NABP 101st Annual Meeting Enjoys Strong Attendance, Delegates Adopt Amendments to Association Bylaws

NABP welcomed approximately 465 attendees and guests representing state boards of pharmacy, industry, and government officials to the 101st Annual Meeting. The meeting, with the theme “A Medley for Patient Safety: Accreditation, Self Assessment, Quality Care,” was held May 21-24, 2005, in New Orleans, LA.

Business and Educational Session Highlights
The Annual Meeting featured the Association’s annual business sessions, during which time meeting attendees elected officers and members to the Executive Committee and discussed bylaw amendments proposed by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and resolutions proposed by the members. Members approved all the proposed amendments to NABP’s Constitution and Bylaws.

The amendments pertain to the utilization of the NABP Clearinghouse by all active NABP members. As such, the “Definition of Transfer Licensure” was removed from NABP Bylaws, Article II, Section 1 and the “Definition and Operation of the NABP Clearinghouse” was added. In addition, NABP Bylaws, Article II, Section 2 was amended to add minimum standards that active member boards should adhere to concerning licensure and score transfer.

In its background for the proposed amendments, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws stated that total participation in the NABP Clearinghouse program by the state boards is essential in maintaining the integrity of the score and licensure transfer process among states. Furthermore, the Committee members agreed that the utilization of the NABP Clearinghouse is not only important in distinguishing between active and associate membership, but also in assisting the state boards in determining if nonresident applicants...

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cants are license-worthy. The complete report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and the adopted amendments are available on NABP’s Web site at www.nabp.net.

Delegates also adopted nine resolutions during the Final Business Session on Tuesday, May 24. The resolutions addressed such timely issues as effective communication in pharmacy practice and in the provision of pharmacist care; sterile compounding and the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules; reporting of North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination™ scores to schools and colleges of pharmacy; medication assistance programs; reporting of pharmacy personnel terminations to the boards of pharmacy and the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules; electronic pedigrees; NABP and Drug Enforcement Administration collaboration; implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Modernization Act of 2003; and one recognition resolution.

Participants were able to earn up to five hours of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education-approved continuing education (CE) credit. Experts in the pharmacy industry presented CE programs including Maintaining Medication Product Integrity: Applications of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and Electronic Product Codes (EPC) for the Regulation of Wholesale Distribution; State Safety-Mandated Medication Error Quality Assurance Programs: Surveying for Patient Safety; Portfolio Development: A Critical Aspect of Continuing Professional Development; Regulatory Initiatives and Innovative Technologies in Deterring Drug Abuse, Diversion, and Theft; and Realizing a Safer Health Care System: The Progress of Patient Safety Since 1999.

Presenters in the Educational Presentation Area, along with participants in the Third Annual Poster Session, drew large numbers of attendees. Presenters included Food and Drug Administration; Gold Standard; Institute for Safe Medication Practices; Mocorp, Inc; MTS Medication Technologies; nevoca.com, Inc; Omnicell; Optimum Technology, Inc; PDX-NHIN-RX.com; Script IQ; ScriptPro; SupplyScape Corporation; and Telepharmacy Solutions. Poster Session participants included the California State Board of Pharmacy, Indiana Board of Pharmacy, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, New Mexico Board of Pharmacy, and Utah Board of Pharmacy. The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy hosted the Hospitality Suite, which offered meeting attendees a place to relax while viewing the Presentation Area and Poster Session and learning about the host city.

Special Programs and Events

This year, the Meet the Candidates Session was reformatted to provide one-on-one interaction between Executive Committee candidates and board of pharmacy members. At this time, candidates were given the opportunity to follow up on the speeches they gave during the Second Business session. Following their time at the podium, the candidates were stationed around the room allowing members to visit each candidate and learn more about the candidates’ positions on various issues. 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 a deeper understanding of the Association’s programs and services.

Other special events included the President’s Welcome Reception at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel honoring 2004-2005 NABP President Donna M. Horn, the NABP/USP Breakfast; a tour of Louisiana’s swamps; and the Fun Run/Walk.
Delegates to NABP's 101st Annual Meeting elected individuals to fill the president-elect, treasurer, and open member positions on the Association's 2005-2006 Executive Committee.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, President-elect Dennis K. McAllister, RPh, FASHP, member of the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy, assumed the office of NABP president, and immediate Past President Donna M. Horn, RPh, manager of regulatory affairs for Brooks Pharmacy in Warwick, RI, became chairperson of the Executive Committee.

