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PRESIDENT'S REPORT Vance Rugaard (TN)

Another academic year is well underway and we will soon be preparing to travel to Indianapolis for the 82nd Annual NASDTEC Conference. We have just completed the 13th Professional Practices Institute (PPI) in Albuquerque, NM, and it was a very successful conference. In anticipation of a small attendance, the decision was made to have all general sessions. Each of these sessions was excellent and well received by the participants. In spite of the slow economy and difficulty in obtaining travel approval, there were approximately 75 people in attendance, with a strong representation of lawyers and investigators. Congratulations to the Professional Practices Committee members for their efforts to provide an excellent agenda and having provided these participants with experiences that will make many of them want to return.

At the Executive Board meeting in Albuquerque, Vice President George Maurer reported that nearly all of the general session presenters have been confirmed, and the planning committee has filled in the slots for the concurrent sessions as well. Having this accomplished so early in the planning process will enable the organization to publicize the conference agenda and encourage a larger number of participants. We all hope that the economy will pick up to the point where travel approval will not be such a barrier to members wanting to attend.

Many of the contacts made for General Session speakers for the Annual Conferences are opening the door to develop relationships with various national organizations. This is an effective step toward the broader goal of having

NASDTEC become a key player at the national level in policymaking that will affect the future of teacher preparation and certification. As we prepare to turn over the reigns of the Executive Director (ED) position in 2012, we need to keep this goal in mind and look to develop the job description of the next ED to provide consistent NASDTEC leadership tailored to participate in national meetings and forums. The candidates for this position will likely need more of an education/teacher preparation background than has been necessary for EDs up to this point.

The Executive Board is working on plans to transition from the current ED, Roy Einreinhofer, to a new person ready to step in at the time of Roy's projected retirement on June 30, 2012. It is the intent of the board to keep members informed of this process with updates at the annual business meeting, by email messages shared through the Regional Directors and by postings on the NASDTEC web site.

As your President, I would like to thank you for the ongoing support that each of you provides to the NASDTEC organization. Together we can make a difference.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

David LaJeunesse (FL)

Is Your Data Outdated?

Freshness of the data on the NASDTEC KnowledgeBase website(www.nasdtec.info) has captured the focus of the NASDTEC Technology Committee. When logged on to a Topical Table the "Last date updated" appears. Improvements will be occurring to the website to display this date on all information pages.

The first task we will ask all NASDTEC members to complete is to update the Jurisdiction Information and Links section of the KnowledgeBase. Based on data freshness reports, the information on some

pages appears to be several years old. It is imperative that the data be current for all states using the site as well as for paid subscribers to the site.

Please complete the update of the Jurisdiction Information and Links section of the website by January 15th, 2010 (welcome to the New Year). The Technology Committee representatives are available to help information providers access and update the site. We will be verifying that this section of the website has been updated by all jurisdictions as of January 20th, 2010. Please do not hesitate to contact your committee representative or send an email to support@nasdtec.info for assistance.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES INSTITUTE REPORT

Marian Lambeth (FL)

The 13th Annual Professional Practices Institute, *Building Strength from Within*, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was a success despite the trying economic times. Attendees came from all parts of the continental United States, Canada and even the territory of American Samoa. This positive attendance shows us the value of the Institute and that it remains an important tool in the equipment of those who work in the field of regulating educator misconduct.

The Institute provided the opportunity for attendees to view a number of excellent presentations. Among the presenters were Peggi McEvoy from Seattle Public Schools who shared their training program on how to identify and prevent adult sexual misconduct in schools. Dr. Troy Hutchings discussed how we can better prevent educator misconduct, particularly through our preservice programs. Attorney Michelle Parker spoke on the challenges of regulating personal expression in cyberspace. And Farmington New Mexico Superintendent Janel Ryan shared a compelling story on how she confronted the reality of educator

sexual misconduct in her district. Those are just a few of the many sessions that provided insightful and useful information. It would be difficult to think that anyone left the Institute without something to take back and use as a resource, improve or enhance the services provided through their office, or having provoked personal introspection.

From the Institute attendees there were several comments regarding a Professional Practices listserv. While we had a listserv in the past, there was a long lull in posts and the listserv became inactive. Our Executive Director has re-established the Professional Practices Listserv and it is ready for your posts now. This tool is a valuable method by which we can query information from colleagues in this unique field. This listserv is dedicated to issues in the realm of professional practices, investigation, prosecution, trainings, prevention strategies, and sometimes alerts. Members can sign up and participate in the Professional Practices listserv, by contacting Roy Einreinhofer at rje@nasdtec.com, provide him your name, position, jurisdiction, and email, and he will add your name to the list so you can post or respond to issues specific to Professional Practices.

