

NABP’s 115th Annual Meeting, held May 16-18, 2019 in Minneapolis

NABP’s new Executive Committee officers and members were elected, award recipients were honored, and the membership approved 5 resolutions. A quick recap:

- **2019-2020 Executive Committee Officers and Members**

Officers:	Chair	Susan Ksiazek, RPh, DPh (NY)
	President	Jack W. “Jay” Campbell IV, JD, RPh (NC)
	President-elect	Timothy D. Fensky, RPh, DPh, FACA (MA)*
	Treasurer	Caroline D. Juran, RPh, DPh (VA)*
Members:	District 1	Bradley S. Hamilton, RPh (ME)*
	District 2	Tejal J. Patel, MBA, PharmD, RPh (DE)*
	District 3	Jeffrey J. Mesaros, PharmD, JD, RPh (FL)*
	District 4	Philip P. Burgess, MBA, DPh, RPh (IL)
	District 5	Shane R. Wendel, PharmD, RPh (ND)*
	District 6	Lenora S. Newsome, PD (AR)
	District 7	Nicole L. Chopski, PharmD, BCGP, ANP (ID)
	District 8	Richard B. Mazzone, RPh (NM)

* Newly elected or re-elected

- **2019 Award Recipients Honored**

Honorary President:	Anita Young (former member, Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy)
Fred T. Mahaffey Award:	State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy
John F. Atkinson Service Award:	Krystal Stefanyk (North Carolina Board of Pharmacy) & Gordon White (Indiana Board of Pharmacy)
Lester E. Hosto Distinguished Service Award:	Giny Herold (former executive officer, California State Board of Pharmacy)

- **Delegates Approve 5 Resolutions at the NABP 115th Annual Meeting**

Delegates from the member boards of pharmacy adopted 5 resolutions during the NABP 115th Annual Meeting, held May 16-18, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. The complete text of the resolutions is available in the Publications and Reports section of the NABP website, nabp.pharmacy/publications-reports/reports and is published in the Special Annual Meeting Issue of *Innovations*.

- **Past Presidents’ Events**

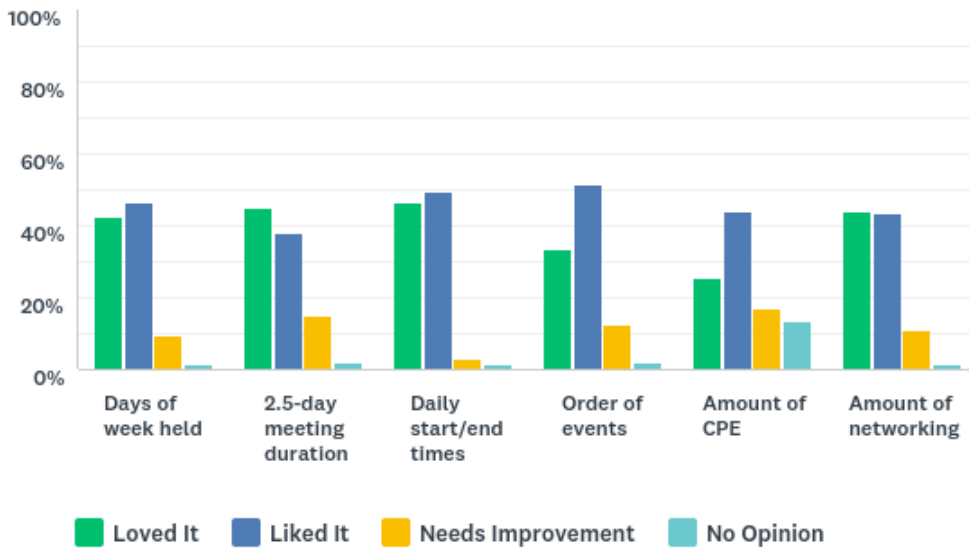
Thursday’s Annual Meeting Orientation and Hospitality Brunch Tabletop were well attended, and it was noted that the guidance and encouragement offered by NABP Past Presidents was very well-received. The interactions between the Executive Committee/past presidents and the new

members were invaluable. The Past Presidents and Honorary Presidents Dinner on Friday evening at Mission American Kitchen provided the perfect forum for good food and good times. The evening was highlighted by the remembrances of the past presidents and honorary presidents of their tenure and time with NABP. Additional thanks to the past presidents who assisted as Past President Ambassadors during registration on Wednesday, May 15.

- **New Schedule**

Overall, NABP received positive feedback on the new Annual Meeting Schedule. A number of respondents were appreciative of the schedule change noting that it was easier to obtain travel approval, it helped with expenses, and that they liked being able to return home during the weekend. Below is an excerpt from the Annual Meeting post-meeting survey. NABP will further tweak the new schedule based on member feedback, such as moving the Awards Luncheon to Friday to increase attendance.

Q7 Rate the new Annual Meeting schedule in each category listed below.



	Loved It	Liked It	Needs Improvement	No Opinion
Days of week held	42.54%	46.27%	9.70%	1.49%
2.5-day meeting duration	44.78%	38.06%	14.93%	2.24%
Daily start/end times	46.27%	49.25%	2.99%	1.49%
Order of events	33.58%	51.49%	12.69%	2.24%
Amount of CPE	25.37%	44.03%	17.16%	13.43%
Amount of networking	44.03%	43.28%	11.19%	1.49%

NABP Encourages Pharmacists to Participate in Pharmacy Practice Analysis Survey Available in Fall 2019

NABP will soon be seeking responses from pharmacists to a survey about pharmacy practice. Analysis of the survey results is used to evaluate the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® (NAPLEX®) competency statements and is conducted every five years.

This survey of pharmacy practice is conducted in accordance with best practices of examination development for high-stakes testing. Specifically, the analysis of practice supports the relevance of the NAPLEX competency statements, which define the content for the examination.