The newly elected officers of the NABP Executive Committee are President-elect Lawrence H. Mokhiber, MS, RPh, executive secretary of the New York Board of Pharmacy, and NABP Treasurer Charles R. Young, RPh, CFE, executive director of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy. John R. Dorvee, Jr, PharmD, chairman of the Vermont Board of Pharmacy, was elected to serve a two-year member term. Reginald B. “Reggie” Dilliard, DPH, president of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy; Patricia F. Harris, BA, executive officer of the Department of Consumer Affairs, California State Board of Pharmacy; and William T. Winsley, RPh, MS, executive director of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy, were each elected to serve a three-year member term on the Executive Committee. The other members of the 2004-2005 NABP Executive Committee who are currently fulfilling their terms include Charles Curtis “Curt” Barr, PharmD, vice chairperson of the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy; Richard A. Palombo, RPh, member of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy; Oren M. Peacock, Jr, RPh, vice president of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy; and Gary A. Schnabel, RPh, RN, Oregon State Board of Pharmacy executive director.

Abbreviated biographies for the officers and members of the Association’s 2005-2006 Executive Committee follow:

**Chairperson:**

**Donna M. Horn, RPh**

Donna M. Horn, past member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy (District I), automatically assumed the office of chairperson after completing her one-year term as president. She also served a one-year term as treasurer and six years as a member on the Executive Committee. Horn has been an active participant in many of NABP’s committees and task forces. She has served on the Task Forces on Privacy, Model Guidelines for Formulary Development, Standardization of Technicians’ Role and Competencies, and Patient Compliance and Intervention Programs. She is the manager of Regulatory Affairs for Brooks Pharmacy in Warwick, RI. Horn received her bachelor of science in pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

**President: Dennis K. McAllister, RPh, FASHP**

Dennis K. McAllister, member of the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy (District VIII), 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 and a two-year member term on the Executive Committee. McAllister has been active on NABP’s Committee on Law Enforcement/Legislation, and Task Force to Examine the Quality and Standards of Internship Requirements. He is the assistant dean at Midwestern University College of Pharmacy Glendale Campus. McAllister earned (continued on page 11)
Leaders Honored at Annual Awards Dinner

During the Annual Awards Dinner, held May 24, 2005, NABP recognized individuals for their tireless efforts and dedication to the Association.

2004-2005 Honorary President

This past year, NABP was honored to have William L. “Buck” Stevens, RPh, serve as its honorary president.

Over the years, Stevens has played an integral role in many of NABP’s committees and task forces including the Bureau of Voluntary Compliance Advisory Committee and the Task Force on Expanded Use of the Internet in the Pharmacy Practice and Regulation.

Stevens’ exemplary career in pharmacy epitomizes the spirit of public service that is essential to the mission of NABP and its member boards of pharmacy.

Presently, Stevens serves as the senior vice president for PDX. Before assuming his current position, he served as the executive director of the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy from 1994 to 2002.

Stevens was instrumental in enabling pharmacists to administer immunizations and to provide disease management services. He was the major force behind the Disease State Management examination program and the National Institute for Standards in Credentialing and has been an outspoken advocate for pharmacists nationally.

With more than 30 years’ experience in the pharmacy profession, Stevens’ work has not gone unnoticed. He has received several honors including being listed in Marquis Who’s Who in Medicine and Healthcare, International Who’s Who of Professionals, and Marquis Who’s Who in South and Southeast. In 1998, Stevens was chosen as one of the 50 most influential pharmacists by American Druggist magazine. Additionally, while Stevens was the executive director, the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy received the 1999 Fred T. Mahaffey Award at NABP’s 95th Annual Meeting.

2004-2005 President’s Award

During the term of President Donna M. Horn, RPh, NABP’s programs expanded and new initiatives were developed that were true to her objectives of curbing counterfeit drugs and reducing medication errors including the recently launched Verified-Accreditation Wholesale Distributors™ (VAWD™) program and the expansion of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program. VAWD provides critical standards for prescription drug wholesale distributors and offers substantial protection for the United States’ supply chain, which is threatened by the infiltration of counterfeit drugs. CPD is integral to patient safety and should be an essential component of pharmacists’ professional lives. In addition, on May 2, 2005, the Pharmacist Self-Assessment Mechanism™ (PSAM) was introduced. The PSAM will greatly aid pharmacists to better serve their patients in an improved and more efficient way because it provides objective feedback on the pharmacist’s knowledge base.