Each year, the Professional Practices Institute and the NASDTEC Annual Conference show me the value of our membership in the NASDTEC organization. As a component of our commitment to the profession of education and the regulation of educator misconduct, the professional associations we gain through this membership are truly invaluable. There is no other organization whose work is focused on the identification, investigation, prosecution, and prevention of educator misconduct. There is no other resource like the NASDTEC Clearinghouse that helps us in our work to stop unscrupulous, incompetent and predatory individuals from freely gaining access to students. As members of this professional organization, it is incumbent upon us to be active and attentive to the needs of the organization,

otherwise, we will no longer be effective or useful. I've grown to understand, it is this organization that houses the experts in the field of regulating educator misconduct. I am privileged and humbled to be associated with so many outstanding professionals who daily commit themselves to ensure effective cross-jurisdictional communications on issues of educator misconduct. Our challenge is a great one, but undaunted, we must remain strong and vigilant to address the complicated and onerous decisions we must make each day. Sometimes criticized for not doing enough and sometimes praised for the work we accomplish, we understand all too well the delicate balance between rights and privilege, opportunity and obligation, vulnerability and accountability. It is my pleasure to serve as the chair of the NASDTEC Professional Practices Committee and it is my hope that you too enjoy the benefit and camaraderie of being a member of this organization.

The 14th Annual Professional Practices Institute will be held October 6 – 8, 2010, at the Renaissance Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh is a city that has renewed its personality into an active, vibrant and growing destination and the Renaissance is right in the middle of the booming Cultural District. We are excited about the next Institute and look forward to implementing some changes to the Institute schedule and developing an agenda that will present items suggested by the 2009 attendees. So, mark your calendars and put in the paperwork so you can join in the fun and learning at the 2010 Professional Practices Institute!

INTERSTATE AGREEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Elizabeth Keller (MT)

At the NASDTEC Conference in Jacksonville in June of 2009, the Interstate Agreement Committee introduced a new concept for our agreement regarding "reciprocity" between jurisdictions. The Committee met shortly after the Conference

to consider your feedback and comments on this new concept. In October, the Executive Board met in conjunction with the Professional Practices Institute. At that meeting, the Executive Board voted to accept the new direction of the Agreement, with one substantial change. In recognition of the new direction, and based on comments from several jurisdictions, we agreed that "Memorandum of Understanding" more clearly identifies the document.

The Committee approached its work from a very public point of view, keeping in mind what we believe the "public" thinks the word "reciprocity" actually means. As we looked at our own office practices surrounding "reciprocity", it became relatively clear that very few, if any, jurisdictions really honor the public perception of the word. The Agreement under which we currently operate was signed in 2004 and 2005. During that same time, states were working to comply with No Child Left Behind's "highly qualified teacher" requirements. Now every state has a definition of an "HQT", and each definition is different, meaning that most teachers coming to your state have SOME additional requirements to meet, even with a full license from another jurisdiction. We've all been requiring additional testing, licensing, recent credit and various other documents from applicants based on what the existing Agreement defines as "ancillary requirements". To more accurately reflect an "ancillary requirement", the Committee created the "Jurisdiction Specific Requirement Index" (JSR).

Both the Interstate Agreement Committee and the Executive Board recognize that many of you have provisions in your statute or rule requiring you to sign something. If that proves to be problematic for you as we move in this new direction, please let us know how we can be of assistance. It could be that we need to include an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding to allow you to designate those jurisdictions for which you will accept a license. But we

believe that with this change in the document, you are signing to accept ALL jurisdictions, IF the applicant meets what you require them to meet. It leaves the decision to the jurisdiction, and allows the jurisdiction to set their standards for licensure. And it gives us each the flexibility to deal with change, both in and out of our jurisdiction.

I welcome comments and discussion. A couple of jurisdictions have already completed their JSR Index. The Technology Committee is working towards providing an online method of completing and collecting our information. Then we'll proceed on which portions to make public via the NASDTEC website and which portions will become part of the KnowledgeBase.

Thanks to all of you for your thoughtful consideration. It is the hope of the Committee that this exercise in identifying our differences might show us where we are more alike.

