

**Montana Pharmacy Association
Annual Convention
May 21-23, 2004--Helena, Montana
2004 Resolutions (Proposed).**

Resolution 2004-1

Past President. Introduced by Brad Mathis, Pharm. D.

WHEREAS, Randy Kuiper has faithfully and effectively served as MPA President this year;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of MPA give its sincere thanks to Randy for this dedicated service.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-2

Convention Location. Introduced by Randy Kuiper, Pharm. D.

WHEREAS, the Helena Great Northern Hotel has cordially welcomed the Montana Pharmacy Association;
BE IT RESOLVED, that MPA appreciates the hospitality of the Helena Great Northern best Western Hotel .

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-3

Tri-State Convention . Introduced by Randy Kuiper, Pharm. D.

WHEREAS, the MPA participated in the Tri-State Pharmacy Convention in 2000, 2001, and 2003; and
WHEREAS, the Tri-State Pharmacy Conventions have been successful, informative, productive and professionally worthwhile for Montana pharmacists;
BE IT RESOLVED, that MPA holds its 2005 Annual Convention in conjunction with the Tri-State Pharmacy Convention, Thursday, June 9 thru Sunday June 12, 2005 in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-4

APhA Delegates. Introduced by Randy Kuiper, Pharm. D.

WHEREAS, Lori Morin and served as MPA's Delegate to the 2004 APhA Convention in Seattle, WA.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPA membership extends its thanks to Lori for her efforts.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-5

ASHP Delegates. Introduced by Randy Kuiper, Pharm. D.

WHEREAS, Randy Kuiper and Brad Mathis will serve as Delegates to the 2004 ASHP Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPA membership extend its thanks to Randy and Brad for their efforts.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-6

One of America's Most Trusted Profession. Introduced by Randy Kuiper, Pharm. D.

WHEREAS, the American consumers have voted pharmacists as the 4th most trusted profession, and;

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are still highly trusted by the American people;

BE IT RESOLVED, that MPA offers its congratulations to all pharmacists whose practice and activities promote this public trust.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-7

Congratulations to the 2004 University of Montana Pharmacy Graduates.

Introduced by Lori Morin, R.Ph.

WHEREAS, sixty-three (11 B.S. & 52 Pharm. D.) outstanding students completed their Pharmacy education, and graduated from the University of Montana School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences on May 15, 2004;

BE IT RESOLVED, that MPA congratulates these students, welcomes them to one of America's most trusted profession in America, wishes them well in their pharmacy careers, and encourages their membership and participation in MPA.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-8

Patient Counseling Competition. Introduced by Lori Morin, R.Ph.

WHEREAS, Chris Tobiason, a P-3 U of M Student, participated in this years' Patient Counseling Competition at the American Pharmacist Association's Annual Meeting in Seattle WA;

BE IT RESOLVED, that MPA congratulates Chris Tobiason and wishes him well in his career in 'One of America's Most Trusted Professions.'

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-9

MPA Resolution on a Recognition/Awards Program for Tobacco-Free Pharmacies. Introduced by Kyle Austin, Pharmacy Student

WHEREAS, it is a pharmacist's duty to promote health care, and;

WHEREAS, MPA does not support the promotion, the sale, or the use of tobacco products;

BE IT RESOLVED, MPA will recognize pharmacies in the State of Montana that are tobacco free.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MPA will identify and recognize the pharmacies that are tobacco free each year. MPA will award a certificate of recognition, send a letter of recognition to the hometown newspapers, and provide recognition in The MPA Journal and on the MPA website.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-10

MPA Resolution for the support of Initiative 149 in 2004, the Healthy Kids, Healthy Montana Tobacco Tax Increase Initiative. Introduced by Kyle Austin, Pharmacy Student.

WHEREAS, it is a pharmacist's duty to promote health care, and,

WHEREAS, tobacco related disease is the single most preventable cause of death in Montana, and;

WHEREAS, 1,400 Montanans die each year from their addiction to smoking, and;

WHEREAS, 17,100 Montana children, now under 18, will ultimately die prematurely from smoking, and;

WHEREAS, 173,000 Montanans, including 41,500 children, lack health care coverage, and;

WHEREAS, prescription drug costs are increasing 10% per year and are not affordable for many families, seniors or people with disabilities.

BE IT RESOLVED, funds collected from any tobacco tax increase will be used to finance the provision of healthcare to low-income Montanans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MPA supports using funds collected from any tobacco tax increase to finance the delivery of healthcare to low-income Montanans, including providing greater access to prescription medications;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MPA will help promote I-149, the 2004 Healthy Kids, Healthy Montana Tobacco Tax Increase Act, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MPA encourages members to participate in the signature gathering by placing petitions in waiting areas, and in other ways as appropriate.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-11.

MPA Resolution on the importance of helping support and sustain the ImProving Health Among Rural Montanans (IPHARM) program. Introduced by Bob Williams, R.Ph.

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that wellness clinics help individuals learn and understand more about their health and furthermore that such wellness clinics led by a pharmacist provide an individual with important information about the interventions they may undertake to improve their health, and;

WHEREAS, MPA recognizes the IPHARM program as providing a model for such programs in Montana and wishes to maintain this important program for the services it provides, the students it trains, and the education it brings to MPA pharmacies therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that MPA encourages member pharmacists to schedule events using the IPHARM program and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership encourages the MPA Board of Directors to find ways to help fund the continuation of the IPHARM program.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-12

MPA Resolution supporting a team-based approach to the provision of healthcare. Introduced by Randy Kuiper, Pharm. D.

WHEREAS, healthcare is provided by various healthcare disciplines, including pharmacists;

WHEREAS, the various healthcare disciplines often work in isolation from each other;

WHEREAS, the optimal delivery of healthcare is best provided when all the healthcare providers work together as a team;

BE IT RESOLVED, that MPA supports a team-based approach to the provision of healthcare, where each member of the team is empowered to provide those specific services that they are trained to provide to ensure optimal care to the patient.

Action by Membership: PASSED.

Resolution 2004-13

MPA Resolution supporting that the drug's indication be required as part of a prescription order. Introduced by Randy Kuiper, Pharm. D.

WHEREAS, having the indication included as part of a prescription order can decrease the chance of a medication error;

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are better able to counsel patients when the indication for a prescription is known.

WHEREAS, Patient privacy is not compromised by having this information provided as part of a confidential prescription order;

BE IT RESOLVED, that MPA supports that the indication be included as a required part of a prescription order.

Action by Membership: PASSED.