pharmacy are saddened by the death of these individuals;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP and its members formally acknowledge the leadership and contributions made by these individuals; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that NABP and the boards of pharmacy extend their sincere sympathies to the family and friends of these members.

Defeated Resolution
Resolution No. 102-9-06
Title: Expanding Ethics Education and Resources for the Boards of Pharmacy
Action: Defeated

Whereas, legislators, courts, and consumer interest groups are demanding and may be mandating that boards of pharmacy have regulations that address ethical conduct by pharmacists; and

Whereas, instruction or courses in ethics may be underrepresented in the curriculums of colleges and schools of pharmacy; and

Whereas, boards of pharmacy rely on resources such as programs and courses in ethics to structure educational and remedial programs for licensees;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP, in cooperation with other pharmacy associations, provide the boards of pharmacy with resources and tools for educating practitioners in ethics.

NABP Executive Committee April 2006 Meeting Actions

During its April 7, 2006 meeting, NABP’s Executive Committee discussed and took action on the following items:

Model Disaster Plan

The Executive Committee directed that a Model Disaster Plan for use by the states be developed. Steps to date include drafting an outline for the project and conducting a continuing education session at the Annual Meeting. Information from the session will be used to determine the next steps and whether or not a task force should be commissioned to complete the item.

Revised ACE and ACPE Appointment Guidelines

The Executive Committee approved a revision to the policy on the qualifications of individuals to serve on the Advisory Committee on Examinations. Effective immediately, those eligible for appointment and membership on ACE are defined as boards of pharmacy members and administrative officers who currently serve or have served on a board of pharmacy or as an administrative officer of an active board within the last five years.

In addition, the guidelines for appointees to the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Board of Directors were revised to improve the appointment process for appointees to the ACPE Board of Directors. The revision now defines those eligible for appointment as any board of pharmacy members, administrative officers, or individuals who have served, within the past five years, as a member or administrative officer of an active board of pharmacy.

NABP/NAPRA Meeting

On April 8, 2006, the Executive Committee met with representatives from the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA). In attendance from NAPRA was Ken Potvin, executive director; Burke Suidan, president, Alberta College of Pharmacists; and Neila Auld, registrar, Prince Edward Island Pharmacy Board. Topics discussed included an update of importation legislation issues, recognition of Canadian bachelor degree programs in pharmacy, and restrictions on the sales of pseudoephedrine/ephedrine products.

In addition, the Executive Committee and NAPRA representatives identified possible areas of additional collaboration and actions to improve communications including the attendance of a representative from each organization attending one of the other’s governance meetings; strategic meetings attended by both the NABP Executive Committee and NAPRA; and more NAPRA participation at NABP/American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy district meetings.

Virgin Islands Board of Pharmacy

The Executive Committee approved the Virgin Islands Board of Pharmacy’s application for Active Member status. Formerly, the Board held Associate Member status.
The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson Offers Insight Into the Future of Health Care

The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, former Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) offered insights on the current and future state of the department at NABP’s 102nd Annual Meeting, held April 8-11, 2006, in San Francisco, CA. During the session “Public Policy Decisions: An Analysis of Issues That Have Dramatically Changed Health Care in the United States” Secretary Thompson told attendees that changes must be made to the US health care system soon or there will be dire consequences.

The Future of Health Care

According to Secretary Thompson, just this year $2 trillion will be spent on health care. The amount of money spent on health care will double to $4 trillion by 2013 – at this time Secretary Thompson predicts a decline in the nation’s health care system because there will no longer be an excess of cash flowing into the Department of Treasury. He predicts that between 2013 and 2020 Medicare will go into bankruptcy unless the system is fixed soon.

There is an immediate need to transform the nation’s health care system in order to make the system more affordable, more accessible, and better for patients. Currently 75%-80% of the $2 trillion is spent treating chronic illnesses; 125 million people have one or more chronic illnesses, Secretary Thompson notes. In today’s health care system, the usual scenario is that health care providers wait until people become ill and then spend thousands, sometimes millions, of dollars to keep their patients alive. Secretary Thompson believes that more money should be spent on the prevention or the management of illnesses and the promotion of a healthier lifestyle.

