

Rock the Vote!

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Fundraising Opportunity for Student Chapters

For a limited time, student chapters can sell copies of pharmacist Larry Wamble's art prints and receive **\$20 for each print sold**. These art prints are always in demand. The 2007 Wamble Leadership print is a tribute to the profession of pharmacy. It was introduced at the 2007 NCPA Annual Convention, and it is a perfect display for the halls of pharmacy schools, pharmacy waiting areas, hospitals, doctor's offices, or even at home. The prints can also be purchased to recognize outstanding pharmacy leaders at your school or across the state.

The sales will also support the NCPA Foundation's student programs, and chapters selling the most prints by May 1, 2008 will receive special recognition. Shipping and handling or additional contributions are excluded from chapter sales commissions. For more information, please contact the NCPA Foundation attn: Avon Pagon at 703.838.2653.

Support the ONLY pharmacist in Congress

NCPA's Political Action Committee is proud to support Rep. Marion Berry (D-AR), the only pharmacist in Congress. We need to do our part and continue to support a community pharmacy majority in Congress. Please consider contributing at least \$200 to his campaign. This is for a great cause, the continued survival of our profession. With all the threats pharmacists face, from low and slow reimbursements in Medicare, to the far below cost Medicaid reimbursements, we need to support elected officials like Rep. Berry. Please contribute today!

For more information on how to contribute to Rep. Berry, please contact Jackie Lopez at Jackie.lopez@ncpanet.org or 703.838.2684

Future Pharmacist Political Involvement

One of the most important aspects of being active community pharmacists includes political awareness and involvement. Everyday, politicians are making new laws and guidelines that will determine the future of pharmacy, and few of these decision makers are in our profession, much less know what is needed to successfully implement efficient, affordable health care. NCPA is constantly stressing the importance for "grassroots" politics among pharmacists, however, for college students away from home this is easier said than done. Fortunately, every person has the opportunity and an obligation to vote for the leaders who make those important decisions. The ongoing primary elections and upcoming presidential election are a great chance to do your part to ensure pharmacists are represented properly in the future.

The following is a brief summary of each of the presidential candidates position's on health care in general. It is important to get an understanding of the direction future elected officials plan to take health care, as well as making sure to determine the individual aspects of each candidate that may directly effect pharmacy practice. A more detailed summary of each candidate's positions can be found by visiting <http://www.health08.org/sidebyside.cfm>. Each candidate may also have an official campaign site for individual answers to specific issues. Be sure to confirm you and your colleagues are registered to vote and are aware of when your state's primary elections will be held. Also, you can periodically check NCPA's website for up-to-date discussion on government and political affairs at www.ncpanet.org and make plans for the 2008 Legislative Conference.





DATES TO REMEMBER:

• February 22, 2008:

Chapter Outstanding

Member of the Year

Deadline

March 15, 2008:

Deadline for Scholarship

Applications

• May 1, 2008: Student

Loan Application Deadline

for Fall 2008

• May 12, 2008: Postmark

Deadline for

Business Plan Competition

• May 31, 2008: Chapter

of the Year Deadline