Boards of Pharmacy Come Together at the 103rd Annual Meeting to Make a Difference

On May 19-22, 2007, NABP welcomed approximately 435 attendees and guests representing the state boards of pharmacy, industry, and government officials to its 103rd Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting, themed “Reaching New Heights to Make a Difference,” was held in Portland, OR.

Bylaws Amendment and Resolutions Approved

Along with timely educational programs, attendees had the chance to help shape the future of NABP by participating in important business sessions during which officers and members of the NABP Executive Committee were elected. Also during these sessions, members had the opportunity to discuss and delegates to vote on an amendment to the Bylaws as well as resolutions. The delegates approved the proposed amendment to the Bylaws, which clarifies that member boards may interview licensure transfer candidates on current pharmacy practice and examine them on the pharmacy laws of their state. In addition, seven resolutions were adopted. The resolutions address such timely issues as disciplined pharmacists’ participation in federal health care programs; the unanimous endorsement that a valid prescription be based upon a valid, ongoing patient-prescriber relationship; Internet pharmacy public safety awareness; prescription drug diversion from common carriers during interstate and intrastate distribution; medication error reporting; exploring the feasibility of expanding the NABP Clearinghouse to assist boards of pharmacy in determining eligibility for pharmacy licensure; and one recognition resolution (see page 4).

Educational Sessions

Meeting attendees had the opportunity to earn up to seven contact hours (0.7 CEUs) of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education-approved continuing education (CE) credit. New this year, a special pre-meeting CE session geared towards compliance staff was held on Saturday, May 19. Approximately 165 attendees participated in this session, which was developed at the
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recommendation of the 2005-2006 NABP Task Force on Standards for Compounding. The session focused on United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Test and Assays Chapter 797, “Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations” as well as other applicable USP compounding chapters and included a mock “virtual inspection” of a compounding pharmacy utilizing the standards as set forth in USP Chapter 797 and 795, “Pharmaceutical Compounding – Nonsterile Preparations,” and examined specific tools designed to evaluate compliance with USP standards.

In addition to the pre-meeting CE session, several other important topics were presented by some of pharmacy’s most knowledgeable speakers. These topics included “Legal Update,” “Pedigrees Are Here to Stay!” “Monitoring OTC Pseudoephedrine Sales: The Newest Tools,” and “Quality of Care: Does Pharmacy Finally Get It? ISMP Talks.”

Programs and Events

Other programs and events at the 103rd Annual Meeting provided attendees with opportunities to network and share information. This year the Educational Poster Session and Hospitality Brunch offered attendees the chance to gain knowledge while enjoying a brunch buffet. During the Educational Poster Session the California State Board of Pharmacy displayed information on pedigree legislation and policy development; the Oregon State University College of Pharmacy highlighted research results; and Sister Margaret Wright, RSM, PhD, shared information on the history of nuns in pharmacy.

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Annual Meeting Officer Reports Online

The 103rd Annual Meeting Officer Reports are available online at www.nabp.net under “News/Press.” The reports include the Report of the Executive Committee, President’s Address, Remarks of the Incoming President, Report of the Treasurer, Report of the Executive Director/Secretary, and Report of Counsel. The Officer reports discuss the state of the Association as well as the future goals of NABP.
Delegates to the NABP 103rd Annual Meeting elected individuals to fill the president-elect, treasurer, and open member positions on the Association’s 2007-2008 Executive Committee.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, Oren M. Peacock, Jr, RPh, of Texas, assumed the office of NABP president, and immediate Past President Lawrence H. “Larry” Mokhiber, MS, RPh, executive secretary of the New York State Board of Pharmacy, became chairperson of the Executive Committee.

The newly elected officers of the NABP Executive Committee are President-elect Richard A. “Rich” Palombo, RPh, a member of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy, and Treasurer Gary A. Schnabl, RPh, RN, executive director of the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy. Karen M. Ryle, MS, RPh, a member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, and Lloyd K. Jessen, RPh, JD, executive director/secretary of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy were both re-elected to serve three-year member terms. Elizabeth Scott “Scotti” Russell, RPh, executive director of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy, was elected to serve a three-year member term and Cathryn J. Lew, RPh, a member of the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy, was elected to serve a two-year member term. The other members of the 2007-2008 NABP Executive Committee who are currently fulfilling their terms include Reginald B. “Reggie” Dilliard, DPh, of Tennessee; William T. “Bill” Winsley, MS, RPh, executive director of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy; Malcolm J. Broussard, RPh, executive director of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; and Patricia F. Harris, BA, of California.