Secretary Thompson believes there are five key areas of prevention that must be addressed to improve the health care system in the United States. First, he says, a heavier emphasis must be placed on adopting healthier lifestyles, eg, giving up tobacco, eating healthier, and exercising.

Though not a regulated drug, tobacco is the most addictive drug, says Secretary Thompson, and approximately 442,000 people died from tobacco-related illnesses in 2005. Secretary Thompson suggests that there be a $1 tax on tobacco products that does not go to the government but is given directly to services that assist smokers to quit, such as medications and counseling services. In addition, diabetes, which can often be prevented with a proper diet and exercise, has become an epidemic in the US – 21 million people have Type 2 diabetes and another 41 million people are pre-diabetic. One out of every 14 health-care dollars goes to find a cure for diabetes.

The second area of prevention that Secretary Thompson advocates is disease management. Providing guidance to patients and clients regarding better managing their blood sugars and prescriptions is essential. While pharmacy and medications compose only 12% of a medical bill, it does the most good and, therefore, disease management through medication is essential.

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Fred T. Mahaffey Award: Indiana Board of Pharmacy  

The Indiana Board of Pharmacy worked tirelessly to promote and enact legislation that combats the threat of counterfeit drugs in the United States drug supply and win the support and confidence of stakeholders. The legislation ultimately passed and has strengthened the supply chain in Indiana. The new law establishes the authority for the Indiana Board of Pharmacy to recognize NABP’s VAWD program and also requires pedigrees. It also lays the groundwork for the Indiana Board to establish an electronic pedigree program. Since passage of the legislation, the Board has worked to implement rules and regulations that would protect the public health without putting undue restrictions upon wholesale distributors. The Board’s hard work continues as the state’s wholesale distributors begin processing paperwork to comply. Donna Wall, president of the Board, accepted the award.

Fred T. Mahaffey Award: Louisiana Board of Pharmacy  

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and Compliance Staff saw much tragedy after Hurricane Katrina devastated the region and severely crippled the distribution of medicines. The Board worked in adverse conditions to coordinate hundreds of Louisiana pharmacists, as well as pharmacists who obtained emergency licensure transfers, to provide medicines to patients exposed to hazardous conditions. Citizens of Louisiana not only needed critical maintenance medications and drugs to treat existing illnesses, but also were in need of medicines for conditions caused by a lack of essentials, inoperable sewage systems, standing water, and consumption of spoiled food. The Louisiana Board overcame the obstacles created by damaged infrastructure and inoperable communication systems to ensure that legitimate pharmacists were available to dispense medications to patients. Malcolm J. Broussard, RPh, executive director of the Board, accepted the award.

Henry Cade Memorial Award: Leonard J. DeMino, RPh  

This year marks Leonard J. DeMino’s 50th year as a registered pharmacist. During his extensive career, Mr DeMino has not only served patients, but he has also taken an active role in the pharmacy profession. Mr DeMino was the first chain drug employee appointed to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, which he served on for 15 years. At that time, he also served on numerous NABP committees. Mr DeMino joined Peoples Drug Stores in Washington, DC, as a staff pharmacist immediately following graduation from college. While at Peoples Drug, he worked his way through the ranks to become vice president, director of pharmacy. Mr DeMino retired in 1989, but that did not last long and he joined the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) as vice president of pharmacy. He retired again in 1991, but continues to serve as a consultant for NACDS.

Henry Cade Memorial Award: Indiana State Senator Marvin D. Riegsecker, RPh  

Senator Marvin D. Riegsecker introduced the Indiana bill that strengthened wholesale distributor requirements to combat the threat of counterfeit drugs in Indiana. The Senator believes that pharmacists are the last line of defense before patients receive their medications. Senator Riegsecker has served as an Indiana Senator for District 12 since 1988. He serves on the Energy and Environmental Affairs Committee, is the ranking member of the Governmental Affairs and Interstate Cooperation Committee, and is also chair of the Health and Provider Services Pensions and Labor Committee. In addition to serving his constituents through government, Senator Riegsecker is a practicing pharmacist. Since 1967, he has helped patients as a pharmacist at Walgreen Drug Stores. He is also a member of the Elkhart County and Indiana Pharmacists Association Exchange Club and a former board member of Goshen General Hospital.
Lynch Named NABP’s 2006-2007 Honorary President

