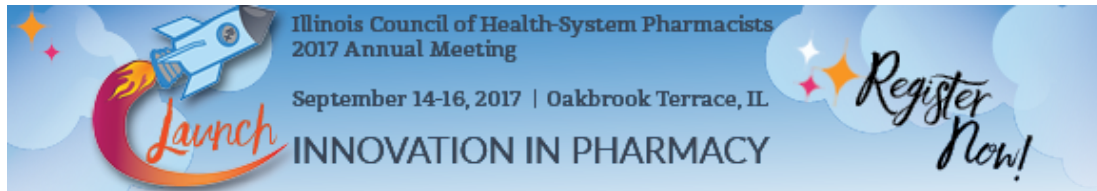




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Board of Pharmacy Update Highlights of the May Meeting

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The May 9th Board of Pharmacy Meeting was held at the James R. Thompson Center in downtown Chicago. These are the highlights of that meeting.

Affiliated Monitors – The Board continued a discussion with a representative of Affiliated Monitors an independent monitoring contractor and pre-approved their services for future pharmacy disciplinary cases that require the services of an independent monitor. The Board agreed that the individual monitor contracted by Affiliated Monitors would need to be vetted by the Board. The Board also agreed that other interested independent monitoring agencies could come before them to receive pre-approval in a likewise manner.

Pharmacy Practice Act Sunset – Board Counsels Alex Cooper and Katy Straub reported to the Board that the Pharmacy Practice Act Sunset bills (one in the House and one in the Senate) were moving forward with a two year extension to the Act. An amendment to these bills creates a Task Force to look at electronic prescribing in depth and also workload issues that impact public safety. One of the bills is expected to pass and to be signed by the Governor.

NABP Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy is taking place in late May in Orlando, and Board Chair Yash Patel will represent the Board as its delegate. Several Board members will be in attendance and will present a tabletop display of the proceedings of last fall's District IV meeting that was held in Chicago. Board member Al Carter will be a presenter at the meeting, and Board member Phil Burgess is running for re-election to NABP's Executive Committee.

Legislative Update – At each Board of Pharmacy meeting, ICHP or IPhA staff provide a summary of pharmacy-related legislation before the General Assembly. At this meeting a 22-page document was summarized by yours truly. While ICHP had over 80 bills and resolutions that it was monitoring, about a dozen of these bills were discussed. A full report of bills that are still active with the General Assembly can be found in the Government Affairs Report in this issue of KeePosted.

Next Board of Pharmacy Meeting – The next meeting of the Illinois Board of Pharmacy will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday July 11th at the James R. Thompson Center in downtown Chicago. Announcements and agendas are posted at least 14 days in advance on the IDFPR pharmacy website. The profession is welcome to attend the open portion of this meeting.

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