Abbreviated biographies for the officers and members of the Association’s 2007-2008 Executive Committee follow:

**Chairperson:**
Lawrence H. “Larry” Mokhiber, MS, RPh

Mokhiber, executive secretary of the New York State Board of Pharmacy since 1987, automatically assumed the office of chairperson after completing his one-year term as president. Before serving as president, Mokhiber served one-year terms as the Association’s president-elect, treasurer, and as an Executive Committee member. Mokhiber served on the NABP 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. He is also the executive secretary for the New York State Board of Midwifery. He earned his bachelor of science in pharmacy degree from Albany College of Pharmacy at Union University and his master of science in health systems management and administration degree from the Institute of Administration and Management of Union College.

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

Peacock, of Texas, automatically assumed the office of president after completing his one-year term as president-elect. Prior to the election, Mr Peacock served a three-year member term on the NABP Executive Committee representing District 2. He was recently reappointed to the New Jersey Board; he also served on the Board from 1996 to 2005. Peacock has also been an active member of NABP, serving on committees and task forces such as the Task Force on Centralized Prescription Filling and the Task Force on Evaluation and Modification of the NABP Constitution and Bylaws. Currently, he is director of Governmental Affairs at CVS/Caremark. Peacock earned his bachelor of science in pharmacy degree from the University of Texas College of Pharmacy.

**President-elect:**
Richard A. “Rich” Palombo, RPh

Palombo, a member of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy, was elected to serve as president-elect. Prior to the election, Mr Palombo served a three-year member term on the NABP Executive Committee representing District 2. He was recently reappointed to the New Jersey Board; he also served on the Board from 1996 to 2005. Palombo has served on many committees and (continued on page 6)
Delegates Adopt Seven Resolutions

Delegates from the member boards of pharmacy adopted seven resolutions during the NABP 103rd Annual Meeting. The resolutions addressed such timely issues as disciplined pharmacists’ participation in federal health care programs; the requirement that a valid prescription be based upon a valid, ongoing patient-prescriber relationship; Internet pharmacy public safety awareness; prescription drug diversion from common carriers during interstate and intrastate distribution; medication error reporting; and exploring the feasibility of expanding the NABP Clearinghouse to assist boards of pharmacy in determining eligibility for pharmacy licensure. In addition, one recognition resolution was passed.

Resolution No. 103-1-07
Title: OIG Exclusion Programs and Board of Pharmacy Disciplinary Actions
Action: Passed

Whereas, Title XI of the Social Security Act (Sections 1128, 1156, and 1892) legally authorizes the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Health and Human Services to exclude entities convicted of program-related crimes, patient abuse or neglect, and other felonies from participation in any federal health care programs, including Medicare and Medicaid; and

Whereas, pharmacists, who have been disciplined by boards of pharmacy for violations unrelated to fraud or abuse of federal health care programs and who have complied with conditions mandated by boards of pharmacy, have been subsequently barred by the OIG from participation in federal health care programs as a result of those same violations by means of inclusion on the OIG “List of Excluded Individuals/Entities”; and

Whereas, such actions taken on the part of the OIG result in additional punitive actions, which are beyond those actions or terms determined by the boards of pharmacy and, in effect, restrict those pharmacists from practice after the licenses have been reinstated by the boards; and

Whereas, NABP and boards of pharmacy are concerned that these actions overall demonstrate a lack of recognition by the OIG of the pharmacy boards’ role in protecting the public health and the authority of boards of pharmacy to regulate pharmacists; and

Whereas, NABP has previously expressed these concerns to the OIG as a result of a formal recommendation issued by the NABP Executive Committee and 2005-2006 Committee of Law Enforcement/Legislation;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP increase its dialogue with the OIG and with state and national pharmacy stakeholders, congressional representatives, and other constituencies, and develop, if necessary, legislation to amend applicable provisions of the Social Security Act that would support the collaboration between the state boards of pharmacy and the OIG to ensure that pharmacists disciplined by boards of pharmacy for certain violations are not automatically subject to OIG exclusionary actions.

