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NCEA Discuss Issues with NIC President

Jackie Dahlquist, President of the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) and NCEA's (National Coalition of Estheticians Association) Executive Director - Susanne S. Warfield are pictured here at the American Association of Cosmetology School (AACCS) conference held in November.

Warfield took this opportunity to discuss top political issues of concern to the NCEA. Items discussed during their meeting were the NCEA Certification program and raising the hours for esthetician licensing to 1200 hours; states mandating continuing education (CEs) prior to relicensure and the Commission on Accreditation (COA) to facilitate those CEs. NCEA's formation of the COA was met with very high interest at the NIC meeting held in September, where Warfield urged state regulatory boards to

use the COA to facilitate their continuing education needs.

It was further clarified that it was not NCEA's intent to have 2-tier licensing as a standard in order to reach a 1200 hour esthetician program. NCEA does recognize however that the current political climate of most states required a two-tier approach. The 2nd legislative step would then be to gather statistical data from states with the 2-tier licensing system in order to validate what NCEA is hearing from the industry... and that is, that most esthetic students are completing a 1200 hour program when available. The need for the 600 hour license would then become moot.

Unfortunately, due to years of not being politically active as a profession, the NCEA



is having to try to implement new ideas into a system that was established over 25 years ago. "Prior to the NCEA, there was no voice for estheticians, and rules and regulations were put into place with little industry involvement. That is why now, more than ever, estheticians need to work collectively setting standards so that we don't have some states implementing laws based on one states

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The room rate for single or double accommodations is \$139 plus applicable taxes. For reservations call 800-546-9184.

To receive the conference rate please state that you are with the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology.

For more information or if you have questions contact Debra Norton at 501-227-8262 or debranorton@sbc-global.net

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the NIC Annual Conference.

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Message From the President



Networking...my favorite thing about NIC meetings! The NIC Regional Meeting in Las Vegas is happening at the very moment that I am writing this article. What a great opportunity to share information! Our common bond to protect the public evolves in different ways in each of our states. Our individual states may address issues in a way that meets our citizen's needs. I urge you all to share your knowledge and experiences. When contacted by a NIC committee chairman, please share information that can be passed on to other members.

The Education Committee is planning an exciting agenda for our upcoming conference in Seattle, Washington. We appreciate any ideas that you may have for our agenda. Join us in August in Seattle!

"Leaders have the courage to work with today, and the vision to plan for tomorrow. Leaders spark innovation."

Respectfully,

Jackie Dahlquist
NIC President

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ideas. An esthetician licensed in New York SHOULD be able to live and work in any state... and that is just not happening!

The final item discussed was the national endorsement of the CEA Certified professional for states now raising their hours. "It has always been NCEA's goal to raise the hours of education for Esthetician licensing in this country, and we want to ensure that *licensed estheticians who have become NCEA Certified* are being endorsed when they move to a state with a Master Esthetician license.

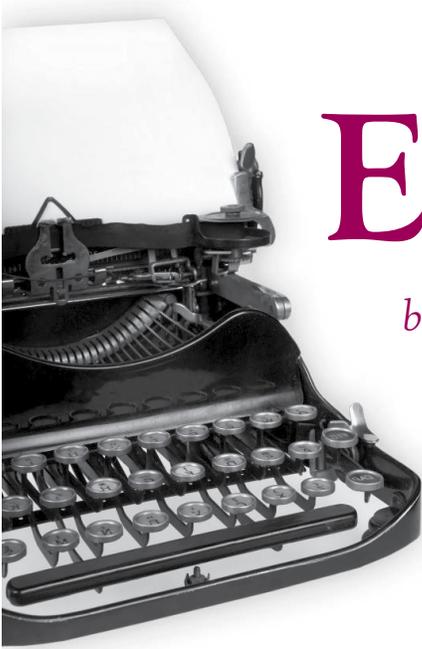
The NCEA Certified standards are very high and recertification is required every 3

years. These professionals have gone above and beyond in maintaining their certification, not only in esthetic standards but First Aid, CPR and AED."

