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Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board Wins National Award

Board honored by peers for leadership in regulation

Boston, Mass. – The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) has singled out Wisconsin for a high honor.

The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board (PEB) received an NABP Leadership Award at the association’s annual conference last Thursday.

“What a tremendous recognition for the Wisconsin PEB,” said Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) Secretary Dan Hereth, whose department administers Wisconsin’s occupational boards. “Our board members, all volunteers, put a lot of time and effort into thoughtful regulation that advances their profession and also increases safety in Wisconsin communities.”

The PEB earned the Fred T. Mahaffey Award, which recognizes:

- Outstanding contribution to the protection of public health and welfare through the enforcement of state and federal laws and regulations
- Contribution to the advancement of objectives and goals of the NABP

It was the Wisconsin PEB’s first Leadership Award from the NABP.

The award, among other things, recognized the board’s work on a pilot program to grant pharmacy students early access to take the multistate jurisprudence exam. The pilot program improves safety and operational efficiency by allowing candidates to take the exam before graduation and submit their application materials earlier.

“Through many phone calls with NABP leadership, we were able to create this opportunity while maintaining public protection safeguards, all while providing opportunities for future pharmacists to join the workforce sooner than in previous years,”

Wisconsin PEB Chair John Weitekamp said when he accepted the award at the NABP's Annual Meeting last week.

The Mahaffey Award is named after late NABP Executive Director Emeritus Fred T. Mahaffey, who served as the association's executive director from 1962 to 1987.

About DSPS

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