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Call for Board of Pharmacy Nominations

All pharmacists licensed and living in Maryland will be receiving a letter from the Board of Pharmacy in November inviting them to submit applications for seats on the Board. The 1997 revision of the Pharmacy Practice Act changed the composition of the Board and the process for submitting candidates to the Governor for appointment. The Board was expanded from eight to twelve members with designated seats for different practice areas. There will be ten licensed pharmacists on the Board including:

- Two who at the time of appointment practice primarily in Chain Store Pharmacies.
- Two who at the time of appointment practice primarily in Independent Pharmacies.
- Two who at the time of appointment practice primarily in a hospital.
- One who at the time of appointment practices primarily in a pharmacy that specializes in the provision of home care/home infusion services.
- One who at the time of appointment practices primarily in a pharmacy that provides services to a long-term care facility.
- Two pharmacists-at-large.

There are also two consumer members of the Board.

The representative pharmacy associations in Maryland are responsible for soliciting nominees and submitting a list of at least three names for each vacancy to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Governor. The list for Independent Pharmacist members will be submitted by the Maryland Pharmacists Association and the Maryland Pharmaceutical Society. The list for Chain Drug Store Pharmacist members will be submitted by the Maryland Association of Chain Drug Stores. The lists for the Hospital Pharmacist members and the Home Care/Home Infusion Pharmacist members will be submitted by the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The list for the Long-Term Care Pharmacist member will be submitted by the Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. At-Large Pharmacist members will be appointed from a list of all names submitted to the Maryland Pharmacists Association for that seat. The current seats on the Board which are open and for which nominees are being sought are:

- One Chain Store Pharmacist seat.
- Two Hospital Pharmacist seats.
- One Home Care/Home Infusion Pharmacist seat.
- One Independent Pharmacist seat.
- One At-Large Pharmacist seat.

MSHP has the responsibility for submitting names for the two hospital and the home care/home infusion seats. A committee of not less than five members will be formed to interview qualified candidates and submit the lists of names to the Secretary of DHMH and the Governor. Any members who wish to serve as committee members, please contact Judi Mellendick at MSHP headquarters or your author.

Also, we are encouraging pharmacists to make application for these seats. This is an opportunity for MSHP to assist in bringing pharmacists to the Board who are knowledgeable in hospital, home care/home infusion, and health system pharmacy. But, in order to do this, we need qualified candidates. You are those candidates. Please take advantage of this opportunity to serve the citizens of Maryland and the pharmacy profession.

If anyone has any questions about the application process or board service, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 455-7817.

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