**NASDTEC CLEARINGHOUSE
UPDATE
Marian Lambeth (FL)**

Many of you who access the Clearinghouse have noticed the changes that were incorporated over the past year. One very important change to the Clearinghouse was the information that member jurisdictions can enter. Historically, the option to enter records on an educator who received a public reproof/reprimand was briefly removed; however, the option to post a reproof/reprimand to the Clearinghouse has been reinstated. At this time, jurisdictions should enter any of the following actions: Denial, Suspension, Revocation/Invalidation, Public Reproof/Formal Reprimand, and Reinstatement.

As a result of the upgrades, a number of entries that include inaccurate or incomplete data were identified. When logged on to the Clearinghouse, a list of "problem records" will appear. This list will typically need

editing when there is a problem with the educator's certification ID or date of birth. There is an accompanying PDF document which provides simple, easy to follow directions. Each jurisdiction should log on to the Clearinghouse and take the time to edit and update this valuable information. It is essential the entries in the NASDTEC Clearinghouse are 100% accurate; otherwise the Clearinghouse will cease to be a reliable or useful resource.

WESTERN REGION REPORT

Dale Janssen (CA)

The annual Western States Certification Conference will take place January 6-8, 2010 in San Diego. Scheduled speakers include Penny Earley, George Mason University; Carol Sawyer, University of La Verne; Patty Wohl, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing; Victoria Chamberlain, Oregon Teachers Standards and Practices Commission; Christina Linder, Idaho Department of Education; Shari Francis, NCATE; and Richard Allen, Evaluation Systems of Pearson.

To register please contact Ted Andrews at teda32@aol.com.

SOUTHERN REGION REPORT

Mike Carr (KY)

Despite some travel restrictions, the Southern region is planning to meet as a group in Nashville on January 29 and 30 for its annual meeting. A variety of topics is planned for discussion including the interstate agreement, the next NASDTEC budget proposal, and the upcoming election for regional director. However, the strength of these meetings has been the agenda items suggested for discussion by the attendees, and this will continue to be a major part of the agenda this year. Regional members have been contacted by e-mail with preliminary information; however, if you would like to attend and have not been contacted, please e-mail mike.carr@ky.gov for information.

Professional Preparation and Continuing Development Committee

Marta B. Cambra (VT)

ICF-Macro and the Maryland State Department of Education have been working with NASDTEC in a research study of alternate routes to licensure and online and distance learning. Information was gathered through interviews with all state agencies and territories with one of the purposes being to inform the 2010 - 2015 NASDTEC Interstate Agreement when states look at the particular routes to licensure that are available and how they compare to each other.

This project is now completed and the committee will be working with the Executive Director and the Technology Committee to host the database on the NASDTEC website.

The following documents will be included on the website:

- PowerPoint presentation will be the introduction to the database.
- Database.
- Instructions on how to use the database (essentially, how to open and run reports).

Directions for downloading and opening the database are already on the following site: <http://gilmansurvey.org>.

Future Conference Sites and Dates

Annual Conference:

**June 5 – 8, 2011
Hyatt Regency
Sacramento, California**

Professional Practice Institute:

**October 6 – 8, 2010
Renaissance Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

NASDTEC June 2010 Conference
Preliminary Agenda
Drivers for Change: The Race to Quality

	Sunday, June 13, 2010	
7:30 – 8:30	General Breakfast First-Timer Breakfast	
8:45 – 9:30	Opening Remarks NASDTEC President & Vice President <u>HOST State welcome</u>	Dr. Tony Bennett, Indiana State Superintendent of Public Instruction
9:30 – 9:45	BREAK	
9:45 – 11:00	GENERAL SESSION #1 Update on the Administration's Education Policies	Secretary's Regional Representative - USDOE
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK	
11:15 – 12:00	Data Quality Campaign Update	Paige Kowalski, Data Quality Campaign
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH	
1:15 – 2:30	GENERAL SESSION #2 CCSSO/INTASC	Kathleen Paliokas, CCSSO
2:35 – 3:00	Introduction to cultural event	
3:30 -	Cultural Event Sponsored by Evaluation Systems group of Pearson	
	Monday, June 14, 2010	
7:30 – 9:30	Regional Meetings Breakfast sponsored by ETS	
9:30 – 9:45	BREAK	
9:45 – 11:00	GENERAL SESSION #3 Washington Update	Penny Earley, George Mason University
11:15 – 12:15	CONCURRENT SESSIONS BLOCK A A-1 – Boston Teacher Residency Program A-2 – TBA A-3 – Technology Committee Themed Meeting –	Jesse Solomon, Boston Teacher Residency Program Dave LaJeunesse (FL)
12:15 – 1:15	LUNCH	
1:30 – 3:00	GENERAL SESSION #4 WESTAT	Elizabeth Dabney, Westat
3:00 – 3:15	BREAK	
3:15 – 4:30	CONCURRENT SESSIONS BLOCK B B-1 – NCTAF	Speaker TBA