Resolution No. 103-2-07
Title: Valid, Ongoing Patient-Prescriber Relationships
Action: Passed

Whereas, rogue Internet pharmacies and Web sites,
defined by NABP as those entities that distribute prescription drugs in violation of state and federal laws, allow consumers to obtain prescription drugs using Internet-based, electronic questionnaires or cyberspace consultations without an examination by a physician or other legally qualified health care professional, adversely impacting the public health, safety and welfare, and contributing to the diversion of controlled substances; and

Whereas, some legitimate pharmacies are collaborating with rogue Internet pharmacies and Web sites to dispense prescription drugs based solely on Internet-based, electronic questionnaires or cyberspace consultations, which do not constitute a valid ongoing patient-prescriber relationship or result in the issuance of a valid prescription; and

Whereas, standards of practice, which are enforceable by boards of pharmacy through administrative proceedings, require pharmacists to assess the validity of a prescription using several factors, including professional judgment, prior to dispensing medications;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP work with the Federation of State Medical Boards, the US Food and Drug Administration, the US Drug Enforcement Administration, and other interested stakeholders to assess and revise, if necessary, the Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (Model Act) to explicitly prohibit the dispensing of medications based on prescriptions generated solely from Internet-based, electronic questionnaires or cyberspace consultations or invalid patient-prescriber relationships; and

Whereas, boards of pharmacy require additional resources and support to effectively regulate Internet pharmacies and Web sites to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

Whereas, NABP, in its mission to assist the boards of pharmacy to protect the public health, developed the Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites™ (VIPPS®) program, a voluntary accreditation program that ensures Internet pharmacies are appropriately licensed and legitimately operating, and partnered with federal agencies, consumer groups, and other interested stakeholders to educate the public regarding the risks of purchasing from rogue Internet pharmacies and Web sites and the value of the VIPPS program in these efforts;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP continue to collaborate with federal agencies and other interested stakeholders to educate the public and health care professionals of the dangers

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Task forces including the Committee on Law Enforcement/Legislation, the Task Force on Emergency Response and Preparedness, the Task Force on Privacy, and the Task Force to Examine the Quality and Standards of Internship Requirements. Currently, he is a director with the Pharmacy Professional Practice Group and compliance coordinator for Medco Health Solutions, Inc. Palombo earned a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Temple University College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, PA.

Treasurer: Gary A. Schnabel, RPh, RN
Schnabel, Oregon State Board of Pharmacy executive director, was elected treasurer. Prior to his election, he served for four years as a member of the Executive Committee representing District 7. An active member of NABP, 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. 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. Schnabel also owned an independent pharmacy consulting practice from 1990 to 1995. He earned his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Oregon State University.

Executive Committee Member: Karen M. Ryle, MS, RPh
Ryle, a member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, was re-elected to serve a three-year term after serving a one-year member term representing District 1. An active member of NABP since she was appointed to the Board, 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, 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: Elizabeth Scott “Scotti” Russell, RPh
Russell, executive director of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy, was elected to serve a three-year member term, representing District 2, on the Executive Committee. Russell was named executive director of the Board in 1991, after serving as pharmacy investigator/inspector since 1982. Prior to joining the Board, she served as a pharmacist in institutional and community practice settings. An active member of NABP, Russell has served on many Association committees and task forces including the Task Force on Standardizing Student Pharmacist Experiential Requirements, the Task Force on E-Pedigree Requirements, and the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Russell graduated from the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy.

Executive Committee Member: Reginald B. “Reggie” Dilliard, DPh
Dilliard, of Tennessee, is serving the third year of a three-year member term representing District 3 on the Executive Committee. While a member of NABP, Dilliard has provided valuable input by serving on the Association’s Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Currently, 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. Dilliard received his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy.

Executive Committee Member: William T. “Bill” Winsley, RPh, MS
Winsley, executive director of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy, is serving the third year of a three-year member term representing District 4 on the NABP Executive Committee. Winsley also was a member of the NABP
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. Winsley holds both a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy and a master of science degree in hospital pharmacy administration from Ohio State University.