Horn requested and the Executive Committee approved the convening of
the Task Force to Develop Recommendations to Best Reduce Medication Errors in Community Pharmacy Practice, which urged the Executive Committee and NABP to establish peer review programs and freedom and discovery protection legislation to encourage the reporting, data collection, and analysis of medication errors. The “National Specified List of Susceptible Products” was also created under Horn’s tenure and was revised to include Viagra® (sildenafil). And, in mid-2004, NABP’s new standing committee – the National Drug Advisory Coalition – was established.

**2005 Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Awards**

NABP’s Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award is presented to those individuals whose contributions to the protection of the public health, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, greatly furthered the goals and objectives of the Association. This year, two recipients were named: Barbara A. Wells, BScPhm, received the Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award and Thomas M. Glenski, RPh, was the recipient of the Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award for Inspectors.

Wells is currently director of the Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology Assessment’s (CCOHTA) new program, the Canadian Optimal Medication Prescribing and Utilization Service (COMPUS). Before joining CCOHTA last year, Wells spent nine years as the founding executive director of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) in Canada. While serving as executive director of NAPRA, Wells was responsible for the development of a number of national initiatives of importance to pharmacy regulators in Canada and the US. These initiatives include the development and implementation of the national harmonized drug scheduling system for Canada, the creation of a Mutual Recognition Agreement to support inter-provincial mobility for pharmacists, and harmonized standards of practice for pharmacists across Canada. She also oversaw the creation of frameworks for the national model continuing competence and specialty recognition programs for Canadian pharmacists. Prior to joining NAPRA, she was the director of corporate affairs for Glaxo Canada, served in community and hospital practices, and held senior management positions at the Ontario College of Pharmacists.

Glenski has served as an inspector and most recently as chief inspector with the Missouri Board of Pharmacy since 1996. Glenski was chosen for his exemplary service in protecting the public health of Missourians. From January 2001 to the present, Glenski has played a key role in the Board’s 100 undercover drug operations dealing with Internet pharmacies. These operations have led to the issuance of 49 Cease and Desist Warning letters to pharmacists throughout the US, denial of four pharmacy permit applications, five disciplinary actions in Missouri, three injunction actions, and six cases that are currently pending legal action. He has also been instrumental in the establishment of the Board’s Program for Randomized (continued on page 10)
Delegates Adopt Nine Resolutions, Defeat Three

Delegates from the member boards of pharmacy adopted nine resolutions during the final business session of NABP’s 101st Annual Meeting on May 24, 2005. The resolutions addressed such timely issues as effective communication in pharmacy practice and in the provision of pharmacist care; sterile compounding and the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules; reporting of North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® (NAPLEX®) scores to schools and colleges of pharmacy; medication assistance and access programs; reporting of pharmacy personnel terminations to the boards of pharmacy and the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules; electronic pedigrees; NABP and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) collaboration; implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Modernization Act of 2003; and one recognition resolution.

Also, the delegates defeated three resolutions. The defeated resolutions addressed a centralized reporting system on imported products, the repackaging of medications, and creating a task force on electronic prescribing.

Passed Resolutions

Resolution No: 101-1-05
Title: Effective Communication in Pharmacy Practice and in the Provision of Pharmacist Care
Action: Passed

Whereas, a critical component of pharmacy practice and the provision of pharmacist care is effectively communicating, orally and in writing, with patients and other health care practitioners; and

Whereas, boards of pharmacy are concerned that not all pharmacists may be able to effectively communicate with patients and other health care practitioners; and

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP request the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to review and revise, if necessary, the current communication provisions of the ACPE Accreditation Standards and Guidelines for the Professional Program in Pharmacy Leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (“Standards 2000”) to achieve the desired outcome of pharmacists effectively communicating orally and in writing with patients and other health care practitioners.

Resolution No: 101-2-05
Title: Sterile Compounding and the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules
Action: Passed

Whereas, the practice of pharmacy as it pertains to compounding has developed and evolved over time; and

Whereas, boards of pharmacy are concerned that not all pharmacists may be able to effectively communicate with patients and other health care practitioners; and

Whereas, the United States Pharmacopeia’s (USP) issuance of standards set forth under USP Tests and Assays Chapter 797, Pharmaceutical Compounding–Sterile Preparations, has significant impact on pharmacists and pharmacy practice.

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP request the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to review and revise, if necessary, the current compounding provisions of the ACPE Accreditation Standards and Guidelines for the Professional Program in Pharmacy Leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (“Standards 2000”) to achieve the desired outcome of pharmacists effectively compounding.
implications for compounding activity in institutional, community, and nuclear practice settings; and

Whereas, it is important that the compounding of products for patients continue to be supported and improved by such standards;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP review and revise, where appropriate, its Model Rules for Sterile Pharmaceuticals to reflect applicable standards set forth in USP Chapter 797 in all practice settings that will protect both the public health, as well as the safety of the pharmacist and pharmacy technician involved in the compounding of sterile pharmaceuticals.

