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Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties Announces New Board and Specialty Council Members and Officers for 2008

(Washington, DC) -- The Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS), an agency whose purpose is to recognize pharmacy specialties and certify pharmacists' knowledge and skills at the advanced practice level, announces the appointment or reappointment of members and the election of officers of its Board and Specialty Councils for 2008.

BOARD OF PHARMACEUTICAL SPECIALTIES APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 2008

As of the end of 2007, Drs. Rebecca Finley, Sandra Edwardson, and Terry Schwinghammer completed first three-year terms on the Board and were eligible for reappointment. Dr. Edward Westrick completed one full term and one partial term, having joined the Board out of cycle in 2002. By action of BPS at its November 9, 2007 meeting, Drs. Finley, Edwardson, and Schwinghammer were reappointed to the Board for three-year terms (ending in 2010). Dr. Westrick was reappointed for a two-year term (ending in 2009).

BPS reelected Jannet M. Carmichael, PharmD, BCPS to serve as its Chair for 2008. Terry L. Schwinghammer, PharmD, BCPS was reelected to serve as Vice Chair for 2008.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE BPS SPECIALTY COUNCILS FOR 2008

Specialty Council on Nuclear Pharmacy:

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) reappointed Wendy Galbraith, PharmD, BCNP, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK and Walter Miller, PharmD, BCNP, Cardinal Health, Lexington, KY to fill the open specialist positions on the Council for the 2008-2010 term. Norman Tomaka, Certified Consultant Pharmacist, Melbourne, FL was reappointed by the BPS Board to serve a three-year term as a non-specialist member on the Specialty Council for 2008-2010. George Hinkle, MS, BCNP and Wendy Galbraith were reelected to serve as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for 2008.

Specialty Council on Nutrition Support Pharmacy:

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (A.S.P.E.N.) jointly reappointed Jane M. Gervasio, PharmD, BCNSP, Clarian Health and Butler University, Indianapolis, IN and Todd Canada, PharmD, BCNSP, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX to three-year terms for 2008-2010 as specialists on the Council. Michael D. Reed, PharmD, Children's Hospital Medical Center, Akron, OH was appointed by the BPS Board to a second term on the Specialty Council as a non-specialist member. Sharon M. Durfee, BS, BCNSP and Jane M. Gervasio were elected to serve as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for 2008.

Specialty Council on Oncology Pharmacy:

ASHP reappointed Rowena N. Schwartz, PharmD, BCOP, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD and appointed Thomas E. Hughes, PharmD, BCOP, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD to serve three-year terms as specialists on the Council (2008-2010). Joseph J. Saseen, PharmD, BCPS, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO was appointed by the BPS Board to serve a three-year term on the Specialty Council as a non-specialist. Susan Goodin, PharmD, BCOP and Rowena N. Schwartz were elected to serve as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively for 2008.

Specialty Council on Pharmacotherapy:

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) appointed Karen M. Gunning, PharmD, BCPS, College of Pharmacy, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT and Eric J. MacLaughlin, PharmD, BCPS, Texas Tech University Health Center, Amarillo, TX to three-year terms (2008-2010) as specialist members of the Council. The BPS Board appointed Scott K. Stolte, School of Pharmacy, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA to a three-year term on the Specialty Council as a non-specialist member. Rex W. Force, PharmD, BCPS and Julie Wright, PharmD, BCPS were elected to serve as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for 2008.

Specialty Council on Psychiatric Pharmacy:

ASHP reappointed Jerry M. McKee, PharmD, MS, BCPP, Broughton Hospital, Morganton, NC and appointed Steven Burghart, MBA, BCPP, Prairie View, Inc, Newton, KS to three-year terms on the Specialty Council (2008-2010). Ruth E. Nemire, PharmD, Touro College of Pharmacy, New York, NY was appointed by BPS to serve a three-year term on the Specialty Council as a non-specialist representative. Maria L. Posey, PharmD, BCPP and Julie Cold Kissack, PharmD, BCPP were elected to serve as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for 2008.

The **Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS)** was founded by the American Pharmaceutical Association (now the American Pharmacists Association, APhA) in January 1976 to recognize specialties and certify pharmacists in specialized areas of advanced pharmacy practice. Five specialties are currently recognized by BPS: 1) nuclear pharmacy, since 1978; 2) nutrition support pharmacy, since 1988; 3) pharmacotherapy, since 1988; 4) psychiatric pharmacy, since 1992; and 5) oncology pharmacy, since 1996. Nearly 7,000 pharmacist specialists are currently certified by BPS.

Short Bios of the BPS Board members and Specialty Council Chairs for 2008 follow.

Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties

Appointed Members for 2008

Jannet M. Carmichael, BCPS (Chair 2008) is VISN 21 Pharmacy Executive/VISN 21 Pharmacy Benefits Manager for the Department of Veterans Affairs Sierra Pacific Network, based in Reno, Nevada. She also serves as Associate Professor of Medicine in the School of Medicine, University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Carmichael earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Iowa and the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of the Pacific. She is past-president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, past member of the Nevada Board of Pharmacy, and a Fellow of the College of Clinical Pharmacy. She is also a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, and previously served as a member and Chair of the BPS Specialty Council on Pharmacotherapy.

