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## President's Message

*Martha Gage (KS)*

Dear NASDTEC Members:

I just received my Kansas ASCD *Update* from our state president where she quotes Dewitt Jones in a video entitled *Celebrate What's Right with the World*, (StarThrower 2006). He stated, "In times of greatest change, there exist the greatest possibilities." As we think about our coming year with all the changes, with all the stress we feel about NCLB, HQT, AYP, HOUSSE, and performance-based accreditation, can we think about all the things we are proud of as we work to provide excellent educators for our students and schools? Can we think about what we should be celebrating? What might be the possibilities for NASDTEC? What are your possibilities and mine?

Although many of us received phone calls from the media during the recent news about the JonBenet Ramsey murder suspect, wasn't it helpful to be able to talk about NASDTEC's Clearinghouse and what we are doing in our own states with criminal history background checks. I even saw a piece on CNN (imagine, CNN!!) where a map was presented showing states that do background checks and at the bottom of the map it said "National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification" as the source. I wished then our name was a bit shorter, but still, I celebrated the work of our organization, the only organization that has such a strong focus on protecting our children. Congratulations to Roy, Carolyn Angelo and Paul Longo for the excellent press release sent to media and for the response from Roy to a reporter for *USA Today* about our work. And then, of course, the question came to mind, should we be doing more? Are there other possibilities for us to consider?

You can also celebrate the work of NASDTEC's Board of Directors and the chairs of our committees. These are hard-working colleagues who are providing leadership for our

organization. Do celebrate the work of Roy and Paul and the support and direction they supply. All of these individuals are dedicated to the fulfillment of NASDTEC's mission. In addition, as I am receiving dues statements for other organizations that my state is a part of, I have noticed that the NASDTEC dues are really low (and I celebrate that!), especially when we think about the service we receive by having access to the KnowledgeBase, the Interstate Agreement, and the Clearinghouse. What a bargain!

So I celebrate your work and the contributions that you make every day to ensure schools and education are the very best for our children. I celebrate NASDTEC and its contribution to the protection of our children. And I hope you will join me in these celebrations! See you in Baltimore at the PPI!

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### **Professional Practices Institute**

*Carolyn Angelo (PA)*

The Tenth Annual Professional Practices Institute is right around the corner. The 2 ½ day conference ... *Beyond Codes of Conduct ... Creating and Maintaining Ethical School Cultures* ... is jam-packed with thought provoking general and concurrent sessions designed to address strategies for prevention, investigation, prosecution, and remediation of educator misconduct. This year's presenters include Dr. Elizabeth Campbell, author of "*The Ethical Teacher*", Caroline Hendrie, Assistant Managing Editor of *Education Week*, and Allen Ezell, author of "*Diploma Mills*." The full agenda can be accessed at our website ([www.nasdtec.com](http://www.nasdtec.com)). If you or the appropriate representative from your organization/agency has not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible by visiting the aforementioned site. We look forward to seeing you on October 18-20 at the PPI, Radisson at Cross Keys, Baltimore, Maryland.

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### **Executive Director's Report**

*Roy Einreinhofer*

With the completion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Professional Practices Institute we are wrapping up another year of great conferences. The June 2006 conference in Minneapolis was well attended and featured many great sessions. Similarly, the PPI in Baltimore features a wealth of timely sessions addressing important topics. As we move forward into calendar year 2007 (and yes, that IS right around the corner) our goal is to raise the bar even higher. Vice President Peter Donovan convened a planning meeting for the 2007 conference in August. That meeting resulted in the defining of the main conference theme as well as the topical theme for each of the strands. Included in this issue of the *Communicator* is a call for session proposals. Please feel free to pass that form along to anyone you believe might have to share with the audience that falls within the specified topics.

The NASDTEC KnowledgeBase, thanks to the efforts of Tom Hall (GA) and the Technology Committee, has reached the point where all states need to review the data that has been input and update anything that has changed. One of the important features of the KnowledgeBase is that updates can be made on an "as occurred" basis, ensuring that the very latest information is available to subscribers. Thanks to all the state representatives who help keep that critical information up-to-date and to the members of the Technology Committee who have spent countless hours in the initial input process.

If you have any questions about how to update your data, please refer those questions to your regional Technology Committee representative:

Northeastern: Chuck Hart (CT)  
Central: Susan Helbert (KS)  
Southern: Tom Hall (GA)  
Western: Dale Janssen (CA)  
Associate: Meredith Curley (University of Phoenix)

For subscriptions to the KnowledgeBase, visit our website ([www.nasdtec.org](http://www.nasdtec.org)) and click on "KnowledgeBase." Subscriptions may be entered directly online using a credit card or you may download the subscription form and return the completed form along with your check or Purchase Order to the NASDTEC office so we can enter the subscription for you.