	<p>B-2 – Navigating a major teacher licensure examination transition</p> <p>B-3 – E-transcripts</p>	<p>Vickie Chamberlain (OR), Les McCallum, Evaluation Systems group of Pearson</p> <p>Dave LaJeunesse (FL)</p>
5:30 – 7:00	<p>PRESIDENTS RECEPTION Sponsored by ETS</p>	
	<p>Tuesday, June 15, 2010</p>	
7:30 – 8:30	<p>General Breakfast</p>	
8:45 – 10:00	<p>GENERAL SESSION #5 NEA Update</p>	<p>Dennis van Roekel, President, NEA</p>
10:00 -10:15	<p>BREAK</p>	
10:15 -11:45	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS BLOCK C</p> <p>C-1- Associate Member Committee Themed Meeting</p> <p>C-2 -Clearinghouse System Changes - Professional Practices Committee Themed Meeting</p> <p>C-3- Assessments, Evaluations, and Standards for On-line Education</p>	<p>Meredith Curley, University of Phoenix</p> <p>Marian Lambeth (FL)</p> <p>Dave LaJeunesse (FL)</p>
11:45 – 1:15	<p>LUNCH Sponsored by Evaluation Systems group of Pearson</p>	<p>Doug Bates Award</p>
1:15 – 2:30	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS BLOCK D</p> <p>D-1 – Teacher Leader</p> <p>D-2 –PP&CD Committee Themed Meeting</p> <p>D-3 – Professional Practices: Will Testing Ethics for Licensure Improve Professional Practices?</p>	<p>Pam Coleman (KS)</p> <p>Marta Cambra (VT)</p> <p>Vickie Chamberlain (OR)</p>
2:30 – 2:45	<p>BREAK</p>	
2:45 – 3:45	<p>GENERAL SESSION # 6 TEAC/NCATE Report</p>	<p>Speakers TBA</p>
4:00 – 5:00	<p>GENERAL SESSION #7 NASDTEC Business Meeting</p>	<p>NASDTEC Executive Board</p>
5:00 - 6:00	<p>Independent Standards Board ad hoc committee meeting</p>	<p>Dale Janssen (CA)</p>

	Wednesday, June 16, 2010	
7:30 – 9:00 8:00 – 9:00	NASDTEC Board Breakfast General Breakfast	
9:00 – 10:15	GENERAL SESSION #8 Session Title TBA	Stephanie Hirsh, National Staff Development Council
10:15 – 10:30	BREAK	
10:30 – 12:00	GENERAL SESSION #9 Interstate Agreement Committee Themed Meeting	Elizabeth Keller (MT)
12:00 -12:30	Conference Wrap-up	

Note that some of the session times may change as we get closer to the conference dates. For the most current version of the agenda, visit our conference website (www.nasdtec.com.) Daily starting and ending times are fixed and may be used for travel planning. We encourage all participants to stay for the final session on Wednesday as that will be a discussion of the major changes to the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement and how those changes might affect how your state deals with educators relocating from out of state.

Registration information is contained on the following page.



82nd Annual Meeting and Conference

June 13-16, 2010

Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, Indiana

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Registration

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name to appear on Badge (nickname): _____

Members: Early registration fee of \$445 accepted until **May 25, 2010** after that the registration fee is \$485.

Non-Members: Early registration fee of \$465 accepted until, **May 25, 2010** after that the registration fee is \$495.

One Day Registrations: \$175 per day: Please circle day attending: Sun Mon Tues Wed

The registration includes breakfast and lunch Sunday through Tuesday and breakfast only on Wednesday. The fee does not include hotel room costs.

Payment method: Check enclosed: _____ NASDTEC Federal ID #: 94-2967408

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

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◆ No refund if written cancellation is received 15 or fewer days prior to the first day of the conference.

NOTE: To make hotel reservations, please contact the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis directly. Be sure to mention that you are a part of the NASDTEC Conference so you get our special room rate of \$129. Call: **317/632-1234** for reservations. We suggest that you make your reservations early as we expect to completely fill our room block.