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

Jessen, executive director/secretary of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, was re-elected to serve a three-year member term after serving a one-year term representing District 5 on the Executive Committee. 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. 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: Malcolm J. Broussard, RPh

Broussard, executive director of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, is serving the second year of a three-year member term representing District 6 on the Executive Committee. An active member of NABP as well as state and local professional associations, Broussard has served on the NABP 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. Broussard earned his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Xavier University of Louisiana.

Executive Committee Member: Cathryn J. Lew, RPh

Lew, a member of the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy, was elected to serve a two-year member term, representing District 7, on the Executive Committee. Lew has been an active member of NABP, serving on the Committee on Law Enforcement/Legislation. Currently, she is a clinical staff pharmacist at Sacred Heart Hospital, Home Infusion/Hospice, a position she has held since 1983. In addition, she serves as a pharmacy consultant at the Oregon Endoscopy Center and Oregon SurgiCenter. Previous positions she has held include serving as a consultant to the Board of Pharmacy, is serving the third year of a three-year member term representing District 8 on the NABP Executive Committee. She has served on the NABP Task Force on Technician Regulations and the Task Force on the Test of Spoken English™. Currently, Harris works at the California Division of Consumer Affairs. Previously, she was executive officer of the California State Board of Pharmacy. In this position, she was responsible for carrying out the policies 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, 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.
NABP Honors Leaders in Public Health Protection at Annual Awards Dinner

Leaders in the protection of public health were recognized at the NABP 103rd Annual Meeting Awards Dinner. Each year, the Association presents awards to individuals who have served with dedication and commitment and reflect the mission of NABP to protect the public health.

Those honored leaders include 2007 Honorary President Charles R. “Chuck” Young, RPh, CFE; 2006-2007 NABP President Lawrence H. “Larry” Mokhiber, MS, RPh; Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award recipient Gay Dodson, RPh; Lester E. Hosto Inspector Distinguished Service Award recipient Jeffrey L. Osman, PharmD; and Henry Cade Memorial Award winner Elaine Fulton, PRP.

Abbreviated biographies for the award winners follow:

**2007 Honorary President: Charles R. “Chuck” Young, RPh, CFE**

Currently, professional affairs pharmacy manager for the Office of Clinical Affairs at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Young previously served as the executive director on the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, a position that he held until 2006. He also served a one-year term as NABP treasurer and a three-year term as an NABP Executive Committee member. While serving as executive director for the Board, Young developed an initiative that sought a separate budget line item from the state legislature for additional Board resources to create a new position of continuous quality improvement surveyor. The first position of its kind in the nation, the position allowed him to move the board forward in its attempt to regulate for outcomes and move away from a strict disciplinary approach of regulating. Young earned his bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

**NABP President’s Award: Lawrence H. “Larry” Mokhiber, MS, RPh**

Mokhiber 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. He remained committed to his presidential initiative to nurture the initiatives of the presidents before him, finalizing and monitoring the implementation of all new programs and services to meet the needs of the state boards of pharmacy. While helping to guide several young programs in the NABP portfolio, Mokhiber was also a guiding force in the Association’s efforts to achieve deeming authority for the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies accreditation program as well as provided valuable input for the implementation of the program. Mokhiber received his master of science in health systems management and administration degree from the Institute of Administration and Management of Union College in Schenectady, NY, and his bachelor of science in pharmacy degree from Albany College of Pharmacy at Union University in Albany, NY.
Lester E. Hosto
Distinguished Service Award: Gay Dodson, RPh

Dodson has been a dedicated employee of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy since 1982 promoting, preserving, and protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Texas. She has served as the Board’s executive director since 1997. Prior to that, Dodson held various positions with the Board including senior compliance officer and director of compliance. Dodson began her career as a community pharmacist and has remained an active member of local, state, and national pharmacy associations. Throughout the years, Dodson has received numerous awards including the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Pharmacy Association, the William J. Sheffield Outstanding Alumnus award from the University of Texas at Austin, College of Pharmacy, and the Texas Pharmacy Association's Outstanding Service Award. In addition, she received recognitions for her commitment, leadership, and dedication in advancing the practice of pharmacy by the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Dodson earned her bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy.