NABP is pleased to announce that Kendall M. Lynch, RPh, has been named honorary president for the year 2006-2007. In recognition of his commitment to the Association’s mission and goals, NABP chose Mr Lynch as its honorary president for his service to the public health, his dedication to NABP and the profession of pharmacy, and for his unshakeable integrity and unsurpassed humanity.

Throughout his 44 years in the profession, Mr Lynch has been an active member both within NABP and the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy.

A member of NABP since 1995, Mr Lynch has served on several task forces and committees including the Task Force to Examine the Quality and Standards of Internship Requirements, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, and the Advisory Committee on Examinations, of which he is currently chair. He has also served on various committees for NABP District III, serving as meeting co-chair in 1997.

From 1995 to 2005, he was executive director of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy. During his tenure, he implemented the registration of pharmacy technicians and was responsible for the implementation of the Controlled Substance Database Prescription Monitoring Program.

Other organizations in which he has participated that benefited from his experience include the Middle Tennessee Society of Pharmacists and the Tennessee Pharmacists Association.

A licensed pharmacist since 1962, Mr Lynch graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. He began working at Knight Drug Company and served as staff pharmacist, manager, president, and owner. He continues to serve patients as president and chief executive officer of Secure Pharmacy Plus, where he has organizational and managerial oversight, and is responsible for personnel, finances, and legislative and regulatory review among his duties.

His considerable work in the practice of pharmacy has not gone unnoticed. He has received honors including the R.L. Crowe Award, the Distinguished Service to Pharmacy Award in 2001, and the 2005 Outstanding Alumnus Award.
Board Members Meet the Candidates for NABP’s 2006-2007 Executive Committee

After making speeches at the 102nd Annual Meeting’s Second Business Session, candidates for NABP’s 2006-2007 Executive Committee provided board members with further insight into their positions on the issues in the Meet the Candidates Session.

At right, Oren M. Peacock, Jr, who was elected the NABP 2006-2007 Executive Committee president-elect (right), discusses the issues with a group.

At left, Lloyd K. Jessen (left), who was elected as the Executive Committee’s District V representative, states his case one-on-one.

102nd Annual Meeting Officer Reports

The 102nd Annual Meeting Officer Reports are available online at www.nabp.net under “Special Items” on the home page. The reports include the Report of the Executive Committee, President’s Address, Remarks of the Incoming President, Report of the Treasurer, and the Report of Counsel. The Officer Reports discuss the state of the Association as well as NABP’s future goals.

Malcolm J. Broussard (left), who was elected as the Executive Committee District VI representative, shares his thoughts.
Annual Meeting Highlights

102nd Annual Meeting Educational Presentation Area

The Fourth Annual Poster Session featured a wide variety of topics, from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy’s Response to Hurricanes Katrina/Rita (above) to pseudoephedrine regulation to the impact of computerized prescriber order entry on clinical pharmacy practice.

The poster session drew a strong response from schools of pharmacy, with a total of four entries. At right, a representative of the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences discusses “Merging California Pharmacy Organizations: A Necessity for Strengthening the Future of Pharmacy.”

Educational presenters included Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) – Office of Diversion Control, which provided informational handouts such as DEA Pharmacist’s Manual and information on topics such as internet prescribing, prescription fraud, and recognizing a drug abuser.

Educational Presenters

Asteres Inc
Drug Enforcement Administration – Office of Diversion Control
Food and Drug Administration
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Poster Session Presenters

California State Board of Pharmacy
Idaho Board of Pharmacy
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy
Oregon State Board of Pharmacy, Oregon State University
University of California San Francisco School of Pharmacy
University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
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Task forces, including the Task Force on Centralized Prescription Filling, and Task Force on Evaluation and Modification of NABP’s Constitution and Bylaws. Currently, he is director of Governmental Affairs at CVS/pharmacy Co. Mr Peacock earned his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the University of Texas College of Pharmacy.

