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President's Message

Rick Eiserman (GA)



Dear Friends:

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and another new school year is about to begin.

I'm sure that all the recruiting and hiring of teachers is done and the mountains of new certificates are all in the mail!!

I want to thank everyone—attendees, planners, speakers, exhibitors and sponsors—for their support and contributions to the success of the recent San Antonio Conference. The 254 registered attendees made it our largest conference on record and the comments and evaluation forms indicate that the city, the hotel and the agenda all received high marks. Several of the sessions involved ideas and thoughts that differ from most of our views and, as expected, they generated a good bit of reaction. We believe it is essential as an organization to keep our members informed and aware of what is going on in our profession, even the parts that may not make us “comfortable”.

Your new Executive Board, which met for several hours at the end of the annual conference, is hard at work with the standing committees on a number of important activities. Other sections of this newsletter include details of some of their efforts.

Martha Gage, our new Vice President, already has her Central Region planning team working on the conference theme and agenda for next year. Be sure to make your own plans to join us in Minneapolis next June for another great annual conference.

Speaking of conferences, the Professional Practices Committee is putting the finishing touches on the 9th Professional Practices Institute, which will take place in Scottsdale, Arizona on October 19-21. Among the numerous speakers is Allen Ezell, who will not only repeat his well-received San Antonio talk on the Diploma Mill Industry, but will also talk with us on how NASDTEC and individual member states can take a more proactive role to defend against the rise of false educational credentials. The committee is also continuing to develop several significant enhancements to the Clearinghouse database.

Work also continues on finalizing the 2005-2010 Interstate Agreement, which becomes effective on October 1. To this point, 33 states and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) have signed the agreement and submitted their paperwork. Two other states have submitted their “blanket policies” on certifying out-of-state applicants and one state has submitted a “non-participation” letter. If you have not yet submitted your Interstate paperwork, please get it in as soon as possible so that we can update the website. A section in this newsletter from the Interstate Committee provides additional information.

The Technology Committee is still hard at work on the Knowledgebase. Coordinating

the development of the database and assisting the states in the conversion from the paper-based manual to the new electronic KnowledgeBase has been a major project. If you recently received an e-mail reminder that your state data is not yet posted, please get someone working on the data entry. The sale of subscriptions to the KnowledgeBase will replace the revenue from the old manual. As external researchers and organizations begin searching the information—and publishing their findings—it is essential that all state data is complete and current. Contact the Technology Committee if you need assistance and check out their newsletter section for more information.

The Professional Preparation/Continuing Development Committee is developing the scope and initial action plan for the Interstate Mobility Study. Federally-funded through an initiative with the state of Maryland, this two-year grant presents NASDTEC with a unique and exciting opportunity to study this critical issue (who knows more about it than NASDTEC members?!) and publish a detailed report of national importance. All member states will be involved in this initiative, and we will continue to keep you posted as details and resources are coordinated.

As you can see, a lot of exciting work is underway and is being noticed outside the organization. We have recently received several letters and telephone calls from other national organizations about some of our activities. I want to commend, and thank, the Executive Board and the committee members for all their efforts in continuing to move NASDTEC forward.

Organizational News

NASDTEC Vice President

Martha S. Gage was elected to the position of Vice President of NASDTEC at the annual meeting in June. Her most important NASDTEC role over the next year is to serve as the Conference Chair for the June 2006 Annual Conference in Minneapolis and to further that end she has convened a planning committee meeting for August 25-26 at the conference site in Minneapolis.

Dr. Gage is Director of Teacher Education and Licensure for the Kansas State Department of Education. She began her career in education as a teacher and after acquiring both a master's degree and Ph.D., taught and served as a unit head for 16 years in higher education. While in higher education she served as president of the K-ACTE and also served on the Kansas Professional Advisory Standards Board. She moved to the Kansas Department of Education in 1998 and into the Director's position in 2000. She currently supervises an office of 14 staffers who process over 20,000 applications for licenses a year. In addition, she is in charge of the accreditation and program approval process for the 22 educator preparation institutions in Kansas. She is also a member of the Board of Examiners for NCATE. She has been a leader in the reform of certification in Kansas to a performance-based licensure system that will be fully implemented in the fall of 2005. She is married, has two children and two grandchildren.

