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Executive Director's Comments **Roy Einreinhofer**

Just as we were reaching the deadline for materials for this edition of the *Communicator*, a good portion of the country was hit with torrential rain. Nashville, TN was one of the cities hardest hit, with floods reported to have reached thousand-year levels. NASDTEC President, Vance Rugaard, whose office is in Nashville, was prevented from getting to his office for more than a week, resulting in an inability to get his article in by the deadline.

As a result, I'm taking his spot in this edition and will try to do what Vance does so well, promote attendance at our June conference. Our program features presentations on many of the most important issues of the day. We have speakers who are prepared to not only make presentation, but who are available for one-on-one conversations and in-depth discussions about the issues of the day. According to evaluations from previous conferences, past attendees place a high level of importance on the informal conversations and discussions that take place outside the formal sessions.

If you can only attend one conference this year, make it this one. You'll find that the return on your investment of time will be well worth the effort. Join us in Indianapolis, June 13 -16, 2010

Interstate Agreement Committee Update Elizabeth Keller (MT)

By the time the June meeting is complete, we will have a new and improved Interstate Agreement to complete and sign. With this version, the NASDTEC Executive Board and Interstate Agreement Committee hope to improve what NASDTEC knows about specific licensure requirements in each state, and better communicate those requirements to our applicants and the public.

At the February Executive Board meeting, it was agreed to return to the title "Interstate Agreement" to better accommodate those Jurisdictions with statutory requirements to sign *something*. We also agreed to offer an Addendum to allow Jurisdictions to indicate whose licenses they will accept for purposes of reciprocity. Signing the Addendum and selecting Jurisdictions is optional.

The Committee is reviewing the final documents now, and the Executive Board will approve them at the meeting prior to the conference. Once approved, we will work with the Technology Committee to create a web-based collection of the Jurisdiction-Specific Requirements and reciprocal Jurisdiction lists. The actual Agreement still requires a signature.

Please feel free to contact the Interstate Agreement Committee Chair, Elizabeth Keller, at ekeller@mt.gov with questions.

June Conference Update George Maurer (IA)

We are just a couple of weeks away from our June conference and everything seems to

be coming together. However, a few of days ago, we found out that one of our presenters, Penny Early from George Mason University, needed to have surgery and would not be able to make the trip to Indianapolis. After a flurry of e-mails between committee members and the efforts of Pam Coleman (KS), we were able to secure the services of Barnett Berry for the opening general session on Sunday morning. His topic will be "The Teachers of 2030: Professional Preparation and Licensure for Tomorrow."

I'm sure you will feel as the conference development committee does, that we've been very fortunate and are very excited about the quality and expertise of the presenters that have agreed to attend. We have a lineup of topics and speakers that are guaranteed to help you address some of today's most important issues

Again, I would encourage you to select this conference as one that you must attend as it will address many of the national issues that you will need to work on during the Obama administration.

Professional Practices Institute 2010

Mark your calendars for the 14th Annual Professional Practices Institute on October 6-8, 2010 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, a Marriott property, in the cultural district of the city.

The 2 ½ day conference. . .

Sound Professional Practices Across The Continuum: Doing More with Less . . . includes many thought provoking general sessions designed to address strategies for

prevention, investigation, prosecution, and remediation of educator misconduct. This year's sessions include: *Emerging Issues with FaceBook, Sexting and other areas; Maximizing Technology; Educating Children about Boundaries; Latest Investigative Techniques; and Managing Stress.* In addition to the formal presentations, the Institute sets aside time for discussion of the topics so you can get real "take-home" information that will help you in your job.

The preliminary agenda and other details about the Institute such as registration forms and details on how to reserve your hotel room at conference rates will be available for access at www.nasdtec.com as soon as the June conference has wrapped up.

Please be sure that the appropriate representatives from your organization or agency are aware of this important event. We look forward to seeing you on October 6-8 at the Professional Practices Institute, Pittsburgh Renaissance Hotel.

Who Should Attend:

- Investigators
- Attorneys
- State Credentialing/Licensing Officials
- Higher Education Preparation Program Officials
- Standards and Practices Board Members
- Educator Associations
- Law Enforcement Officers
- School District Administrators

See you in Pittsburgh!

Technology Committee Report
David LaJeunesse (FL)

Do You Know How to Do It?

Your technology committee representatives have been hard at work assessing Knowledgebase (KB) information and attempting to assist members with getting their data up to date. Some KB improvements were launched in January to make all KB users more aware of just how recently the data they are viewing has been updated. We also made it easier for information providers to make mass updates to the Topical Tables rather than editing cell by cell. The committee developed a Training Plan and implemented its first phase earlier this year to help our members with the how-tos and why-fors of keeping our KB system as current as possible.

In addition to the KB improvements, we are investigating ways to increase awareness for our organization through an enhanced Web presence as well as providing means to keep our members better informed and in closer communication. We are developing a networking site plan to include key information to more effectively identify our organization and its goals as well as to make features available for online group collaboration and social networking.

We plan to continue our training efforts via our web-delivered, Themed Committee meeting at the June conference, as well as through future training and information webinars. We may also offer a sneak peek of the networking site plan and some of the enhancements for our NASDTEC Web presence. Come join us at 11:15 on Monday, June 14th!

Future Conference Dates

2011 Annual Conference

June 5 – 8, 2011
Hyat Regency Hotel
Sacramento, California

2012 Annual Conference

June 3 – 6, 2012
Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor
Baltimore, Maryland

2011 Professional Practices Institute

October 19 – 21, 2011
Doubletree Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas

2012 Professional Practices Institute

October 17 – 19, 2012
Hilton Netherland Plaza
Cincinnati, Ohio

For details about the June 2010 conference, please visit our conference website,
www.nasdtec.com.

Please note that early registration closes on May 25th



Drivers for Change: The Race to Quality
Hyatt Regency
Indianapolis, Indiana
June 13 -16, 2010