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## **NCPDP ANNOUNCES 2006 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ** – The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) announced the recipients of their annual awards during the 2006 NCPDP Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona held in March.

The awards include the Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award, TIME Award, Rising Star Award and Work Group and Committee MVP Awards.

The 2006 Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award was presented during the Monday General Session. The award recipient is **John Lavin**, MBA, MPH, of Caremark. Lavin, VP, Industry Relations for Caremark, has been a member of NCPDP since 1993. He previously served as Chair of the NCPDP Board of Trustees and was re-elected to the Board of Trustees in the recent election.

The Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award was developed in 1999 and recognizes outstanding achievement, consistent dedication and exemplary leadership in regard to NCPDP and the healthcare industry.

The recipient of the 2006 NCPDP TIME Award is **Annette Gabel** of Medco Health. The TIME Award presentation was held during the President's Dinner on Monday night. Gabel, Executive Director, Industry Standards Compliance for Medco Health, has been a member of NCPDP since 1994. She is a long-time Co-Chair of WG1 Telecommunication and was recently re-elected to the Board of Trustees.

The TIME Award was first established in 1990 and honors a member for unselfish devotion toward meeting the goals and objectives of NCPDP. TIME stands for The Individual Member Excellence Award.

The Rising Star Award was first introduced at the 2004 Annual Conference. This honor recognizes the immediate impact and activity of a new NCPDP member.

The 2006 NCPDP Rising Star Award was presented to **Brian Sill**, MBA, of Rite Aid Corporation during the Monday General Session. A member of NCPDP since 2004, Sill stepped right into a Co-Chair role with WG5 Payment Reconciliation, participated on the Strategic Planning Committee and attended the 2005 Strategic Planning Session in Scottsdale, AZ. Sill serves as Director, Third Party Relations for Rite Aid.

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The Work Group and Committee MVP Awards were presented on Sunday at the MC Maintenance and Control meeting. The MVP recipients were:

WG1 Telecommunication - **Andrea Bailey** of First Health  
WG1 Telecommunication - **Roger Pinsonneault**, R.Ph., of Total Pharmacy Solutions  
WG2 Product Identification - **Anne S. Johnston**, R.Ph., of Medco Health  
WG2 Product Identification - **Terri Meredith**, R.Ph., MSCIS, of Cerner Multum  
WG3 Standard Identifiers - **Todd Walbert** of Walgreens Health Initiative  
WG4 Provider/Member Enrollment - **Charlotte Wojnowski** of Caremark  
WG7 Manufacturer Rebates - **Arden Karian**, MBA, MSISM of Data Niché Associates  
WG7 Manufacturer Rebates - **Terri Bernacchi**, R.Ph., MBA, of Innovative Health Strategies, Inc.  
WG7 Manufacturer Rebates - **Julie Speer**, CPA, of Abbott Laboratories  
WG7 Manufacturer Rebates - **Lauren Campbell** of Novartis Pharmaceuticals  
WG9 Government Programs - **Roger Pinsonneault**, R.Ph., of Total Pharmacy Solutions  
WG11 e-Prescribing & Related Transactions - **Tim McNeil** of RxHub  
WG11 e-Prescribing & Related Transactions - **Teri Byrne** of RxHub  
WG14 LTC - **Mike Bordelon** of Achieve Healthcare Technologies  
Finance Committee – **Mary Jo Lynam** of M.J. Consulting  
Standardization Committee – **Annette Gabel** of Medco Health  
Strategic Planning Committee - **Dale Chamberlain** of Express Scripts  
Strategic Planning Committee – **Mike Lee**, MBA, ME, of Astra-Zeneca  
Strategic Planning Committee – **Marge Simos** of Express Scripts

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Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with approximately 1500 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 HCIda, *“The Prescriber Identity Solution”*. For more information about NCPDP Standards, Data Services, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at [www.ncpdp.org](http://www.ncpdp.org).

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