Regional Directors

At our annual meeting each year two of the four Regional Directors are elected. Those elections take place during the Regional Meetings on Monday morning. Each

director serves a two-year term. Our directors for FY 2006 are:

Northeastern	Kathleen DeFelice (CT)
Southern	Donna Zornes (AR)
Central	J. Mike Lucas (MO)
Western	Linda Stowers (WY)

NASDTEC Standing Committee Members and Chairs

As you are aware, much of the work of NASDTEC is accomplished through our four standing committees, each committee having at least one member from each of the four geographic regions. Appointments to those committees are made by the Regional Directors and members serve a two-year term. Committees may have more than the basic four members, with additional members appointed from among the regular and associate membership. Committee chairs are chosen from among the appointed members to serve a one-year term by the president. Our committees for FY 2006 are as follows:

Interstate:

Carol Gilbert, Massachusetts, Chair
Dorothy Gotlieb, Colorado
James Putman, Nebraska
Vance Rugaard, Tennessee

Professional Practices:

Carolyn Angelo, Pennsylvania, Chair
Brenda Allen, Kentucky
Arlene Hett, Washington
Gary Jones, Blue Springs School
District, Missouri
Janet Welk, North Dakota
Bart Zabin, New York

Professional Preparation and Continuing Development:

Peter Donovan, Montana, Chair
Marta Cambra, Vermont
Ted Gillispie, Oklahoma
Frank Servedio, Arkansas

Technology:

Tom Hall, Georgia, Chair
Meredith Curley, University of
Phoenix
Charles Hart, Connecticut
Susan Helbert, Kansas
Dale Janssen, California

As a note to our members and associate members, if you are interested in serving on any of the committees, please make that known to either your regional director or to the NASDTEC office.

KnowledgeBase Update

Tom Hall (GA)

The KnowledgeBase is rapidly approaching a fully populated condition, thanks to the hard work of many NASDTEC members. As we transition from "putting information in" to the stage where we "get information out", it is worthwhile to take a summary look at some of the richness of the KnowledgeBase.

Jurisdiction Links

The KnowledgeBase has 388 links to jurisdiction web sites. In addition to state web sites, the collection includes the Department of Defense Education Activity site and several Canadian province sites. These sites provide the KnowledgeBase subscriber with all the information jurisdictions have to offer their public consumers. NASDTEC has provided a great service to the "policy consumer" to have this collection of web references all in an easy-

to-use single resource. The breadth of the resource is dramatic: it is valuable to the consumer looking for certification regulations in Alaska and also valuable to a policy researcher comparing educator testing requirements across all states.

An important feature of the KnowledgeBase design is "data freshness". If a link gets changed in a jurisdiction web site, but the change is not recorded in the KnowledgeBase, an automatic program will detect the error. This automatic program will send an e-mail message to the state information provider requesting "fresh" information to make the web link correct again for subscribers.

Recent Policy Changes

The KnowledgeBase contains summaries of recent policy changes for 27 jurisdictions. These show the dynamic nature of educator preparation and certification policies throughout the US and Canada, which only an online repository like the KnowledgeBase can keep current. And only NASDTEC members know these policy changes and when to submit them, illustrating how the KnowledgeBase information is uniquely "owned" by the membership but available quickly to all viewing subscribers.

If you have a contribution for a recent policy change, please send it to:

support@nasdtec.info.

Data Tables

The KnowledgeBase has 78 tables of information about state certification and preparation policies, deeply describing state differences in policy and procedures. Tables cover the full range of regulatory details, from certificate titles and fees to policies regarding suspension and revocation. Included in these tables is a roster of

educator preparation institutions for each state, including the city and Zip codes. From Abilene Christian to Youngstown State there are 1470 of them.

If you know of a listing that needs to be changed for any reason, please send the change to: support@nasdtec.info.

Little Known Facts from the KnowledgeBase

- No administrative certificates are issued in Saskatchewan
- Four states have a "medical" requirement for initial certification. See if you can find them in the KnowledgeBase.

Executive Director's Report

Roy Einreinhofner

We have wrapped up another year in the history of NASDTEC and are off and running with plans and activities for the new year. Newly elected Vice President Martha Gage has called a planning meeting for the 2006 Annual Conference for August 25-26 at the Radisson Plaza in Minneapolis. Committee members will have the opportunity to tour the conference facility, helping them visualize how the various pieces fit together from a logistical and operational viewpoint. Much of the work of the committee will revolve around the shaping of the overall conference and conference strand themes. We expect to have a request for session proposals ready for distribution, and posted to the conference website shortly after the Professional Practices Institute in October.

Peter Donovan and the Professional Preparation and Continuing Development committee will be meeting in August to design the research questions for the first

phase of the Maryland Troops to Teachers Mobility Grant study in which NASDTEC will be looking at mobility barriers and best practices throughout the country. Although the study concentrates on educators certified through the TTT programs, we will also examine the issues from a broader perspective and expect to have our report ready late in 2007 or early in 2008.

Our next major event is the Professional Practices Institute to be held at the Chaparral Suites Hotel in Scottsdale, Arizona. Those of you who have attended institutes over the past few years have come to appreciate the quality of the sessions and the networking opportunities this annual gathering presents.

We urge any of you who have responsibilities in the areas covered by the Institute to make use of the registration form included in this edition of the *Communicator*, or visit the conference website, www.nasdtec.com, to get conference and hotel details as well as a registration form. Make your hotel reservations early as we expect to use our entire block of rooms.

