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President's Letter  
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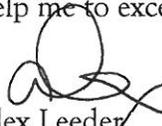
Thank you for this opportunity to lead the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology as the second licensed aesthetician President in its 81 year history and as the only licensed male aesthetician in the nation who is President of a Cosmetology & Barbering Board. These are a tremendous honor and personal responsibility that are very important to me as I work & raise my family in Nevada.

Working with Neal Hoffman, Vice President and Linda Zesiger, Secretary/Treasurer and Vince Jimno Executive Director along with the knowledgeable support of the entire staff in the Las Vegas and Reno offices is proving to be the best reward for all that is required in making effective decisions to ensure public safety. Education is our guiding principle, underscoring our agency mission and I am proud to initiate and implement this value to preserve professional standards.

The continuing education mandate soon suspends and the agency will review compliance history and citation activity. The agency has undergone many diverse & well-planned changes in the last six years with law & regulation improvements and management of 25,000+ licensee's information. This has been a well-executed feat for the tenure of the Executive Director to satisfactorily lead a professional & qualified administrative team. Now in the new year we welcome two new Board Members and complete the final phase in the prorated licensee renewal cycle at the end of June. The budget for 2012-2013 will include enhanced income management & streamlined spending projections with an emphasis on extreme cost control to avoid fee increases in the next five years.

The agency has recently submitted the Sunset Commission Response and is coordinating with other professional service boards to define cosmetology services and distinguish medical procedures. The regulatory review process is actively underway with recommendations to be submitted to the Legislative Council Bureau for law updates and providing for a credible license for registered threading depilatory practitioners. Significant to this process is the leading role the Nevada Board commands with other regional and national cosmetology boards. Attendance and sharing information at national conferences with other subject matter experts has proven that the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology is a fore-runner in professional service board function, compliance & accountability. We intend to sustain and improve these accomplishments.

The Board is scheduled to meet May 21 and I welcome your comments, questions or concerns to help me to exceed the expectations of all Nevadans who enjoy licensed cosmetology services.

  
Alex Leeder