The NCEA looks forward to continuing their strong relationship with NIC and urge NCEA members to become more actively involved with the coalition.

On May 15-17, 2010, Las Vegas, Nevada, the 2nd NETT Conference for teachers is taking place at the Hampton Inn Tropicana and SW Event Center. For more information and registration go to www.ncea.tv.

Material taken from NCEA Advance eNewsletter, Susanne Warfield



Editorial

by Lois Wiskur

OK folks, it's about spring already. As I look out of the window at the "Dr. Zhivago" landscape, trying to remember that soon spring is supposed to start and the snow is supposed to stop.

Thinking about the weather is a sure sign of either getting older or that age is moving too rapidly. It seems like just yesterday we were in Myrtle Beach, SC and tomorrow we should be attending Region 1-2-3-4 meeting on March 20th, 2010 in Las Vegas.

With all the budget cuts that all states have endured, out of state travel has been restricted by many for the past couple of years. Now states are faced in making even deeper cuts to their budgets, which will eliminate more boards from doing any traveling. Seeing that this could be a problem, our NIC President, Jackie Dahlquist, suggested to the Regional Directors that by combining the regions and having one meeting would save NIC from less travel. The Regional Directors took up Jackie's suggestion by agreeing to hold just one combined meeting.

Between budget cuts and low attendance, the past regional meetings were poorly attended. This one time event will be experimental to see if it will draw a larger attendance.

Annual Conference and Regional Meetings in which board members participate are venues where national (NIC) policies are made

and it is important that states have a role in shaping these policies. Attending these meetings is in the states' best interest.

The Regional meetings have been a part of NIC since around 1972. After NIC began the actual testing program with the 13 states that signed up, it was felt that there needed to be a way for states to work more closely with each other on a smaller scale. Around 1971-72 NIC downsized the executive board by eliminating six Vice Presidents to just three Vice Presidents. Thus, by having only three Vice Presidents, the Council then voted to have five Regional Directors. Ten to eleven states made up each region, with an elected director who would represent that particular region. The purpose was to disseminate information from their region to the executive board. This was to know that the states were doing activity wise and also created less work for the President. Since this time the Regions have been downsized to four regions.

I can recall when I was first elected Region III Director in 1976. At that time we weren't so fortunate because we were not allowed any money for meeting expenses. It was purely by luck if you selected a hotel that wouldn't charge rates for the meeting room if so many people were staying and eating their meals there. That happened in Des Moines, IA, site of my first meeting. I remember out of ten states in the region over half attended with about 20 to 22 board members attending. The expense for the mailing was done by my board office plus they paid my travel and room.

I contacted two other Past Presidents who also served as Regional Directors. In 1974 and 1975 Veda Traylor, AR, commented that when she was Regional Director, both

years, she used her own money for the meetings and her personal expenses. Her board didn't help her out for either meeting. Pat Nix, IN, was a Regional Director in 1976. She described how she had to absorb the expense for putting her meeting together. They too, were saved by some understanding hotel personnel along with the attending members who helped out by "pitching in."

I got lucky in 1977 when I was re-elected Director. NIC agreed to allow \$100.00 to be used for expenses. This was to include the mailing expenses and meeting room expense, a coffee break and reception for the evening before the meeting. We weren't allowed to use it for room nor airfare or personal use. If there was any money left we had to turn it back into the Council.

That was the beginning of allowing Regional Directors an allowance for their meetings. As a Director we were responsible for setting up our own program. I was lucky, my second meeting was in Denver, CO, and Colorado's Board Administrator Cathy Wells was responsible for the speakers. We had seven or eight states attending with about 30 or more board members in attendance. I'll be forever grateful for Cathy helping us have a successful meeting. That \$100.00 expense money continued for a few years until the executive board voted to raise it to \$500.00.

