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### **NCPDP 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AWARDS PRESENTATION AND MVP AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ** -- The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) presented several prestigious awards during the Annual Conference, which was held February 28 through March 3, 2004 in Phoenix, Arizona. The honors included the Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award, The Individual Member Excellence (TIME) Award, the newly developed Rising Star Award as well as several Most Valuable Participant (MVP) awards.

The Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award, developed in 1999, recognizes outstanding achievement, consistent dedication and exemplary leadership in regard to NCPDP and the healthcare industry. The namesake of the award was one of the founding members of NCPDP and the honor is presented each year during the State of the Association presentation at the Annual Conference. The 2004 recipient of the award was the late Frank Mangham, R.Ph., of Walgreen Company. NCPDP President, Lee Ann Stember, presented the sterling silver Revere Bowl that commemorates the honor to Mangham's spouse, Kathleen Mangham. Perry Don, R.Ph., of Walgreen Company, accompanied Mrs. Mangham to accept the award. Frank Mangham was a member of NCPDP for twelve (12) years and spent over three (3) decades with Walgreen Company, most recently as Director, Third Party Operations. Mangham was a member of the NCPDP Board of Trustees for three (3) years he also was a Co-Chair for Work Group 11 Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface.

The Rising Star award is a newly developed honor that recognizes the contributions and immediate impact of a new member to NCPDP. This award was also presented during the State of the Association address. The inaugural recipient of the Rising Star Award was Ross Martin, M.D., MHA, of Pfizer, Inc. Martin serves as Senior Manager, Business Technology at Pfizer.

The TIME Award was first established in 1990. The TIME Award honors a member for unselfish devotion toward meeting the goals and objectives of NCPDP. The award presentation is made during the President's Dinner at the Annual Conference.

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The 2004 recipient of the TIME Award was Nancy J. Nemes of WebMD Corporation. Nemes serves as Director, QA & Standards Compliance for WebMD. She has been an NCPDP member for over eleven (11) years and currently serves on the Board of Trustees, on the Annual Conference Committee, Awards Committee, Nominating Committee and as the Chair of the Website Committee. Nemes also is a Co-Chair of MC Maintenance and Control.

NCPDP also announced the 2003 MVP Award recipients. These awards recognize individual members of the Council who have contributed an extraordinary amount of time and effort to a work group or committee project that results in the work group or committee accomplishing its goals. The award recipients were:

WG1 Telecommunication  
**Michael Day, DayTech Corporation**

WG2 Product Identification  
**Kay Morgan, First DataBank**

WG5 Payment Reconciliation  
**Christopher M. Crisafulli, MBA, CVS Pharmacy**

WG7 Manufacturer Rebates  
**Jackie Krewson, Argus Health Systems, Inc.**

WG9 Government Programs  
**Karen Bone, VIPS, INC.**

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**Dona Crotts, Medco Health Solutions, Inc.**

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**Kimberly Smithers, Division of Healthcare Financing**

WG11 Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface  
**Ludivina R. Pacamarra, Medco Health Solutions, Inc.**

WG11 Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface  
**James B. Haas, R.Ph., MS, WebMD Corporation**

MC Maintenance and Control  
**Joseph M. Gregar, McKesson Corporation**

Bylaws Committee  
**Steven M. Treff, ProCare**

NCPDP wishes to congratulate these award winners and their companies for the support to the organization.

**ABOUT NCPDP**

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization (SDO). With over 1350 members representing virtually every sector of the pharmacy services industry, NCPDP has made great strides over the last 25 years. NCPDP has established HCIda, a new product that will create a healthcare identifier for individual healthcare prescribers. The NCPDP Provider Identification Number provides over 68,000 pharmacies with a unique identifying number for interactions with federal agencies and third party processors. NCPDP has eleven (11) active Work Groups dedicated to the technological advancement of pharmacy through standards development. NCPDP's Telecommunication Standard Version 5.1 and Batch Standard Version 1.1 were named the official standards for pharmacy claims in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's Final Rule. For more information about NCPDP Standards, Educational Programs and NCPDP Work Group meetings, visit the NCPDP website at [www.ncdp.org](http://www.ncdp.org).