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The GPhA Executive Committee attended the NCPA’s 114th Annual Meeting in beautiful San Diego October 13-17. If you have never had the chance to attend an NCPA convention you really need to put it on the short list and make plans to do so. Great programs, lots of pertinent information and cutting edge CE was just a few of the perks in attending. While there, we were able to enjoy amenities in the area such as tours of Balboa Park and Coronado Island. San Diego is definitely a city worth visiting.

The NCPA leadership, including its House of Delegates, emphasized the importance of and our commitment to pursuing recognition of pharmacists as providers both federally and in states.

The prevalence of 340B programs is growing and depending on how they are implemented, it can be an opportunity or a threat for community pharmacy owners. Participants that attended this NCPA Annual Meeting left with the insight to determine if getting into the 340B space was right for them and if so, how to proceed.

As I attended the convention I realized that we were fortunate to have so much leadership at the national level. Past GPhA presidents John Sherrer and Hugh Chancy are on the NCPA Executive Committee and represent us well. GPhA is known nationwide for its leaders and we should be proud of the commitment shown by these individuals.

Former GPhA Executive Vice President Larry Braden was honored by the NCPA Foundation as the winner of the John Dargavel award. See the photo and coverage in this journal. Congratulations to Larry. We also learned that Brent Gay of Dublin, GA was awarded the Generation Rx LTC Pharmacist. Congratulations to Brent also.

I would be remiss, however, if I failed to mention how much the convention made me realize how much we need people to step up to the plate and get the message out about community pharmacy. We are under constant pressure to demonstrate our relevance and prove our worth in the healthcare arena. There are many changes headed our way and we are going to have to band together and make our message clear. Talk to your local, state and national legislators, invite them to your store, and write an op-ed article for your local paper. Do whatever it takes to get the word out that community pharmacy is a viable, necessary, integrated part of the healthcare system. We all have to do our part to make sure that we are at the table when decisions affecting our future are being discussed.

What I learned in San Diego is that NCPA is doing their best to represent us on the national stage, but we have to do our part back home to make it work.

MESSAGE

from Robert Hatton

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