Treasurer: John R. Dorvee, Jr, PharmD

John R. Dorvee, Jr, chairperson of the Vermont Board of Pharmacy, was elected treasurer. Prior to his election, he served a two-year member term on the Executive Committee (District I). As a member of the Vermont Board, Dr Dorvee was the Board’s designated item writer and item reviewer for NABP’s Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination® for five years. In addition, he served on NABP’s Task Force on Active/Associate Membership. Currently, Dr Dorvee is a critical care clinical pharmacist at Rutland Regional Medical Center. In addition, he was the co-founder of the Vermont Recovering Professionals Program. Dr Dorvee earned his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the Albany College of Pharmacy and his doctor of pharmacy degree from Howard University.

Executive Committee Member: Malcolm J. Broussard, RPh

Malcolm J. Broussard, executive director of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, was elected to serve a three-year member term representing District VI on the Executive Committee. An active member of NABP as well as state and local professional associations, Mr Broussard has served on NABP’s Nominating Committee, Committee on Resolutions, and the Committee on Law Enforcement/Legislation. He was also the secretary/treasurer of MALTA-GON, an organization of boards of pharmacy in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Oklahoma, and North Carolina; a field reviewer for the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education’s Continuing Education Provider Accreditation Program; and parliamentarian at the Louisiana Pharmacists Association’s Annual Meetings. Mr Broussard earned his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Xavier University of Louisiana.

Executive Committee Member: Reginald B. ‘Reggie’ Dilliard, DPH

Reginald B. “Reggie” Dilliard, member of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, is serving the second year of a three-year member term representing District III on the NABP Executive Committee. While a member of NABP, Dr Dilliard has provided valuable input by serving on the Association’s Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Currently, Dr Dilliard is pharmacy manager at a Walgreen’s pharmacy. He is involved with his alma mater, the University of Tennessee, as regional vice president of the University’s Alumni Board of Directors and as a preceptor for the University’s School of Pharmacy. Dr Dilliard received his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy.

Executive Committee Member: Patricia F. Harris, BA

Patricia F. Harris, executive officer of the California State Board of Pharmacy, is serving the second year of a three-year member term representing District VIII on the NABP Executive Committee. Ms Harris is responsible for carrying out the policies and strategic planning objectives of the California Board. Some of Ms Harris’ recent actions at the Board include serving as a consultant to the Board and its policy development committees on complex policy and program issues, managing the Board’s statewide enforcement program, and providing expertise on complex legal and regulatory issues involving the practice of pharmacy and emerging issues. She has served on NABP’s Task Force on Technician Regulations and the Task Force on the Test of Spoken English™. Ms Harris holds a bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies from California State University in Sacramento, CA.

Executive Committee Member: Lloyd K. Jessen, RPh, JD

Lloyd K. Jessen, executive director/secretary of the Iowa...
Board of Pharmacy Examiners, was elected to serve a one-year member term representing District V on the Executive Committee. Mr Jessen has been an active member of NABP, serving on the NABP Committee on Constitution and Bylaws from 2002 to 2004. He was also a member of NABP task forces including the Task Force on the Development of an Equitable Degree Upgrade Mechanism and the Task Force on Electronic Transmission of Data Between Prescriber and Pharmacist. Mr Jessen received his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy and his doctor of jurisprudence degree from Drake University Law School.

Executive Committee Member: Richard A. “Rich” Palombo, RPh

Richard A. “Rich” Palombo, of New Jersey, is serving the final year of a three-year member term representing District II on the NABP Executive Committee. Mr Palombo has been an active member of NABP since 2000, when he served as chairperson on the Committee on Law Enforcement/Legislation. He has also been a member of such task forces as the Task Force on Privacy and the Task Force to Examine the Quality and Standards of Internship Requirements. Currently, he is the director of compliance, professional practice, for Medco Health Solutions of Franklin Lakes LLC. Mr Palombo holds a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Temple University College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, PA.

