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Larkin Named NASPA President

RICHMOND, Va., March 29, 2015 – The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) named Mike Larkin president.

Also announced was the new member of the Executive Committee, Kelly Ridgway, CEO of the Arizona Pharmacy Association.

Larkin has served as executive director of the Kansas Pharmacists Association for nine years. He received his B.A. in history from St. Bonaventure University and completed his M.A. in public administration in 1998 from the University of Kansas. Before coming to the Kansas Pharmacists Association, Larkin was employed as a consultant for Free Bird Business Solutions. Prior to his civilian career, he served 23 years in various capacities in the US Army as a Field Artillery Officer.

Ridgway is a graduate of the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy. She moved to Arizona in 2000. In addition to her responsibilities with AzPA, she’s a preceptor and adjunct faculty for both the University of Arizona and Midwestern University-Glendale and teaches students and pharmacists through the AzPA Immunization Certificate Program and AHA Health Care Provider CPR course. Prior to AzPA she was a Pharmacy Care Manager for Safeway Inc., from 2001-2011 where she was responsible for patient care programs including immunizations, medication therapy management, community health fairs, and in-store screening services.

Also serving on the board are officers Pat Epple, NASPA president-elect and CEO of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association; Joni Cover, NASPA first vice president and EVP for the Nebraska Pharmacists Association; Jon Roth, NASPA second vice president and CEO for the California Pharmacists Association and Louise Jones, NASPA secretary/treasurer and executive director of the Alabama Pharmacy Association.

The NASPA executive committee includes Kelly Ridgway; Bob McFalls, executive director of the Kentucky Pharmacists Association; Sue Schaefer, executive director for the South Dakota Pharmacists Association; Jeff Rochon, CEO of the Washington State Pharmacy Association and Ron Fitzwater, CEO for the Missouri Pharmacy Association. Their term of service began at the conclusion of the NASPA Annual Meeting.

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA), founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives, is dedicated to enhancing the success of state pharmacy associations in their efforts to advance the profession of pharmacy. NASPA’s membership is comprised of state pharmacy associations and over 70 other stakeholder organizations. NASPA promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among its members and pharmacy leaders nationwide.

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