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NPhA Holds Its 62nd Annual Meeting in Chicago

Chicago, IL – The National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA) held its 62nd Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, July 17th – July 20th, 2009. The theme of this year’s meeting was “Celebrating Excellence: Continually Raising the Bar.” The Annual Meeting activities were located at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile. The Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) held its 50th Annual Meeting simultaneously.

The convention was well attended with over 500 registrants, including exhibitors and student pharmacists. This year’s meeting offered over 15 contact hours of quality continuing pharmacy education and opportunities for professional networking. In addition to continuing education programs, NPhA/SNPhA hosted its annual pre-pharmacy recruitment fair for area elementary and high school students interested in pursuing careers in pharmacy and other health related professions. The Annual Meeting hosted its yearly poster educational and research exhibit highlighting works submitted by Annual Meeting registrants.

President Marisa A. Lewis, PharmD, MPH, convened the meeting on Saturday, July 18, 2009, with opening remarks. Her remarks addressed her vision for NPhA, her 2008-2010 presidential goals, and the Association’s partnership with Healing Our Village, Inc., a minority owned chronic disease management, advocacy, and medical education company focused on improving health and the delivery of healthcare to medically underserved communities.

One of the highlights of the opening general session was the NPhA Foundation awarding 27 scholarships and book awards totaling \$26,700 to deserving SNPhA members. The Foundation supports the activities of NPhA’s vision, including educational programs, research projects, and innovative pharmacy practices.

The National Pharmaceutical Association, founded in 1947, is the oldest and largest professional society representing the views and ideals of minority pharmacists on critical issues affecting health care and pharmacy. NPhA is a leader in the pharmaceutical care arena that addresses socio-economic issues affecting the individual patient and advances the standards of care in all practice settings.

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