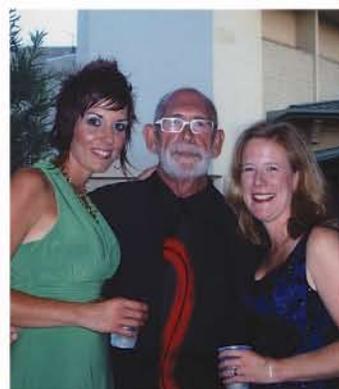
Since that time, many regional meetings have been held with a great majority of them being very successful. They have indeed served their purpose by giving the states information and presenting each other with valuable subject matters that have had an effect on our industry. These ideas have provided the boards means of sharing and solving mutual problems.

Our President, like all other organization leaders, is trying to cut costs by being able to have the Regional Directors present a complete, whole productive single meeting for the states. Smaller meetings among the states had been conducive to a mutuality of understanding the cosmetology laws from state to state. It's success has been of vital importance to NIC. Let's hope this meeting of Regional Directors and the states will continue to do the same.

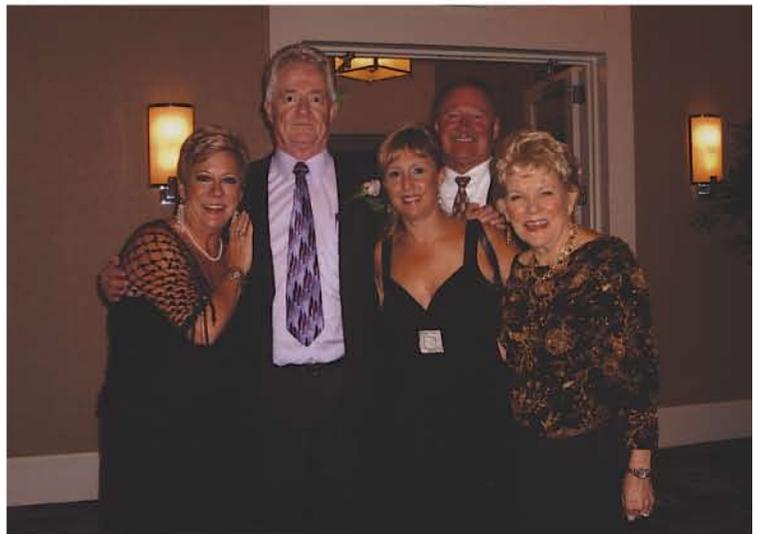
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State Happenings

North Carolina – North Carolina's new Board Administrator is Lynda Elliott. Lynda was the former Administrator for the New Hampshire State Board.

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Thank You All

Your thoughtfulness and the abundance of many heart filled prayers for our family over the past eight months during the loss of our mom, Aurie Gosnell, on June 11, 2009 and our daddy, Rufus Gosnell, on December 8, 2009 has been so much appreciated by the family.

Letting us share our memories of Mom at the NIC Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC was so special. Everyone who also shared her memories and what NIC meant to her was such an honor for us. Having a scholarship in her honor is a wonderful tribute so her legacy can live on.

NIC will always be a part of our family. Dedicating the 54th Annual Conference in Mom's name will always be a proud memory in our hearts that we will cherish for a lifetime.

Saying "Thank You NIC" doesn't seem enough to all you, the members and friends have done in Mom's honor. I know what mom would have said, a simple "Thank you all."

John and Resel Gosnell Bourn and Grandchildren and family of Rufus and Aurie Gosnell

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Aurie J. Gosnell Scholarship

In honor of the founder of the NIC National Testing Program, the NIC Executive Board established the Aurie J. Gosnell Scholarship in June 2009. At its January 17, 2010 meeting the Executive Board approved the criteria for the administration of the scholarship. The Board approved the award of four (4) one-thousand two hundred fifty dollar (\$1,250.00) scholarships annually.

The procedure provides that a committee of three from each Region shall be chosen by the NIC President. Each Committee will review the applications and select the recipient of the scholarship for its assigned region. Recipients of the scholarships will be announced at the Annual Conference each year.

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for the policies and procedures for the administration of the scholarship and the application forms or contact NIC President Jackie Dahlquist (jackiedahlquist@hotmail.com)

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