Executive Committee Member: Karen M. Ryle, MS, RPh

Karen M. Ryle, a member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, was elected to serve a one-year member term representing District I. An active member of NABP since she was appointed to the Board, Ms Ryle has served as chairperson for both the Task Force to Develop Recommendations to Best Reduce Medication Errors in Community Pharmacy Practice and the Task Force on Telepharmacy and the Implementation of the Medicare Drug Benefit Medication Therapy Management Provisions. Currently, Ms Ryle is the director of Outpatient Pharmacy Services at Massachusetts General Hospital. She earned both her bachelor of science degree in pharmacy and her master of science degree in drug regulatory affairs from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Executive Committee Member: Gary A. Schnabel, RPh, RN

Gary A. Schnabel, Oregon State Board of Pharmacy executive director, was re-elected to serve a second three-year member term representing District VII on the NABP Executive Committee. An active member of NABP, Mr Schnabel has participated in several committees including the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and on task forces such as the Task Force on Active/Associate Membership. Mr Schnabel was named executive director of the Oregon Board in 1999. Prior to that, he was the Board’s compliance director from 1994 to 1999. He earned his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Oregon State University.

Executive Committee Member: William T. ‘Bill’ Winsley, MS, RPh

William T. “Bill” Winsley, executive director of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy, is serving the second year of a three-year member term representing District IV on the NABP Executive Committee. Mr Winsley also was a member of NABP’s Executive Committee from 2001 to 2002. As an active member of NABP, he has participated in many of the Association’s task forces throughout the years, including the Task Force on Importation Enforcement, the Task Force on Limited Distribution and Shortage of Medications, the Task Force on Privacy, and the Task Force on Model Guidelines for Formulary Development. Positions he held prior to joining the Board were assistant director of pharmacy at Akron City Hospital and assistant director of pharmacy and instructor at the West Virginia University Medical Center College of Pharmacy. Mr Winsley holds both a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy and a master of science degree in hospital pharmacy administration from Ohio State University.
102nd Annual Meeting Educational Sessions

The 102nd Annual Meeting continuing education programming included “Structuring an Effective Disaster Plan: Lessons Learned,” which featured input from, among others, (clockwise from top) an expert panel including moderator Patricia F. Harris, a member of the Executive Committee, Robert J. “Bob” Dufour, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc, and Malcolm J. Broussard, executive director of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; Captain Christopher Jones, United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness; and Richard A. “Rich” Palombo, Medco Health Solutions of Franklin Lakes LLC, on effective responses to disasters such as the 2006 Gulf Coast hurricanes.

At right, Rea Blakey, media training consultant for Spectrum Science Communications, introduces crucial new concepts, including 10 media rules to live by, in “Effective Communication and Delivery of Board Policy and Public Meetings and with the Media.”
Melissa A. Madigan (left) NABP professional affairs senior manager, and Eleni Z. Anagnostiadis (below), NABP board services director, provided “A Legislative Update for State Boards of Pharmacy,” regarding issues such as electronic pedigrees and automated dispensing systems.

Eric S. Kastango, president of Clinical IQ, LLC (left) and Sheila L. Mitchell of Methodist Hospital Germantown (right) presented “USP Chapter 797: Surveying for Sterile Compounding Compliance,” during which results from NABP’s Task Force on Standards for Compounding were given as well as a discussion of compliance requirements.

Above, Richard H. Barnes (left) and Duane S. Sylvia (right) of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) discuss collaboration between boards and FDA to improve regulation of medical gases in “Medical Gases: A Food and Drug Administration Invitation to Partner with the State Boards of Pharmacy.”
Those attending the Past Presidents’ and Executive Committee Dinner included (pictured above) Donna S. Wall and Oren M. Peacock, Jr.

Dr Jeff Salz’s inspirational words drew attendees to their feet for a standing ovation at the end of the keynote address.

From left to right, 2006-2007 Executive Committee officers John R. Dorvee, Jr, treasurer; Lawrence H. Mokhiber, president; and Oren M. Peacock, Jr, president-elect, are sworn in during the Final Business Session.