Resolution No: 101-3-05
Title: Reporting of NAPLEX Scores to Schools and Colleges of Pharmacy
Action: Passed

Whereas, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) requires schools and colleges of pharmacy to establish and implement an evaluation plan that measures desired outcomes of the professional program in pharmacy leading to the doctor of pharmacy degree for the continuous development and improvement of the quality of pharmacy education; and

Whereas, the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) scores may assist schools and colleges of pharmacy in assessing the extent to which outcomes measures have been achieved; and

Whereas, NABP has recently begun to provide NAPLEX summary score reports directly to the schools and colleges of pharmacy to ensure that schools and colleges of pharmacy receive the information for the purposes of continuous development and improvement;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP continue to work with ACPE and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) to develop a process, where permissible under applicable law, to release individual identified NAPLEX score reports on a trimester basis to the schools and colleges of pharmacy.

Resolution No: 101-4-05
Title: Medication Assistance and Access Programs
Action: Passed

Whereas, the provision of pharmacist care by the pharmacist is an essential component of medication therapy management for all patients; and

Whereas, many pharmaceutical manufacturers administer medication assistance programs aimed at providing medications to low-income patients; and

Whereas, patients receiving medications from manufacturer subsidized access programs, such as sample medication and medication assistance programs, circumvent the access to pharmacists and the protections of pharmacist care; and

Whereas, there are inconsistencies in the overall operation of these programs, and these programs sometimes operate contrary to and in violation of state pharmacy laws;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP encourage pharmaceutical manufacturers to amend their medication assistance and access programs to become compliant with state pharmacy laws and incorporate vouchers or other similar systems that enable patients to select a pharmacy of their choice where they can benefit from medication therapy management offered by pharmacists in consideration of patients’ existing pharmacotherapies.

Resolution No: 101-5-05
Title: Reporting of Pharmacy Personnel Terminations to the Board of Pharmacy and the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules
Action: Passed

Whereas, it has been the experience of the boards of pharmacy that when a (continued on page 8)
pharmacy terminates employment of licensees/registrants (pharmacists, interns, or pharmacy technicians) due to a drug-related cause or violation including the abuse, theft, or diversion of drugs, these individuals will sometimes seek and gain employment at another pharmacy and subsequently may be involved in similar, illegal, and dangerous activities; and

Whereas, some states have rules which require pharmacies to report such terminations of employment to the board of pharmacy and this information is valuable to boards of pharmacy in the protection of the public health; and

Whereas, the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules currently recommends that states require only pharmacists-in-charge and pharmacy interns to notify the board of pharmacy in the event of their change in employment location;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP urge all states to require pharmacies to report such terminations for all licensees/registrants and amend its Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules to support state requirements that mandate pharmacies to notify the board of pharmacy in the event of a termination of employment for any licensee/registrant due to a drug-related cause or violation including the abuse, theft, or diversion of drugs.

Resolution No: 101-6-05
Title: Electronic Pedigrees
Action: Passed

Whereas, the integrity of the pharmaceutical medication supply in the United States is paramount for patient care and safety; and

Whereas, counterfeit, contraband, unapproved, expired, illegally relabeled, diverted, and substandard pharmaceutical products reaching consumers have been identified; and

Whereas, systems and processes can be deployed to assure that pharmaceutical products are distributed through legitimate and authorized entities;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP serve as a resource for state boards of pharmacy and investigate technologies such as Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) as possible electronic data structures for uniquely identifying pharmaceutical products and tracking their distribution.

Resolution No: 101-7-05
Title: NABP and DEA Collaboration
Action: Passed

Whereas, the November 16, 2004 Interim Policy Statement on the dispensing of controlled substances issued by Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regarding the postdating of prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances caused substantial confusion among pharmacists, physicians, and patients; and

Whereas, the public health was jeopardized by the delays and disruptions in therapy from this event; and

Whereas, these events may have been avoided if DEA had informed practitioners prior to announcing a policy change;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP work with DEA to establish a process to communicate information to and seek information from the boards of pharmacy pertaining to DEA policies on controlled substances prior to adoption and implementation of policies by DEA.

