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Executive Director's Report

Roy Einreinhofer

Now that we've successfully concluded 2010 and have entered 2011 it is time to start focusing on our June conference in Sacramento. Knowing that state budgets are tight and that travel restrictions have been implemented in a number of states, we thought that we'd give you plenty of time to get your travel requests in. The conference runs June 5 – 8 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento, California and promises to be another great one with timely topics and top-notch speakers. Details are available at the conference website (www.nasdtec.com) including a link to the hotel reservation system, information about ground transportation to and from the hotel, and some things to see and do in the Sacramento area.

One of the features of the conference will be a Saturday (June 4th) afternoon session designed to introduce new directors and staff members to the Executive Board of NASDTEC and how to use our resources to help make at least part of your jobs easier. If you've been in your position fewer than three years you are welcome to attend this session. There is no additional charge for attending, and, using past workshops as an example, it is time well spent in learning about NASDTEC and how we can help you in the performance of some of your duties.

Details about the conference, including the agenda, registration forms, hotel registration links, and other important information are available on the conference website www.nasdtec.com.

The NASDTEC Executive Board will be meeting February 17-18. If you have anything that you feel should be brought to the Board for discussion, please contact either your Regional Director or the NASDTEC office.

The 2010 – 2015 Interstate Agreement has gone out to all jurisdictions and, as a part of participating in the Agreement, the new Jurisdiction Specific Requirement (JSR) forms need to be entered into Section H of the KnowledgeBase. The new Agreement is breaking some new ground in attempting to set up terminology that can be used across jurisdictions to help make communication, and educator mobility, easier to understand. If you need help entering the data to the KnowledgeBase, please contact your regional representative to the Technology committee for assistance. As the JSRs are completed and filed with the NASDTEC office, there will be a link on the website that will allow public access to the JSRs.

Technology Committee Report

David LaJeunesse (FL)

The KnowledgeBase has been the primary focus of recent Technology Committee meetings. The Technology Committee's work on the KnowledgeBase encompasses the following: establishing a method by which NASDTEC can ensure accurate and timely updates; imbedding the new Jurisdiction Specific Requirements (JSR) information into the KnowledgeBase; and developing a spreadsheet with benchmark phases to assist states in making updates on a regular basis to the KnowledgeBase, including topical tables to support the Interstate Agreement.

The Committee has been in the process of determining how to establish the NASDTEC KnowledgeBase as the soul source of truth for licensure requirements as other entities begin to develop online resources of information, such as TEACH.gov and CertificationMap.com. The level of public access to the KnowledgeBase website is also a topic of discussion, as is the overall makeup of the NASDTEC website(s) in general.

In future meetings, we will discuss how to make the NASDTEC website more user friendly and logical as we consider a website redesign plan. In addition, the feedback from the Technology Committee web presentation at the annual conference prompted the committee to consider more webinar opportunities for those unable to attend annual conferences.

In summary, the Technology Committee will continue to strengthen opportunities for networking and collaboration among members as protocols for direct access to and sharing of NASDTEC resources are established. If you have any ideas to share on these or other technology-related topics, please contact Cina Lackey at CLackey@sde.Idaho.gov or your regional Technology Committee representative.

Professional Practices Committee

Beth Myers (IA)

By now, you have probably heard about the exceptional PPI held last October in Pittsburgh. It is now time to turn our efforts to the planning of the 2011 Institute. To that end, the Professional Practices committee met earlier in January to plan the 2011 Professional Practices Institute to be held October 19-21 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Our committee is busy soliciting great ideas for the next Institute and will be happy to use your valuable suggestions in those plans. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers please contact Beth Myers, Professional Practices committee chair, at beth.myers@iowa.gov. We look forward to seeing you in Little Rock!

Southern Region Report

Michael Carr (KY)

Tennessee recently changed its acceptance of out-of-state principal preparation programs, and this may be of interest to other states. Specific information is as follows:

" Effective July 1, 2011, no credential shall be issued that allows a person to be employed in a Tennessee public school as an administrator if that person was trained in another state or received training from any type of program not expressly approved by the State Board of Education of Tennessee.

Those holding or earning administrator credentials from another state issued after July 1, 2011 may be granted a Tennessee administrator credential if the person seeking the credential has demonstrated at least three years of successful school leadership within the last ten years, OR are recommended directly from a Tennessee Institution of Higher Education (IHE) with an approved leadership program.

Other states may make application to the State Board of Education (TN) for recognition of their credential in Tennessee. States making application must show significant alignment to the State Board of Education's 'Learning-Centered Leadership Policy'.

Candidates enrolled in an out-of-state program to prepare for administrator licensure in Tennessee prior to January 1, 2011 have until July 1, 2012 to complete the program and apply for a Tennessee 'ILL-B' license. "

Due to the many travel restrictions among the Southern states, the annual regional meeting will be conducted via telephone conference this year. Regional director Mike Carr (KY) will be in touch with state directors and associate members regarding the date and time for this meeting in early January. Plans now call for this to be scheduled between January 24-February 10.

What should be reported to the Clearinghouse?

NASDTEC members have access to the resource of the NASDTEC Educator Identification Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse provides member jurisdictions notification of adverse action taken against the state issued educator's certificate by another member jurisdiction. This access comes with a mutual obligation for each member jurisdiction to timely report all adverse actions to the Clearinghouse. This timely reporting ensures the NASDTEC Clearinghouse system is comprised of accurate and current information.

The Clearinghouse was recently updated to provide each jurisdiction with a list of submissions that need updating and indicates what information should be corrected. As you log on to the Clearinghouse, please update this information. It is our collective commitment to quality reporting which ensures all members are afforded access to accurate information and in turn ensures the integrity of the Clearinghouse process. Each member jurisdiction should review its reporting process and verify that the information entered into the Clearinghouse is entered timely, represents a final action, and that the adverse action is public information. Additionally, the license type, grade range, nature of action and date the action was taken, are to be included in the reporting. Each member jurisdiction should report to the Clearinghouse all adverse actions that are public including:

Denial
Revocation / Invalidation
Surrender of license/certificate
Reinstatement
Suspension
Public Reproval / Formal Reprimand

If you have questions regarding the Clearinghouse and what should be reported please contact Bart Zabin at bzabin@mail.nysed.gov

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Details at www.nasdtec.com