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## **June 2007 Annual Conference**

*Peter Donovan (MT)*

The Planning Committee for the 2007 NASDTEC conference has selected *Who Will Educate our Children: An Olympic Challenge* as the theme for the 79th annual conference. The conference will be held on June 3-6, 2007, at the Marriott City Center Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The primary objective of the conference is to provide up-to-date information, to examine best practices, and to open networks of communication that support those with responsibilities for the preparation, certification/licensure, ethical and professional practice, and continuing professional development for educators. And, building on the success of the Technology Forum held this past June in Minneapolis, a separate strand featuring the technologies with which we perform our jobs will be an integral part of the conference.

*Who Will Educate Our Children: An Olympic Challenge* will focus on the key strategies necessary to prepare, recruit, and retain excellent educators for our children. Presentations by national, state, and local experts as well as practical "nuts and bolts" roundtable discussions will address the hot topics facing NASDTEC members. Policy makers from member jurisdictions and associate members from higher education institutions will also have ample opportunity to discuss challenging issues with other education leaders from around the country.

NASDTEC is currently accepting proposals for presentations, discussions, or demonstrations for the upcoming conference. The proposed topics must address one or more of the four conference strands. You will find a **Presentation Proposal Form** within this newsletter. If you have a session topic that fits with the conference and strand themes, please submit your proposal to the NASDTEC office by **December 15, 2006**. Your contributions to the Salt Lake City conference on *Who Will Educate Our Children: An Olympic Challenge* will help make this a successful conference for all. We appreciate your interest and assistance.

## **Conference strands and possible topic ideas:**

**Strand A: Prepare** – Online programs; program approval; alternative routes; ethics/professional practices; testing; NCLB; Professional education/P-12 partnerships.

**Strand B: Recruit** – Who are the future educators (generational differences); minority educators; Troops To Teachers; supply and demand; educator mobility; transition to teaching; incentives; NCLB; "grow your own" educator programs.

**Strand C: Retain** – Induction; mentoring; leadership – "grow your own;" professional practices; professional development; educator mobility; incentives; NCLB; ethics/safety.

**Strand D: Technology** – On-line programs; state/federal data collection; supply and demand; NCLB; test security.

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## **Calendar Dates to Remember**

### **79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

June 3 – 6, 2007

Marriott City center

Salt Lake City, Utah

### **11<sup>th</sup> Professional Practices Institute**

October 17 – 19, 2007

Doubletree Castle Hotel

Orlando, Florida



**PRESENTATION PROPOSAL FORM**  
**NASDTEC 79<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**June 3 – 6, 2007**  
**Marriott City Center, Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Session Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Session Presenter(s), title(s), organization(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Theme and General Strand(s) Addressed: (See Earlier Page for Descriptions)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Theme: Who Will Educate Our Children: An Olympic Challenge  
\_\_\_\_\_ Strand A. Prepare \_\_\_\_\_ Strand C. Retain  
\_\_\_\_\_ Strand B. Recruit \_\_\_\_\_ Strand D. Technology

**Session Format and Description:**

Circle One: Panel Discussion Presentation Technical Demonstration Other

**IMPORTANT!** Please attach a typed description (not more than two pages in length) of your proposed session. Please include as part of the proposal, how your session relates to the conference strands and at least two objectives that complete the sentence, "At the end of this session, participants will be able to ..."

**Audiovisual Equipment Needed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed By (Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Proposals must be received on or before **December 15, 2006** to be considered for the conference program. Notification of sessions selected for the program will be confirmed in writing.

**Please send the completed form and session description to:**

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# *The NASDTEC KnowledgeBase*

The Best and Most Comprehensive Source of Information on Teacher Education and Certification in the United States and Canada.

- Certification requirements for 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and 10 Canadian Provinces. Also contained are fees, specific courses, and requirements for professional development.
- Separate section on Special Education Certification Requirements.
- Details about Examinations and Assessments.
- Listings for all colleges and universities in the United States with approved professional preparation programs.
- Professional Practices which includes information on fingerprinting, background checks, and educator discipline.
- Links to valuable resources for each jurisdiction.
- Details of the NASDTEC Interstate Certification Agreement.
- Recent Policy Change section keeps you abreast of important changes
- And much, much more

If you are a teacher, administrator, school support person, college certification officer, or someone charged with the task of researching certification requirements, the NASDTEC KnowledgeBase is your best source of information about the continent's education system.

NASDTEC works closely with all of its jurisdictions to bring you the most up-to-date certification requirements, resources, and topical table data available. Jurisdictions are constantly updating the data in the charts and tables as changes occur. No need to wait a full year to get the very latest information, changes are recorded as they occur.

To become a member of the NASDTEC KnowledgeBase community, and gain online access to the KnowledgeBase resources visit our website [www.nasdttec.org](http://www.nasdttec.org) and click on "KnowledgeBase"

The KnowledgeBase offers the following subscription types:

Subscription Type	Fee
Annual	\$96.95
3 Month	\$30.00
1 Month	\$12.00



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for conference information