Resolution No: 101-8-05
Title: Implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003
Action: Passed

Whereas, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) represents a significant change in the existing government health care program for Medicare beneficiaries; and

Whereas, on January 1, 2006, the federal Medicare program will offer, for the first time, an outpatient prescription drug benefit to all Medicare beneficiaries; and

Whereas, prescription drug plans offering the new Medicare drug benefit will be required to have both concurrent and retrospective drug utilization review systems and a medication therapy management (MTM) program to ensure that medications prescribed for targeted beneficiaries are appropriately used to optimize therapeutic outcomes and reduce the risk of adverse events;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP study the implementation of MMA and review the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules to incorporate services defined under MMA, such as the provision of pharmacist care across state lines, and revise the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules to allow pharmacists to provide MTM services.

Resolution No: 101-9-05
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:

- Reverend William Johnson (MD)
- Jerry Karbeling (IA)
- Linwood S. Leavitt (VA)
- Jean Lemberg (MN)
- Val D. Middleton (ID)
- John P. Plummer (WV)
- C. Harold Warmbrod (TN)
- Norval F. Webb (TN)

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 Resolutions
Resolution No: 101-10-05
Title: Centralized Reporting System on Imported Products
Action: Defeated
Whereas, the mission of NABP is to assist its member boards and jurisdictions in developing, implementing, and enforcing uniform standards for the purpose of protecting the public health; and

Whereas, the importation and reimportation of prescription medications from international sources compromises and lessens the regulatory systems established by the boards of pharmacy to protect the integrity of the nation’s medication supply; and

Whereas, data and statistics on the impact of imported and reimported prescription medications on patient clinical health outcomes are lacking;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP assist in the establishment of a centralized reporting system for the collection of data, including but not limited to, case studies that demonstrate the relationship and effect of imported and reimported prescription medications on patient clinical health outcomes.

Resolution No: 101-11-05
Title: Repackaging of Medications
Action: Defeated
Whereas, many hospitals are transitioning to patient safety point of care systems that utilize bar code technology to minimize the incidence of medication errors; and

Whereas, these point of care systems require the placement of bar codes on prepackaged medications; and

Whereas, current federal regulations prohibit hospitals from repackaging medications for dispensing in other hospitals unless the hospital pharmacy is registered pursuant to Section 510 of the federal, Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP work with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to study the feasibility of allowing the repackaging of medications by one hospital for dispensing by other hospitals under common ownership.

Resolution No: 101-12-05
Title: Task Force on Electronic Prescribing
Action: Defeated
Whereas, electronic communications are rapidly emerging as an important method of transmitting prescription orders; and

Whereas, security and accuracy in ordering medications are primary concerns of the boards of pharmacy in protecting the public health and safety; and

Whereas, boards of pharmacy need guidance in this important area;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP establish a task force to consider the necessary elements in electronic prescribing including appropriate provisions for electronic signatures and to facilitate incorporation of these elements into the NABP Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules.

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Association’s Annual Awards Dinner honored the efforts of NABP’s President Donna M. Horn; Honorary President William L. “Buck” Stevens, RPh; and the award recipients. Barbara A. Wells, BSPhm, received the Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award and Thomas M. Glenski, RPh, received the Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award for Inspectors. Also, NABP presented the California State Board of Pharmacy, the Florida Board of Pharmacy, the Florida Department of Health, and the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy with the Fred T. Mahaffey Award.

NABP members participate in the Member Satisfaction Survey, an initiative by NABP President Dennis K. McAllister. The Survey was conducted to gain insight into NABP, its programs and services, and to identify the critical needs of the state boards of pharmacy.
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Testing of Compounded Products, in which the Board randomly collects and tests compounded drugs from Missouri pharmacies. Glenski established a successful contract with a testing laboratory and developed policies and procedures for the obtaining, handling, and testing of compounded drugs. Before joining the Board, he served as a staff pharmacist, chief pharmacist, and manager in various community pharmacies.

2005 Fred T. Mahaffey Award

In honor of the Association’s executive director emeritus, the Fred T. Mahaffey Award is presented to an individual state board of pharmacy in recognition of its commitment to the Association’s mission and goals. This year, NABP has chosen four winners for the 2005 Fred T. Mahaffey Award. This year’s recipients have worked diligently to achieve passage of legislation that truly advances the protection of patients from counterfeit drugs. The California State Board of Pharmacy, the Florida Board of Pharmacy, the Florida Department of Health, and the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy have all been leaders in the regulation of wholesale distribution and other regulatory initiatives to protect the US’s drug supply.

