

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 14, 2005

CONTACT: Dennis Kitterman
(480) 477-1000 ext. 109
dkitterman@ncpdp.org
www.ncpdp.org

NCPDP BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Scottsdale, AZ - The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, Inc. (NCPDP) has announced the results for the 2005 Board of Trustees elections. Four newly elected Trustees will assume their roles on the governing body of this ANSI-accredited Standards Development Organization. The new Trustees include three (3) newcomers and one (1) incumbent.

The Board of Trustees are elected by the NCPDP membership through a balloting process. The Board of Trustees represents each of the three membership categories for NCPDP: Producer/Provider, Payer/Processor and Vendor/General Interest.

The new Board members from the Producer/Provider category are **Ross D. Martin**, MD, MHA, Director, Business Technology for Pfizer, Inc., and **Thomas J. Sheehan**, III, MBA, Senior Manager, Sales Operations Systems for TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

For the Vendor/General Interest category, newly elected Board members are **Thomas R. Bizzaro**, R.Ph., Vice President, Sales and Marketing for First DataBank and incumbent **Carol K. Cerney**, R.Ph., MBA, Manager, Strategic Relationships for NDCHealth.

There were no open slots in the Payer/Processor category.

"We are truly fortunate to have some very solid new leadership coming on to the Board," said Lee Ann Stember, NCPDP President. "I also feel it is appropriate to honor the dedication and vision of the outgoing Trustees as well."

Two (2) former NCPDP Chairs will be coming off the Board of Trustees in 2005. **Harold E. Cohen**, R.Ph., Vice President, Editor-in-Chief of *U.S. Pharmacist* magazine is the outgoing NCPDP Chair. He also served as NCPDP Chair in 1996-1997. Also coming off the Board will be **Stephen C. Mullenix**, R.Ph., Associate Director, Professional and Trade Relations, Pharmacy Division for Mallinckrodt, Inc. Another Board member, Catherine C. Graeff, R.Ph., MBA, stepped down in January to accept an executive management position on the NCPDP staff.

The NCPDP Board of Trustees is expected to accept the new Board roster at their next meeting, March 4, 2005. The final Board roster will be announced during the NCPDP Annual Conference, March 5-9,

- more -

NCPDP News Release

- 2 -

2005 in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information about the NCPDP Annual Conference, go to www.ncdp.org.

###

About NCPDP

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with approximately 1400 members representing virtually every sector of the pharmacy services industry. Our diverse membership provides leadership and healthcare business solutions through education and standards, created using the consensus building process. NCPDP has been named in federal legislation, including HIPAA and the MMA. NCPDP members have created standards such as the Telecommunication Standard and Batch Standard, the SCRIPT Standard for e-Prescribing, the Manufacturers Rebate Standard and more to improve communication within the pharmacy industry. Our data services include the NCPDP Provider Identification Number, a unique identifier of over 68,000 pharmacies and HCldea, "The Prescriber Identity Solution". For more information about NCPDP Standards, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at www.ncdp.org.

###