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President's Message

Kathleen DeFelice (CT)

I can't believe that we are half way through the summer already! It seems like it was just yesterday that we were in Providence at the 80th Annual Conference: *Oceans of Opportunity: Navigating the Changing Tides of Education*. Based on the conference evaluations, the agenda was very well received. We were fortunate to have wonderful presenters, including Tom Welch, Emily Feistritz, Penny Early, Jackie Mangieri, Suzanne Wilson and Andrew Vaughn, just to name a few. Our speakers were very informative and challenged all of us to not only to think ahead, but to think "outside of the box". As a result of the sessions, members were involved in ongoing dialogue throughout the conference, and many (including myself) have continued discussions via email!

Thank you to the members of the planning committee, the Executive Board, the Northeast Region and our sponsors who helped create a truly enjoyable and educational experience.

One of the exciting events at this year's annual conference was the official presentation of the NASDTEC Mobility Study "Teachers on the Move: A Look at Teacher Interstate Mobility Policy and Practice". The study was premiered at a general session by Jane Coggshall and Sabrina Laine, of Learning Point Associates. The overall findings were not surprising; the debate about standards versus barriers continues, and a lack of state data systems prevents a full assessment of the state policies which impact teacher mobility. However, the report noted multiple practices which are successfully being used, including but not limited to, transitional/temporary certificates and tiered licensing systems. The culmination of this study is just the beginning as NASDTEC will continue to promote ongoing dialogue and study in order to facilitate educator mobility without forfeiting standards. If you haven't read "Teachers on the Move: A Look at Teacher Interstate Mobility Policy

and Practice”, what are you waiting for? The report is available on line at online at our website: www.nasdtedc.org.

Another exciting development directly resulting from the conference is the creation of an ad-hoc committee for associate members. In response to our associate members’ requests to become more involved in the organization, in addition to appointing associate members to our current standing committees, we are forming an ad-hoc associate advisory committee. This committee will play a key role in providing current information and communication to Executive Board, with additional goals and objectives to be determined. We hope to appoint committee members this fall. If you are interested in serving as a committee member, please contact your regional director or the NASDTEC office via email.

The business meeting provided an opportunity for the membership to be updated on the work of the Executive Board. We are well on our way to meeting the current organizational goals. In response to our goal of increasing associate members, Pete Donovan reported that nearly half of the conference attendees were associate members or potential associate members. Congratulations to our newly elected board members: Vance Rugaard (TN) was elected Vice President during the meeting and the newly elected Regional Directors were announced:

Southern Region: Mike Carr (KY)
Western Region: Dale Janssen (CA)
Northeastern Region: * Brian Devine (MA)
*Was elected to serve out the unexpired term of Ken Bungert.

Also, congratulations to Gary Walker (GA), this year’s Doug Bates Award Recipient. Gary is Assistant Executive Secretary and directs the Ethics Division of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. His moving acceptance speech underscored the importance of professional practices. Thank you, Gary, for your outstanding contributions to NASDTEC and the profession!

Please remember to save the dates for the 12th Professional Practices Institute, October 29-31, 2008. Meet us in St. Louis, Missouri for this year’s program titled “Shared Responsibility: Safety from Within”. Vickie Chamberlain (Chair) and the members of the Professional Practices Committee have prepared an exciting agenda which will consider the “Continuum of Responsibility”, which includes the preparation of our educator candidates through developing the legislative policy designed to ensure student safety. Conference and registration information can be found on our conference website (www.nasdtec.com).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as NASDTEC President. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your comments and suggestions as to how NASDTEC can continue to take a leading role in education.

Wishing you a happy and healthy summer!

KnowledgeBase Needs a Facelift?

David LaJeunesse (FL)

One of the goals recently adopted by the NASDTEC membership is to make the *KnowledgeBase* more efficient and effective for its users – members and subscribers alike. In its responsibility for oversight of the *KnowledgeBase*, the NASDTEC Technology Committee conducted a survey of member jurisdictions to obtain input about this obvious need. The information gathered from the survey respondents as well as from the technology workgroup session at the NASDTEC Annual Conference in Providence is helping to set a framework to guide decisions on *KnowledgeBase* developments.

The *KnowledgeBase* survey was distributed to NASDTEC member jurisdictions early in 2008. At its conclusion, the Technology Committee compiled results received from 48 respondents representing 18 jurisdictions. Though the number of responses to the survey seemed low, we were pleased that the representation across all member regions was adequate to raise our confidence with the

overall survey results. Moreover, those who generously donated their time to respond provided ample comments and suggestions to adequately focus our improvement efforts.

The Topical Tables are by far the most utilized section of the *KnowledgeBase*. Recent Web statistics reports show that these pages receive the largest percentage of overall traffic and users also spend the most time reviewing them. Based on feedback received, we have suggested improvements to the Topical Tables by freezing the header rows while scrolling, providing for export of the data into standard word processor/spreadsheet software formats, and simplifying the navigation and edit capabilities.

Data freshness, as always, is of utmost importance so that the most current information is always available. An “Information Provider” access code has been provided to each member jurisdiction and they are responsible for editing their jurisdiction’s *KnowledgeBase* information. 43% of our survey responses indicated these updates occur only when prompted to do so – another 22% only once per year. To address this concern, data freshness and dead link reports will continue to be distributed once each quarter.