The California State Board of Pharmacy successfully sponsored two bills that addressed resident and nonresident wholesale distributors. Senate Bill (SB) 1307, the first piece of legislation, requires wholesale distributors to develop an inventory system to track sales to pharmacies that dispense drugs to patients of long-term care facilities in hopes of identifying any trend that may indicate these pharmacies may be diverting drugs. The major pieces of this legislation, requiring electronic pedigrees from manufacturer to the end user, become effective in January 2007. Assembly Bill 2682, the companion bill to SB 1307, requires licensure of all nonresident wholesale distributors. As with SB 1307, this bill recognizes designated representatives, requires surety bonds, and entails extensive licensure applications. Finally, current licensure within the resident state is required. Much of these new laws draw from recently adopted laws in Nevada and Florida and from recent draft revisions to model laws published by NABP.

The award was accepted on behalf of the Board by Patricia F. Harris, executive officer of the California Board of Pharmacy. The efforts of the Florida Board of Pharmacy and Florida Department of Health concerning wholesale distributor legislation were also fruitful. In July 2003, Florida passed legislation revamping the entire licensure process for wholesale distributors including requiring pedigrees for every drug, recording all activity from sale by a pharmaceutical manufacturer, through acquisition and sale by any wholesaler or repackager, until final sale to a pharmacy. Currently, Florida requires full pedigrees be passed for all “susceptible products,” which include those drugs the state has found to be at high risk for diversion or counterfeiting. In addition, those wholesalers that are not authorized distributors of record (ADRs) must pass a pedigree for any transaction— even those involving prescription drugs that are not “specified.” In addition, the bill stated that, effective July 1, 2006, all wholesale distributors— including those with ADR status— must provide pedigrees. Bob Parrado, chair emeritus of the Florida Board of Pharmacy, accepted the award on behalf of the Board.

Investigations conducted by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy in 2000 led the way for such legislation in 2001, supporting the mandate for paper pedigrees for all prescription drugs from those wholesale distributors that are not ADRs. The state law also requires extensive wholesale distributor licensure applications and criminal background checks. To obtain or renew a license, applicants must pass a written examination and prove that they have at least 6,000 hours of experience working in the drug wholesaling industry. In another effort to eliminate drug diversion, the law limits retail drug wholesalers to selling no more than 10% of their prescription drug purchases to other wholesalers. Keith Macdonald, executive secretary of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, accepted the award on behalf of the Board.
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a bachelor of science
degree in pharmacy
from the University of
Minnesota.

President-elect: Lawrence H.
Mokhiber, MS, RPh

Lawrence H. Mokhiber,
New York Board of
Pharmacy executive sec-
raty, was elected NABP
president-elect. Prior to his
election, he served a one-
year term as treasurer of the
NABP Executive Committee
after holding a one-year
term as member-at-large.
Mokhiber sat on NABP’s
Advisory Committee on
Examinations from 1992
until his appointment to
the Executive Committee in
2003. He also served on the
North American Pharmacist
Licensure Examination™
Review Committee.
Mokhiber is executive
secretary for the New York
Board (District II), a posi-
tion he has held since 1987.
He also is the executive
secretary for the New York
State Board of Midwifery.
He earned his pharmacy
degree from Albany College
of Pharmacy at Union
University.

Treasurer: Charles R.
Young, RPh, CFE

Charles R. Young,
executive director of the
Massachusetts Board of
Registration in Pharmacy
(District I), was elected trea-
surer. Prior to his election,
he held a three-year mem-
ber term on the Executive
Committee. Young
has served on NABP’s
Committee on Constitution
and Bylaws, and Task Force
on Centralized Prescription
Filling. He began his tenure
with the Massachusetts
Board in 1985 as a compli-
ance agent. He assumed the
position of executive direc-
tor in 1997. Young earned
his pharmacy degree from
the Massachusetts College
of Pharmacy and Allied
Health Sciences.

Executive Committee
Member: Charles Curtis
‘Curt’ Barr, PharmD

Charles Curtis “Curt”
Barr, vice chairman of
the Nebraska Board of
Pharmacy (District V), is
currently serving a three-
year member term on the
Executive Committee.
Since becoming a member
of NABP, he has served
on many committees and
task forces. Barr served
on NABP’s Committee on
Constitution and Bylaws
and Task Force on Licensing
of Pharmacy Benefit
Managers. He has been a
member of the Nebraska
Board since 1997 and has
held several officer posi-
tions. Barr is an associate
professor of Pharmacy
Practice and assistant dean
for Alumni Relations for
the Creighton University
School of Pharmacy and
Allied Health Professions.
He received his doctor of
pharmacy degree from the
University of Nebraska
College of Pharmacy.