Lester E. Hosto
Inspector Distinguished Service Award: Jeffrey Osman, PharmD

As the pharmacy inspections and investigations coordinator for the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, Osman promotes, preserves, and protects the public health, safety, and welfare of the state’s residents. Osman has worked with both state and federal task forces to stem the tide of illegal prescribing, dispensing, and utilization of controlled substances. In addition, he has played a prominent role in assisting the Kentucky Attorney General Office’s shut down of illegal Internet pharmacies. Osman is also the continuing education coordinator for the Board, playing an active role in developing and reviewing continuing education. A preceptor for several professional year 4 students at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, Osman's rotation assignment is highly sought by the students. Osman earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy.

Henry Cade Memorial Award: Elaine Fulton, PRP

A registered parliamentarian since 1971, Fulton served as the NABP parliamentarian for 27 years. She has been a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians since 1969, serving as the executive director for 17 years. In addition to her work with NABP, Fulton was the parliamentarian for the National Pork Producers, the American Society of Professional Estimators, and the Kansas Farm Bureau to name a few. She also taught seminars for the American Society of Association Executives as well as courses at community colleges. Fulton graduated from the Chillicothe Business College and took additional college level courses in accounting and parliamentary law.
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of acquiring drugs illegally through the Internet and from foreign sources.

Resolution No. 103-4-07
Title: Prescription Drug Diversion from Common Carriers
Action: Passed

Whereas, there is a threat to the public health due to the diversion of prescription drugs from common carriers during interstate and intrastate distribution and delivery to wholesale drug distributors, pharmacies, patients, or patients’ agents; and

Whereas, the regulations regarding the distribution and delivery of prescription drugs vary by state and often do not include accountability provisions for common carriers that distribute and deliver prescription drugs;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP commission a task force to study issues surrounding the diversion of prescription drugs from common carriers or their agents during interstate and intrastate distribution and delivery to wholesalers, pharmacies, patients, and patients’ agents.

Resolution No. 103-5-07
Title: Medication Error Reporting
Action: Passed

Whereas, the 2006 Institute of Medicine (IOM) Preventing Medication Errors: Quality Chasm Series, formally recommends boards of pharmacy implement quality improvement initiatives related to community pharmacy practice; and

Whereas, the aforementioned IOM Report suggests that medication error reporting be promoted more aggressively by all stakeholders; and

Whereas, NABP and boards of pharmacy have endorsed the reporting of medication errors most recently by formal recommendation of the 2004-2005 NABP Task Force to Develop Recommendations to Best Reduce Medication Errors in Community Pharmacy Practice and also by guidance as included in the Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (Model Act);

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP continue to actively support boards of pharmacy by encouraging and promoting the reporting of medication errors occurring in all pharmacy practice settings to reporting programs such as the United States Pharmacopeia-Institute for Safe Medication Practices Medication Error Reporting Program (USP-ISMP MERP) and the US Food and Drug Administration MedWatch; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that NABP review and revise, if necessary, the Model Act regarding the implementation of continuous quality improvement and peer review programs and best practice recommendations, in accordance with non-discovery provisions that allow appropriate access by the state boards of pharmacy and regulatory agencies, with the ultimate goal of enhancing patient safety and quality of care; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that NABP request that ISMP or other appropriate groups study the creation of a standardized approach to conduct root cause or causative factor analysis for medication errors that cause sentinel events.

Resolution No. 103-6-07
Title: Clearinghouse for Pharmacies
Action: Passed

Whereas, pharmacies frequently serve patients in multiple states; and

Whereas, pharmacies may be operating without appropriate licensure within the state in which the patient resides and may also be circumventing nonresident pharmacy requirements; and

Whereas, there is presently no convenient or comprehensive means of verifying information provided by pharmacy licensure applicants;

Therefore Be It Resolved that NABP evaluate the feasibility of expanding the NABP Clearinghouse to provide for a complete pharmacy licensure and disciplinary history to assist boards in determining eligibility for licensure; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that NABP encourages its member boards to actively report in a timely manner pharmacy licensure and disciplinary information to the NABP Clearinghouse.

