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*Thank you to Veda Traylor, Nick Downey and Cliff Keene
for their years of service to the Board!*

**PRESIDENT'S
MIRROR**

Dear fellow Board Members,

Please allow this to serve as my acceptance as President of the State Board of Cosmetology. It has been an honor to serve as a Board Member, and I have gained valuable knowledge with regards to the issues facing this field.

As a full-service spa owner and practicing Aesthetician, I feel my experience will be beneficial to the industry we serve. I promise to focus on issues for the betterment of all concerned in a fair and productive manner.

Cosmetology serves a vital role in the state of Arkansas. I would like to see this industry move progressively forward and be a respected and rewarding career choice for those involved. I pledge to work hard to insure that this occurs.

I would like to thank all those who have entrusted their confidence in me, and I welcome open and honest communication.

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and ideas as we enter this exciting time for our industry.

Thanking you in advance for your vote of confidence.

Sincerely,

Cathy Caver-Blade

***LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
TO THE COSMETOLOGY LAW***

The Cosmetology Law is available for downloading on our website, as well as a summary of the changes made by the 86th General Assembly; however, here are some of the most notable changes made in the cosmetology industry:

- ⇒ Licensed aestheticians are allowed to perform services on any part of the body and can perform waxing services;
- ⇒ Practitioners will be allowed to work outside a licensed school or establishment under certain circumstances;
- ⇒ Practitioner licenses will be renewed bi-annually and on the practitioner's birthday;
- ⇒ Establishment and school licenses will continue to be renewed annually, except when the owner holds a practitioner license and desires to have all licenses renew simultaneously on the practitioner's birthday;
- ⇒ All licenses will contain a photograph of the licensee to whom the license is issued;
- ⇒ The Board will have the option to impose a penalty in the form of a health/safety workshop in conjunction with or in lieu of a monetary penalty when deemed necessary;
- ⇒ The mandatory 168-square feet requirement for a new salon is removed.

School-related legislative changes are as follows:

- ⇒ All student permits will contain a photograph of the student to whom the permit is issued;
- ⇒ Any licensee will be eligible to enroll in the instructor program, and when properly licensed, will be eligible to teach within the profession in which the license to practice allows;
- ⇒ Continuing education requirements for instructors is removed;
- ⇒ The 3-year law is removed, which allows a student's hours to remain valid indefinitely;
- ⇒ Students are allowed to perform volunteer services on the public under certain conditions; and
- ⇒ Students are prohibited from rendering services on an elderly person confined in a hospital or nursing home.

Lifetime License

A lifetime license will be available for persons meeting these requirements:

- * are 65 years of age or older; AND
- * have 30-years or more of active practice and/or teaching in the cosmetology industry.

Correspondence will be sent to the licensees on file at the Board's office that meet the above requirements to give them an opportunity to purchase a lifetime license.

This license will not be available until the Board has established an appropriate fee.

Ball -n- Chain: Renewal Season!

The renewal process will be much different this year than in years past because of recent law changes. The next experience will include the following:

A license will be valid for a two-year period!

Future expiration date will be based on the practitioner's birthday!

A photograph of the practitioner will be included on the badge-style license!

Renewal reminders will be sent in the future to help you remember to renew your license(s)!

WHAT IS NEEDED TO RENEW A PRACTITIONER LICENSE?

A **practitioner** renewal can be processed for a 2008-2010 license when the following information is provided:

- ◆ 2 x 2 passport photograph;
- ◆ copy of practitioner's driver's license;
- ◆ check or money order for \$24.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO RENEW A SALON LICENSE?

Law changes allow a salon owner to choose a renewal cycle that works best for the owner. The options are to renew:

- ◆ Annually on December 31, *which would require a \$20 payment;*
- ◆ Bi-annually on December 31, *which would require a \$40 payment; or*
- ◆ Bi-annually on the owner's birthday in conjunction with a practitioner license, *which would require a \$64 payment that includes both the practitioner and salon renewal fees.*

For this reason, a **salon** renewal can be processed when the owner submits the following information:

- ◆ preferred option from the above list;
- ◆ 2 x 2 passport photograph;
- ◆ copy of practitioner's driver's license;
- ◆ check or money order for the appropriate fee based on the preferred option chosen.

IS RENEWING ON-LINE AN OPTION?

On-line renewals are the preferred method; however, this option will not be immediately available.

When it is available, it may not allow a practitioner to upload a photograph during the on-line renewal transaction.

If arrangements cannot be made to allow for the uploading of a photograph, then a practitioner would need to mail the following information to the Board's office after renewing on-line in order to complete the renewal process:

- ◆ 2 x 2 passport photograph;
- ◆ copy of practitioner's driver's license;
- ◆ copy of the on-line verification form.

Directions will be posted on the website once the on-line capability is activated.

Attention!!

Please be advised the Board is currently reviewing the licensing fees and will be proposing for them to be increased in the near future. Therefore, a delay in securing your next renewal may result in a requirement to pay a higher licensing fee.



No Cash Accepted!

SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS- STUDENT PERMITS

Now that student permits are required to contain a photograph of the student, it will be necessary for schools to begin providing a 2 x 2 passport photograph of students when they are registering them with the Board. The other required information will remain the same, which is: 1) student permit form; 2) copy of student/school contract; 3) copy of the student's driver's license or other form of identification to verify the student's age; 4) proof of education; and 5) student enrollment fee.

In an effort to administratively implement the volume of changes to be made this year in the most efficient manner possible, students enrolled in a cosmetology school prior to January 1, 2008 will be allowed to complete their enrollment with the paper student permit issued at the beginning of the enrollment period. Students enrolling after January 1, 2008 will be required to have a permit that includes the student's photograph.

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Stylist's Bookings

Board Meetings

January 28

March 17

May 19

July 21

September 15

November 17

RAZOR'S EDGE - EXAMINATIONS

During the 86th General Assembly, significant changes were made to the examination process for licensing. Law revisions prompted the Board to outsource the administration of practical exams to Professional Credential Services (PCS), a national provider of examination services in the administration for professional and occupational examinations. PCS began this service for Arkansas in September and is diligently working to offer the best examination experience to Arkansas candidates. Information is available on our website concerning the 2008 exam dates, as well as the applicable deadline dates.

In addition to outsourcing the practical exams, the Board sought the opportunity to change the written exams to a paperless system by contracting with LaserGrade, a company that offers computer-based testing. Eligible candidates can take the written exam at their convenience and at any LaserGrade site in Arkansas, as well as across the United States! The Board is also making arrangements to establish its exam facility as a LaserGrade site for the convenience of candidates living in or choosing to take the exam in the metropolitan area.

We are excited about the opportunity to work with PCS and LaserGrade!