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### **Missouri Pharmacy Association Inducts Perniciaro as New President**

*JEFFERSON CITY, MO* – The Missouri Pharmacy Association inducted a new Board of Directors at their Annual Convention, held at Tan-Tar-A Resort and Spa June 19-21. Paul Perniciaro, of Chesterfield, will serve as President of the association for the 2009-2010 year.

Perniciaro graduated from St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1980. He currently works as President and Director of Consultant Services for Perniciaro Senior Care Consultants. In that capacity he supervises consultant services for 66 facilities ranging from skilled nursing, residential and assisted living, adolescent care, and surgery centers. Perniciaro also acts as consultant pharmacist to facilities in Illinois. He became certified in Geriatric Pharmacy in 2001.

A dedicated and constant advocate for the pharmacy profession, Perniciaro has served on the MPA Board of Directors for 4 years. He is a Past President of the Missouri chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) and was honored as a Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists in 1996.

Perniciaro looks forward to leading the 2009-2010 Board of Directors in their efforts to promote the pharmacy profession. “We will seize every opportunity, lobby for new legislation, and create networks to strengthen the ties of our profession to the patient. We will work with the state and federal government, with legislators on every side of the isle, and with other healthcare professionals to achieve the goals we have set for our profession” he said.

The 2009-2010 Board also includes Past President Sandra Bollinger (Sikeston), President Elect Heather Burney (Branson), Treasurer Dave Strauch (Appleton City), Secretary Dwight Nyberg (Buffalo), and Members at Large Tim Mitchell (Neosho), Amy DeWein (Chesterfield), Erica Hopkins-Wadlow (Columbia), and Marcus Wilson (Olathe, KS).

Established in 1879, the Missouri Pharmacy Association is the professional society representing Missouri pharmacists, united to improve public health and patient care, enhance professional development and advocate for the interest of the profession.

Photos of Perniciaro are available for print by contacting MPA.

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