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

Reginald B. “Reggie”
Dilliard, president of
the Tennessee Board of
Pharmacy (District III), was
elected to serve a three-
year member term on the
NABP Executive Committee.
While a member of NABP,
Dilliard has provided valu-
able input by serving on the
Association’s Committee on
Constitution and Bylaws.
Currently, Dilliard is pharma-
cy 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. Dilliard received
his bachelor of science in
pharmacy degree from the
University of Tennessee
College of Pharmacy in 1974.

Executive Committee
Member: John R.
Dorvee, Jr, PharmD

John R. Dorvee, Jr, chair-
man of the Vermont Board
of Pharmacy (District I),
was elected to serve a
two-year member term
on the NABP Executive
Committee. While a mem-
er of the Vermont Board,
he was its designated item
writer and item reviewer
for NABP’s Multistate
Pharmacy Jurisprudence
Examination® for five
years. He is an active
member of several other
organizations including the
Vermont Health-System
Pharmacists Association
and the American Society
of Health-System Pharmacists.
Currently, Dorvee is a
critical care clinical phar-
macist at Rutland Regional
Medical Center. In addition,
he was the co-founder of
the Vermont Recovering
Professionals Program.
Dorvee earned his bach-
elor of science degree in
pharmacy from the Albany
College of Pharmacy
and his doctor of phar-
dacy degree from Howard
University.

Executive Committee
Member: Patricia F.
Harris, BA

Patricia F. Harris, executive
officer of the Department of
Consumer Affairs, California
State Board of Pharmacy
(District VIII), was elected to
serve a three-year member
term on the NABP Executive
Committee. Harris is respon-
sible for carrying out the pol-
ices and strategic planning
objectives of the California
Board. Some of 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, which includes
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complaint mediation, investigations, inspections, cite and fine, pharmacist-recovery program, probation monitoring, and disciplinary action; and providing expertise on complex legal and regulatory issues involving the practice of pharmacy and emerging issues. Harris holds a bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies from California State University in Sacramento, CA.

Executive Committee Member: Richard A. Palombo, RPh

Richard A. Palombo, member of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy, is serving the second year of a three-year member term on the Executive Committee. Palombo has been an active member of NABP since 2000, participating 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 with the Pharmacy Professional Practice Group and compliance coordinator for Medco Health Solutions, Inc. Palombo holds a bachelor of science in pharmacy degree from Temple University College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, PA.

Executive Committee Member: Oren M. Peacock, Jr, RPh

Oren M. Peacock, Jr, vice president of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (District VI), is serving the third year of a three-year term as a member of the NABP Executive Committee. In addition to his affiliation with the Texas Board since 1999, he has also participated in several NABP task forces and committees including the Committee on Resolutions, Task Force on Centralized Prescription Filling, and Task Force on Evaluation and Modification of NABP’s Constitution and Bylaws. Currently, he is vice president of pharmacy relations at the Eckerd Drug Company. Peacock earned his pharmacy degree from the University of Texas.

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

Gary A. Schnabel, Oregon State Board of Pharmacy executive director (District VII), is serving the third year of a three-year term as a member of the NABP Executive Committee. An active member of NABP, Schnabel has participated on several committees including the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and Nominating Committee. 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 pharmacy degree from Oregon State University.

Executive Committee Member: William T. Winsley, RPh, MS

William T. Winsley, executive director of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy (District IV), was elected to serve a three-year member term on the NABP Executive Committee. Winsley was also a member of NABP’s Executive Committee from 2001 to 2002. Winsley is an active member of NABP and has participated on many of the Association’s committees and task forces throughout the years including serving on 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. Other positions he held previous to joining the Board were assistant director of pharmacy at Akron City Hospital and assistant director of pharmacy and an instructor at the West Virginia University Medical Center College of Pharmacy. Winsley holds both a bachelor of science in pharmacy degree and a master of science in hospital pharmacy administration degree from Ohio State University.

101st Annual Meeting Officer Reports

The 101st 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, the Report of the Executive Director/Secretary, and the Report of Counsel. The Officer Reports discuss the state of the Association as well as NABP’s future goals.
Fitzpatrick Named 2005-2006 Honorary President

NABP is pleased to announce that William A. Fitzpatrick, RPh, has been named honorary president for the year 2005-2006. In recognition of his commitment to the Association’s mission and goals, NABP chose Mr. Fitzpatrick as its honorary president for his service to the public health, for his dedication to NABP and the boards of pharmacy, and for his unshakable integrity and his unselfish concern for patient care.

A licensed pharmacist since 1965, Mr. Fitzpatrick has served as a member of the Missouri Board of Pharmacy from 1989 to 1997. His commitment and ability to lead and benefit the Board is exemplified by the fact that he was elected to five consecutive terms as president of his home state’s board of pharmacy, an event that has never occurred in the history of the Board.