Resolution No. 103-7-07
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:

Carol V. Bateman (SC)
Salvatore J. “Sal” D’Angelo (LA)
John R. “Dick” Fowler (TX)
Martin Golden (DE)
John W. Heavin (MO)
Roger Hernandez (TX)
Horner Lamey (TX)
Robert H. Moore (TN)
Harry Scoufos Jr (OK)
Randolph N. Smith (KY)

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.
2006 NABP Honorary President Kendall Lynch Honored at Past President’s Dinner

Kendall M. Lynch, RPh, (center) accepted a plaque recognizing his service as the 2006 NABP honorary president from Lawrence H. “Larry” Mokhiber, MS, RPh, 2006-2007 NABP President (left), and Dennis K. McAllister, RPh, chairperson, NABP 2006-2007 Executive Committee (right), at the Past President’s Dinner held May 18, 2007, in Portland, OR.

President’s Welcome Reception Kicks off Events

With several members present, the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy offered its services as the host state during the 103rd Annual Meeting. Pictured left to right during the President’s Welcome Reception held on Saturday, May 19, 2007, are Cathryn J. Lew, RPh, member, NABP 2007-2008 Executive Committee; Joe Schnabel, PharmD, RPh, former member, Oregon State Board of Pharmacy and his wife, Judy Mathison; and Gary A. Schnabel, RPh, RN, treasurer, NABP 2007-2008 Executive Committee.
103rd Annual Meeting Educational Poster Session, Table Top Displays Invite Discussion

Educational Table Top Displays

- Drug Enforcement Administration – Office of Diversion Control
- Food and Drug Administration
- National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
- Oregon State Board of Pharmacy
- Pharmacy Technician Certification Board

Poster Session Titles

- California Electronic Pedigree
- Nuns: Contributors to the Advancement of Pharmacy
- Pharmacy Program Student Outcomes Assessment: Utility for Curricular Assessment and Student Self-Evaluation
- Year 2 of a Student Pharmacist – Run Program to Improve Medication Adherence

Pharmacy History

Sister Margaret Wright, RSM, PhD (left), discusses with NABP Past President Llyn A. Lloyd, RPh, the contributions of nuns in pharmacy throughout the years.

OSU College of Pharmacy Presents Research Results

Gary E. DeLander, PhD, associate dean, Oregon State University (OSU) College of Pharmacy shares results from pharmacy curricular assessment and student self-evaluation research with Linda D. Howrey, RPh, member, Oregon State Board of Pharmacy (above left) while Sarah Hilbert, student, OSU College of Pharmacy, explains the importance of medication adherence to Earl W. Pease, PharmD, member, Vermont Board of Pharmacy (above right).

Electronic Pedigree

Virginia “Giny” Herold, MS, executive officer, California State Board of Pharmacy (left), discusses pedigree legislation and policy development with David W. Dryden, RPh, JD (right) and another NABP member.
Annual Meeting Highlights

DEA
Cathy A. Gallagher (left) and Roger Beltz (right), representatives from Drug Enforcement Administration, discuss the importance of diversion control of pharmaceutical controlled substances with an NABP member.

PTCB
Melissa Murer-Corrigan, RPh, executive director and CEO, Pharmacy Technician Certification Board, shares information with an NABP member regarding the examination and transfer processes for pharmacy technicians.

FDA
Food and Drug Administration’s Cynthia P. Fitzpatrick provides science-based medication information to NABP members.

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NABP gratefully acknowledges the following pharmaceutical companies and organizations whose educational grants and event and session sponsorships have contributed to the success of the Association’s 103rd Annual Meeting.

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- Medco Health Solutions, Inc
- Merck & Co, Inc
- National Association of Chain Drug Stores
- Omnicare, Inc
- Pearson VUE
- PDX-NHIN-Rx.com
- Pfizer Inc
- Purdue Pharma LP
- ScriptPro LLC
- Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc
- United States Pharmacopeia
- Walgreen Co
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc
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**103rd Annual Meeting Educational Sessions Address Pharmacy Practice Regulation Issues**

Attendees had the opportunity to earn up to seven contact hours (0.7 CEUs) of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education-approved continuing education (CE) credit during the NABP 103rd Annual Meeting. The CE sessions addressed timely and important issues regarding the regulation of pharmacy practice and were presented by leading experts in the pharmacy profession.

**Moving Beyond the Basics**

New this year, a special pre-meeting CE session geared towards board of pharmacy compliance staff was held on Saturday, May 19. The session, “Inspecting Compounding Pharmacies: Beyond the Basics of USP 795 and 797,” focused on United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Test and Assays Chapter 797, “Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations,” and USP Chapter 795, “Pharmaceutical Compounding – Nonsterile Preparations.” Pictured left to right are session moderator Lloyd K. Jessen, RPh, JD, member, NABP Executive Committee, and speaker Eric S. Kastango, MBA, RPh, FASHP, President, Clinical IQ, LLC.

