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COUNCIL ANNOUNCES BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Scottsdale, AZ – The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs has announced the results from the 2007 Board of Trustees election and welcomed two new and incoming Board members.

NCPDP members voted for three open slots in the Payer/Processor category.

Marge Simos, Director, Data Standards from Express Scripts, Inc. was elected to the Board. Simos has been a member of NCPDP since 1988 and previously served as a Board member from 1997-2004. She is also a current Co-Chair of WG12 Education – Legislation and Regulation.

Also in the Payer/Processor category, two incumbent candidates were re-elected. **Dan Hardin**, R.Ph., MBA, Vice President, Business Development – Public Sector, from SXC Health Solutions, Inc. was re-elected. Hardin serves as Chair of the Educational Programs Committee and as a Co-Chair of WG7 Manufacturer Rebates. And **Margaret Weiker**, Director, BES Global Product, Standards and Sales from EDS currently serves as Chair of the Bylaws Committee and as a NCPDP Standardization Co-Chair was the other incumbent that was re-elected.

There were two open slots in the Producer/Provider category.

Incumbent candidates **Marla Brickley**, BA, BSN, Strategic Account Manager of Actelion Pharmaceuticals US and **John Klimek**, R.Ph., Manager-RxView from Supervalu, Inc., were both re-elected to the Board. Brickley has twice served as NCPDP Chair in the past and Klimek is the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

There was one open slot in the Vendor/General Interest category.

Michele Vilaret, R.Ph., Director of Telecommunication Standards of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) was elected to that position. She currently serves as Co-Chair of WG9 Government Programs.

NCPDP would like to thank our outgoing Board members, **Dale Chamberlain** of Express Scripts, Inc. and **Kevin Nicholson**, R.Ph., JD, of NACDS.

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Returning Trustees that were not up for re-election include: **Bob Beckley**, Senior Vice President, Alliances & Product Strategy from SureScripts, **Thomas R. Bizzaro**, R.Ph., Vice President, Sales and Marketing from First DataBank, **Carol K. Cerney**, R.Ph., MBA, Pharmacy Consultant for RelayHealth, **Annette Gabel**, Executive Director, Industry Standards Compliance from Medco Health, **Wayne P. Karp**, R.Ph., Consultant from Pharmacy Industry Consultants, LLC, **John Lavin**, MBA, MPH, Vice President, Industry Relations for Caremark, Inc., **Ross D. Martin**, MD, MHA, Director, Health Information Convergence for BearingPoint, **Charlie Oltman**, MBA, National Managed Care Administrator for Target Corporation, and **Thomas J. Sheehan, III**, MBA, National Pricing Manager for TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

The Board of Trustees oversees all Council activities and has final authority over all Council industry standardization development activities and the application of those standards for candidacy as American National Standards. The Board sets the strategic direction of the organization and is charged with the fiduciary responsibilities associated with operating the Council. The Board also appoints various standing and ad-hoc committees such as Executive Committee and the Standardization Committee.

About NCPDP

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with over 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 75,000 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.ncdp.org or call (480) 477-1000.

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