Survey responses are carefully analyzed and weighted, and results of the analysis are presented to the NAPLEX Review Committee, the Advisory Committee on Examinations, and the NABP Executive Committee for policy recommendations and final approval. The resulting approved competencies and blueprint are expected to be utilized for the NAPLEX beginning in 2020, and all schools and colleges of pharmacy, as well as the state boards of pharmacy, will be notified of any revisions in advance. This periodic analysis and review are one of many ongoing efforts to ensure that the NAPLEX remains a valid measure of entry-level pharmacists' knowledge and skills. The review supports the NABP mission to protect the public health by providing the state boards of pharmacy with a reliable means of assessing competency that assists them with licensure decisions to support safe and effective practice.

NABP Solutions, LLC, Launches — Consultants Bring Clarity to Accreditation Processes

Recognizing the value that NABP accreditation brings to public health protection and seeing a need for qualified consultants to help businesses successfully achieve accreditation, a new company, NABP Solutions, LLC, launched in May 2019. NABP Solutions, a separate organization created by the Association but functioning outside the business operations of the Association, will offer consulting services from qualified experts who are knowledgeable about NABP's accreditation and inspection services and application processes.

Business entities, including pharmacies and wholesalers, understand the value that NABP accreditation brings to their business practice. Many entities, however, require assistance with NABP's accreditation processes and often seek consulting services from an outside third party. NABP Solutions will offer these same consulting services, with the added value of having consultants who are conversant in and have a comprehensive understanding of NABP's accreditation criteria and processes.

Becoming a client of NABP Solutions will not in any way guarantee successful accreditation. However, it will assist an entity to meet the federal and state regulatory and quality standards of pharmacy care and drug supply chain safety. Importantly, to protect the integrity of NABP's accreditation process, legal and corporate policy firewalls have been implemented to establish clear lines of separation between NABP Solutions and the Association's accreditation and verification programs, and maintain confidentiality. These firewalls protect from disclosure to NABP clients and confidential information that clients provide to NABP Solutions, disclosure of confidential Association accreditation program information to NABP Solutions, and the independence of the Association's decision making in the accreditation programs.

FDA Releases New Toolkit to Help Promote Safe Opioid Disposal

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has made a new resource available for consumers and health care providers to help promote and educate individuals about how to safely dispose of unused opioids. The free Safe Opioid Disposal – Remove the Risk Outreach Toolkit includes video, radio, and print public service announcements, social media graphics and posts, fact sheets, drop-in content, and website badges that health care providers and other interested individuals and organizations can use to promote the message of opioid safety. The toolkit and its resources can be accessed on the Ensuring Safe Use of Medicine section of the FDA website.

One resource available to help consumers find disposal kiosks available year-round is NABP's Drug Disposal Locator Tool, available in the AWARDX[®] Prescription Drug Safety section of the NABP website. With more than 6,500 disposal sites in the continually updated database, consumers can enter location information to find the nearest disposal sites to them using a map.

Reminder: Boards Can Request Custom CPE Monitor Audits

As a reminder, NABP offers custom continuing pharmacy education (CPE) audits to the boards, upon request, utilizing data in the CPE Monitor[®] system. Reports can be customized to suit each board's needs, allowing them to see specific CPE data that is relevant to their licensure renewal decision making processes. After receiving a request for a customized CPE audit report, NABP will send boards a form to indicate the search parameters for the audit, such as the date range, and whether they want information on pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, or both. Members may also request details on information that is broad (such as all pharmacists who took live courses) or specific (such as pharmacists who took a course in a specific topic). Audit reports can include data such as total hours, ACPE-accredited CPE courses, topics, specific hours per topic designator, and whether or not the courses were live.

NABP Launches Specialty Pharmacy Accreditation

NABP, in conjunction with the Center for Pharmacy Practice Accreditation (CPPA) and CPPA's specialty pharmacy standards, recently launched an accreditation service aimed at pharmacies that deal with specialty drugs, those medications used to treat diseases or conditions that require high levels of comprehensive patient care and are often characterized by high costs and stringent handling, storage, and shipping requirements. Through NABP's newly available specialty pharmacy service, pharmacies can use NABP's array of specialty pharmacy offerings to address both accreditation and licensing needs, simplifying their compliance process while improving outcomes.

While meeting accreditation standards is crucial in demonstrating their ability to operate within the specialty medicine space, specialty pharmacies, in common with other pharmacies, must also meet numerous other licensing and regulatory requirements in order to maximize patient safety and ensure quality care. NABP is uniquely positioned to assist them in meeting these requirements with the specialty pharmacy compliance solution. As part of NABP's specialty pharmacy accreditation, pharmacies are able to receive a customized compliance package that addresses the pharmacy's licensure and regulatory compliance needs, online pharmacy activities, supply chain integrity, and clinical care.

The standard specialty pharmacy compliance package can also be combined with NABP's multistate recognized inspection (Verified Pharmacy Program[®] (VPP[®])) and internet pharmacy programs. Built as such, this suite of programs and services offered by NABP does more than simply ascertain that the pharmacy meets the accreditation standards and assesses patient care performance metrics, such as patient satisfaction and treatment compliance. It also helps facilitate compliance with multiple state nonresident licensing requirements by providing an annual on-site, multistate inspection service through VPP that includes evaluating compliance with United States Pharmacopeia (USP) compounding standards when relevant. Also, NABP's services provide verification of the pharmacy's licenses, including status and disciplinary action history via the NABP Clearinghouse.

In addition to the compliance package, specialty pharmacies can add other accreditations for cost and time efficiencies. Combining NABP accreditations and services allows increased ease in maintaining regulatory compliance across the board, providing an attractive and efficient solution to pharmacies and third-party payers alike.