**Legal Update**

On the pulse of current legislative issues facing the state boards of pharmacy, NABP staff presented attendees with details on recent federal and state legislative and regulatory issues pertaining to compounding, durable medical equipment accreditation, and emergency contraceptives during the “Legal Update” session. Pictured left to right are Malcolm J. Broussard, RPh, session moderator and member, NABP Executive Committee; Eleni Z. Anagnostiadis, RPh, board services director, NABP; Melissa A. Madigan, PharmD, JD, professional affairs senior manager, NABP; and Moira Gibbons, PharmD, JD, legal affairs senior manager, NABP.
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Pedigree Legislation
“Pedigrees Are Here to Stay” highlighted the efforts of the Nevada and California State Boards of Pharmacy in creating and implementing pedigree legislation. Pictured left to right are Karen M. Ryle, MS, RPh, session moderator and member, NABP Executive Committee; Keith W. Macdonald, RPh, member, Nevada Board; Louis Ling, JD, general counsel, Nevada Board; Larry L. Pinson, PharmD, executive secretary, Nevada Board; and Judi Nurse, PharmD, supervising inspector, California Board.

Pedigree Legislation

Monitoring Pseudoephedrine Sales
Attendees learned specifics on the Pharmacy Guild of Australia’s Project Stop and the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy’s MethCheck Pilot Program, both of which are designed to electronically record pseudoephedrine transactions in compliance with regulations, during the session “Monitoring OTC Pseudoephedrine Sales: The Newest Tools.” Pictured left to right are Van L. Ingram, branch manager, compliance section, Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; Karen Peachey, PhD, BPharm, PostGradDipClinHospPharm, AFACPPM, MASC, MPS, senior vice president and national councillor, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia; and Reginald B. “Reggie” Dilliard, DPh, session moderator and member, NABP Executive Committee.

Quality of Care
During “Quality of Care: Does Pharmacy Finally Get It? ISMP Talks,” the Institute of Medicine recommendations were discussed as well as tips for implementing those recommendations. In addition, the impact of continuous quality improvement regulations were explained. Pictured left to right are William T. “Bill” Winsley, MS, RPh, session moderator and member, NABP Executive Committee; Charles R. “Chuck” Young, RPh, CFE, pharmacy manager, professional affairs, Office of Clinical Affairs, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Massachusetts Health Offices; and Michael R. Cohen, RPh, ScD, FASHP, president, Institute for Safe Medication Practices.
2007-2008 NABP Executive Committee Inaugurated at Final Business Session

Inaugurated during the Final Business Session on May 22, 2007, the 2007-2008 Executive Committee officers and members, pictured from left to right, are: Cathryn J. Lew, RPh, member, Oregon State Board of Pharmacy (District 7); Reginald B. "Reggie" Dillard, DPh, Tennessee (District 3); Gary A. Schnabel, RPh, RN, NABP treasurer; Richard A. "Rich" Palombo, RPh, NABP president-elect; Oren M. Peacock, Jr, RPh, NABP president; William T. "Bill" Winsley, MS, RPh, executive director, Ohio State Board of Pharmacy (District 4); Lawrence H. "Larry" Mokhiber, MS, RPh, NABP Executive Committee chairperson; Malcolm J. Broussard, RPh, executive director, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy (District 6); Karen M. Ryle, MS, RPh, member, Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy (District 1); Lloyd K. Jessen, RPh, JD, executive director/secretary, Iowa Board of Pharmacy (District 5); Elizabeth Scott "Scotti" Russell, RPh, executive director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy (District 2); and Patricia F. Harris, BA, California (District 8) not pictured. For biographies of the new Executive Committee see page 3.

Keynote Address

Captain Gerald Coffee, author and former Vietnam prisoner of war captivated attendees during his Keynote Address on Sunday, May 20, 2007. Stressing the importance of communication, leadership, mastering change, teamwork, humor, and overcoming adversity in corporate and personal life, his motivational message focused on the positive lessons he and other Americans learned while in captivity.