NASDTEC has allocated some of its budget to expanding the information made available to our members as well as to other users via the *KnowledgeBase*. The aim is to maintain and enhance the usability of this electronic resource so as to preserve the stature of its print predecessor as the most comprehensive source of information about teacher education and certification published in the United States.

Please contact your regional representative to the Technology Committee (listed below) as your primary liaison for help in accessing and updating the *KnowledgeBase* as well as the other NASDTEC on-line information resources. These dedicated volunteers are also working to increase the sessions at NASDTEC conferences focused on sharing ideas on the use of technology and other methodologies to

enhance the management of certification/licensing systems. Suggestions for improvement, recommendations for technology-related sessions, and requests for assistance may also be reported via e-mail to

Southern Region:

David LaJeunesse, Florida (chair)

Western Region:

David Kinnunen, Washington

Northeastern Region:

Charles Hart, Connecticut

Central Region:

Susan Helbert, Kansas

Professional Practices Institute

The 2008 Professional Practices Institute will take place October 29 – 31, 2008 at the Hyatt regency at Union Station in St. Louis, Missouri. Many of you may be familiar with this site as we held our Annual Conference there a few years ago. Not only is it a historic site, but there’s plenty to do right in the hotel complex and within a short walk or light rail ride.

The program is shaping up to be an excellent one. The overall theme:

Shared Responsibility: Safety from Within

Will feature sessions related to “The Continuum of Responsibility” from preparing our educator candidates through developing legislative policy designed to ensure student safety. Sessions will focus on issues that have been identified by our members as relevant to their specific roles and responsibilities.

The Institute will feature a new format designed to give attendees maximum networking opportunities and the chance to ask questions and engage in dialogue with each other following each general session.

For details about the program and for registration information and forms, please visit our conference website: www.nasdtec.com. Up-to-date details are posted to the site so you can make an early decision to attend.

Past Meets Present

At the June 2008 Conference several of NASDTEC's Past Presidents were in attendance and were honored at the Monday Evening President's Reception.



From the left, Ted Andrews, WA (1991-92), Jayne Meyer, AL (1993-94), Peter Donovan, MT (2007-08), Rick Eiserman, GA (2005-06), Kathleen DeFelice, CT (2008-09), and Virginia Pilato, MD (2004-05)

Dates to Remember

❖ NASDTEC 81st Annual Conference

May 31 – June 3, 2009

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, Florida

❖ NASDTEC 13th Professional Practices Institute

October 14-16, 2009

Marriott Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico

❖ NASDTEC 82nd Annual Conference

June 13 – 16, 2010

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana



12th ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES INSTITUTE *Shared Responsibility: Safety from Within*

Hyatt at Union Station, St. Louis, Missouri
October 29-31, 2008

Mark your calendars for the 12th Annual Professional Practices Institute (PPI).

This 2½-day conference offers participants a unique opportunity to share information, receive training, and develop new intervention strategies on issues related to educator misconduct and professional discipline. *This year's PPI will focus on examining our shared responsibility for protecting children from within our state-supported systems.*

The Institute will include accomplished speakers and thought-provoking presentations on topics related to the "The Continuum of Responsibility" from preparing our educator candidates through developing legislative policy designed to ensure student safety. The PPI will feature a new format designed to give attendees maximize networking opportunities and the chance to ask questions and engage in dialogue with each other following each general session.

The general and breakout sessions focus on issues that have been identified by our members as relevant to their respective roles as investigators, prosecutors, policy makers and higher education faculty.

In addition, a *new member breakfast* is scheduled early in the conference and is designed to provide an orientation to the professional practices division of NASDTEC and the networking opportunities that are a benefit of membership.

Agenda Highlights

- Interview with a victim/now educator
- Assessing witness credibility
- Conducting good interviews
- Boundary violations British Columbia's premier program for preservice candidates
- Multi-agency collaboration
- The Continuum of Shared Responsibility
- Media aftermath: Reports from Florida, Oregon, and other states in the media spotlight
- Securing forensic computer evidence
- The psyche of the child
- Data collection and records management
- Clearinghouse demonstrations and reports

Who Should Attend:

- Investigators
- Attorneys
- State Credentialing Officials
- Higher Ed Prep Program Officials
- Standards and Practices Board Members
- Educator Associations
- Law Enforcement Officers



**12TH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES INSTITUTE
HYATT UNION STATION, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 29 - 31, 2008**

Institute Registration

[Nwsltr-website](#)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name to appear on badge (nickname): _____

- ◆ **Member** registration fee of \$335 accepted until September 26, 2008. After that registration fee is \$365.
- ◆ **Non-member** registration is \$365 until September 26, 2008 and \$395 after that date.
The registration fee includes breakfast and lunch Wednesday and Thursday and breakfast on Friday.
- ◆ Single-day registrations are available at \$160 per day—please indicate which day or days you are going to attend: [] Wednesday [] Thursday [] Friday
- ◆ Is this your first Professional Practices Institute? [] Yes

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- ◆ Full refund less credit card processing fees if applicable 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 Hyatt directly. Be sure to mention that you are a part of the NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute so you get our special room rate. Call: 314/231-1234 for reservations or go to the Hyatt website (www.stlouis.hyatt.com) and use the Group #: **G-NTEC**. Please make your reservations prior to **September 26, 2008** as we expect to use our entire block of rooms.