Terry L. Schwinghammer, BCPS (Vice Chair 2008) is Professor and Chair, Department of Clinical Pharmacy at the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in Morgantown. Dr. Schwinghammer earned Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. He completed a hospital/clinical residency at the Indiana University Hospitals, and is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Dr. Schwinghammer also serves as the BPS liaison to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP).

Sandra R. Edwardson is Professor of Nursing at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in Minneapolis. She earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, the Master of Nursing degree from the University of Washington in Seattle, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Hospital and Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota. She recently completed a year-long assignment as Senior Nurse Scholar at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services, in Rockville, Maryland. Dr. Edwardson serves as a non-pharmacist health professional member of the Board.

Rebecca S. Finley is Dean of the Jefferson School of Pharmacy at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Finley earned the Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy, and the Master of Science in Institutional Pharmacy from the University of Maryland. She also completed residency training at the University of Cincinnati Hospitals, Cincinnati, Ohio. A past president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Dr. Finley serves as the BPS liaison to that organization.

John E. Murphy is Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Science, and Associate Dean, University of Arizona College of Pharmacy in Tucson. He is also Honorary Professor at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. Dr. Murphy earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Florida. He has held leadership positions in several national pharmacy organizations, and serves as BPS liaison to the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP).

A. Jeffrey Newell is Chief Operating Officer, Quality Partners of Rhode Island, in Providence, where one of his priorities is to establish a pharmacy presence in the Quality Improvement Organizations throughout the country. He earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Albany College of Pharmacy. Prior to his present position, he had extensive experience with the CVS Corporation, and served as Chairman of the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy. He serves as a pharmacist member and BPS liaison to the American Pharmacists Association (APhA).

Marsha A. Raebel is Investigator, Pharmacotherapy Research in the Institute for Health Research at Kaiser Permanente Colorado in Denver. She also serves as a Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy. Dr. Raebel earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from South Dakota State University, and completed her Doctor of Pharmacy degree and Clinical Practice Residency in Adult Medicine at the University of Texas at Austin. She was a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist from 1992-2006.

David A. Swankin, Esq. is President and CEO of the Citizen Advocacy Center in Washington, DC, a training, research and support network for public members of health care regulatory and governing boards. He earned an A.B. in Economics from Brandeis University, an M.S. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, and the J.D. degree from the George Washington University Law School. He has extensive experience working with federal and private agencies on consumer-related issues. Mr. Swankin serves as the public/consumer member of the Board.

Edward Westrick is Vice President, Medical Management for UMass Memorial Healthcare in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Brown University School of Medicine; and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Applied Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Rhode Island. He earned the MD degree from the New Jersey Medical School and the PhD in Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics from the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Westrick is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. He serves as a non-pharmacist health professional member of the Board.

Ex-Officio Members for 2008

Sharon M. Durfee, BCNSP is Director, Poudre Infusion Therapy, LLC in Fort Collins, Colorado. She earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from the University of Wyoming, where she currently holds an Adjunct Clinical Faculty appointment. Ms. Durfee has extensive experience in practice and teaching in the nutrition support field. She is the Chair of the Specialty Council on Nutrition Support Pharmacy.

Rex W. Force, BCPS is Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Pharmacy Practice at Idaho State University in Pocatello. He is concurrently Director of Special Studies for the Idaho Drug Utilization Review Program and Director of Research and Grants at the Clinical Research Center at Idaho State University. Dr. Force earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Oregon State University in Corvallis and the Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Texas in Austin and San Antonio. He also completed a fellowship in Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy at The Ohio State University in Columbus. Dr. Force is the Chair of the Specialty Council on Pharmacotherapy.

Susan Goodin, BCOP is Director, Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences at The Cancer Center of New Jersey, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She also serves as Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology at the UMDNJ/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. Goodin earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Kentucky in Lexington. She also completed Pharmacy Practice and Oncology Pharmacy residencies at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. She is Chair of the Specialty Council on Oncology Pharmacy.

George H. Hinkle, BCNP is Associate Professor in the Division of Pharmacy Practice and Administration at the College of Pharmacy, The Ohio State University. He also serves as Director of Nuclear Pharmacy Services at the Ohio State University Medical Center and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiology, School of Medicine, The Ohio State University. He earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and the Master of Science in Bionucleonics and Nuclear Pharmacy from Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. Hinkle is Chair of the Specialty Council on Nuclear Pharmacy.

Maria Llana Posey, BCPP is Regional Research and Medical Specialist for Pfizer, Inc. She earned the Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Texas A&M University in College Station, a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, and the Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin and San Antonio. Dr. Posey also completed a Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at the University of Texas and Austin State Hospital. She is Chair of the Specialty Council on Psychiatric Pharmacy.

Richard J. Bertin is Executive Director of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. Dr. Bertin earned the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh, Master of Science in Hospital Pharmacy from the University of Minnesota, and Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Pharmacy Administration from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining BPS, he held several clinical and administrative positions with the United States Public Health Service, where he served as Chief Pharmacist Officer and Assistant Surgeon General.