2005 – 2010 Interstate Agreement Update

Ronald Stanfield (UT)

We want to thank all of you for your support and participation with renewal of the Interstate Agreement. We have received four more signed agreements and welcome more. The new Agreement goes into effect on October 1, 2005 so time is getting short.

Please call Ron Stanfield at 801/538-7654 for assistance. Data from the Participation Status Sheet is being tabulated and will be reported on the NASDTEC website soon. During this busy time of teachers moving from state to state the Interstate Agreement is there to help you—please use it to your advantage.

9th Professional Practices Institute
Sharing the Mission to Combat Educator Misconduct
Chaparral Suites Hotel, Scottsdale, Arizona
October 19 - 21, 2005

The 2½-day Professional Practices Institute offers information, training, and resources on educator misconduct issues. As always, the Institute will provide opportunities for attendees to network and to share information, increasing the value of the formal presentations.

FEATURING:

Keynote Speaker--Dr. Robert J. Shoop, Professor of Educational Law and Senior Scholar in the Leadership Studies Program at Kansas State University, is a nationally recognized expert in the area of school law, with a focus on sexual harassment and abuse prevention. He is a frequent guest on national television programs including; CNN, The Today Show, ABC's 20/20, MSNBC, Day and Date, and ESPN's Outside the Lines with Bob Levy. His most recent book is *Sexual Exploitation in Schools: How to Spot It and Stop It*. Having served as an expert witness in over 40 court cases, Dr. Shoop brings very specific reality based information about litigation as it relates to sexual abuse of children in schools.

Allen Ezell, Vice President/Corporate Fraud Investigative Service, Wachovia Bank Corporation will be speaking about diploma mills and bogus credentials. He is the co-author of the book *Degree Mills: The Billion Dollar Industry that has Sold Over a Million Fake Diplomas*. This promises to be an enlightening, and frightening, look at what is becoming a major problem in education.

SESSIONS:

- Prosecuting Educator Misconduct
- Why Prosecutions Fail
- Maintaining Objectivity – The Importance of Investigation w/o Bias
- Expunged and Sealed Records
- Boundary Violations
- Computer-Based Evidence
- Interviewing Techniques
- Charges Against Female Educators
- State Models for Effective Prevention and Enforcement
- Institute Assembly: Best Practices
- Topical Roundtable Discussions
- The Attorney/Investigator Relationship

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- ★ Investigators
- ★ Attorneys
- ★ State credentialing officials
- ★ Law enforcement officers
- ★ Anyone else concerned with the safety and well-being of our public school students
- ★ Educator preparation program officials
- ★ State and school district administrators
- ★ Child protective service workers
- ★ State board and commission members

For the most current information on speakers and conference agenda, please visit our conference website: www.nasdtec.com

9TH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES INSTITUTE
CHAPARRAL SUITES HOTEL, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
OCTOBER 19 – 21, 2005

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Institute Registration

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name to appear on badge (nickname): _____

Guest attending? Yes: Name: _____

- ◆ **Member** registration fee of \$285 accepted until September 16, 2005. After that registration fee is \$315.
- ◆ **Non-member** registration is \$315 until September 16, 200 and \$355 after that date.
The registration fee includes breakfast and lunch Wednesday and Thursday and breakfast on Friday.
- ◆ **Single-day registrations** are available at \$125 per day—please indicate which day or days you are going to attend: Wednesday Thursday Friday
- ◆ Is this your first Professional Practices Institute? Yes

Payment method: Check enclosed: _____

NASDTEC Federal ID #: 94-2967408

Purchase Order: PO#: _____

Please

enclose copy of Purchase Order

Credit Card: American Express Discover Master Card Visa

Card Number: _____ Exp Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Street Address and Zip: _____

Make checks payable to NASDTEC and mail this form and your payment to:

NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute
22 Bates Road, PMB # 134
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649-3267

Refund policy:

- ◆ Full refund if written request is received in the NASDTEC office not later than 15 calendar days prior to the first day of the conference.
- ◆ Refund of registration fee, less \$75 processing and handling fee, if the request is received less than 15 but more than 5 calendar days prior to the first day of the event.
- ◆ No refund if written cancellation is received 5 or fewer days prior to the first day of the conference.
- ◆ Refund checks will be mailed out after the conference.

To make hotel reservations, please contact the Chaparral directly. Be sure to mention that you are a part of the NASDTEC Conference so you get our special room rate. Call: 480/949-1414 for reservations. Please make your reservations prior to **September 16, 2005** as we expect to use our entire block of rooms.

Future Conference Dates and Sites:

10th Professional Practices Institute

Radisson Hotel at Cross Keys

Baltimore, Maryland

October 18 – 20, 2006

11th Professional Practices Institute

Doubletree Castle Hotel

Orlando, Florida

October 17 – 19, 2007

79th Annual Conference

Marriott City center Hotel

Salt lake City, Utah

June 3 – 6, 2007

80th Annual Conference

June 2008

Site and dates to be determined

Northeastern Region