During the 16 years he has been a member of NABP, Mr. Fitzpatrick has played an integral role in and has served on several task forces and committees including the Task Force to Study Pharmacists’ Workload, the Task Force on Therapeutic Interchange, and the Pharmacy Practice Committee. In addition to his service to NABP, he has served on many committees for his home state including the Medicaid Pharmacy Subcommittee, the Medical Advisory Committee, the Drug Utilization Review Committee, and the Prior Approval Task Force Committee. Other organizations he has participated in that benefited from his experience include the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the American Pharmacists Association, to name a few.

Mr. Fitzpatrick’s work has not gone unnoticed. He has received several honors including the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award in 1992, the Missouri Pharmacist Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award in 1993, and the Missouri Bowl of Hygeia Award in 1995.

Presently, Mr. Fitzpatrick serves as a corporate compliance officer for Omnicare, Inc, where he is responsible for compliance training for all employees in addition to working with federal and state agencies on regulatory issues.

Spouse/Guest Tour Thrills Participants

101st Annual Meeting attendees and their spouses/guests experienced the beauty and excitement of the Louisiana swamps during the optional Louisiana Swamp Tour on Saturday, May 21, 2005. The tour took participants through the Swamps of Barataria where the passengers had an up-close look at native wildlife.
Educational Presenters
Food and Drug Administration
Gold Standard
Institute for Safe Medication Practices
Mocorp, Inc
MTS Medication Technologies
nevoca.com, Inc
Omnicell
Optimum Technology, Inc
PDX-NHIN-RX.com
Script IQ
ScriptPro
SupplyScape Corporation
Telepharmacy Solutions

Poster Session Presenters
California State Board of Pharmacy
Indiana Board of Pharmacy
Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
New Mexico Board of Pharmacy
Utah Board of Pharmacy

101st Annual Meeting Educational Presentation Area

Below, a Script IQ representative discusses the technological solutions available in the creation, maintenance, and distribution of formulary information as well as the ordering, creation, and distribution of prescription forms, particularly security prescription forms.

Thirteen organizations participated in the Educational Presentation Area. Pictured above, a representative from Mocorp, Inc, explains the company’s latest bar code technology.

Pictured left, an attendee receives literature concerning medication packaging dispensing systems from an MTS Medication Technologies Representative.

Pictured right, representatives from nevoca.com, Inc, prepare for meeting attendees to visit and arrange information regarding its real-time prescription monitoring program.
101st Annual Meeting Educational Sessions

The 101st Annual Meeting continuing education sessions provided timely and pertinent information to meeting attendees.

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Thomson Prometric
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Ronald W. Buzzeo, president, BuzzeoPDMA (at podium) addresses attendees during the session “Regulatory Initiatives and Innovative Technologies in Deterring Drug Abuse, Diversion, and Theft.” Others pictured include (seated, from left) Oren M. Peacock, Jr, member, NABP Executive Committee (moderator); Patricia F. Harris, executive officer, California State Board of Pharmacy; and John H. Pierce, executive vice president of business development, Script IQ, Inc. Not pictured but also on the panel was Leah S. Foster, vice president, BuzzeoPDMA.

Sandra Stovall, Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act compliance manager at the Florida Department of Health (left); James T. Hintlian, a partner at Accenture (center); and Lucia Deus, vice president of product development at SupplyScape Corporation (right) discuss new technology in tracking and tracing medication during the session “Maintaining Medication Product Integrity: Applications of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and Electronic Product Codes (EPC) for the Regulation of Wholesale Distributors.”


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Annual Meeting Highlights

Reginald B. "Reggie" Dilliard, discusses his stance on issues with NABP members at the Meet the Candidates Session, which was held prior to the elections for Executive Committee members. Dilliard was subsequently elected a member of the Executive Committee (see related story on page 3 of this NABP Newsletter).

Donna S. Wall receives the Chairman’s Award during the Third Business Session on Monday, May 23, 2005. The award was presented by Pfizer US Pharmaceuticals.

New Executive Committee officers (from left) Charles R. Young, treasurer, Dennis K. McAllister, president; and Lawrence H. Mokhiber, president-elect, were inaugurated on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, during the Final Business Session.


Retired United States Coast Guard Captain Larry Brudnicki delivers the Keynote Speech for NABP’s 101st Annual Meeting. Brudnicki explains how success in any profession depends on setting goals, being prepared, understanding risks, and working in teams.

Meeting attendees and their guests enjoy the New Orleans-style entertainment and NABP’s Annual Awards Dinner, held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005.