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Board Chair Addresses Conference Viet Salon International Kicks Off

In light of a recent nail-related infection that resulted in the death of a nail salon customer in Texas, manicurists and nail salon operators in North Carolina came together to find better ways to improve the quality standard of the industry.

The late March conference was organized in Raleigh by the Viet Salon International Association (VISALON), a non-profit organization formed to promote the advancement of the beauty care and nail salon service industry by improving the quality of the service and increasing the safety to the public. As the keynote speaker, Ray Mitchell, Cosmetic Arts Board Chairman, spoke

to a crowd of about one hundred attendees, mostly Vietnamese-American manicurists and salon owners in the Raleigh-Durham area. Mitchell commended the efforts of VISALON in taking the leading role assisting their compatriots facing many difficulties, from language barriers to resources and information acquisition, to improve service standards. Many attendants eagerly took part in the Q & A session, which was also attended by H.E. Luke Lucas, Warren County Commissioner. Many questions focused on ways to improve safety, inspections, and Board enforcement. Following the success of the conference, VISALON



will hold additional conferences in other areas in North Carolina and other cities around the nation. Vietnamese-Americans make up nearly 50% of all manicurists in the US.

VISALON presented Mitchell with an award of appreciation during the April Board meeting in honor of his commitment to improve the nail service industry. For more information on joining VISALON, please contact them at (800) 592-3050.

Board Studies Change to Practical Exams

During the April statutory meeting, the Board decided to research avenues to bring direct control of practical exams under the Board. Complaints and concerns from across the state over exam quality prompted the agency to seek alternative methods of con-

ducting exams. The Board authorized the agency to research the acquisition of an exam room, appropriate equipment, and to initiate the addition of three permanent cosmetic art examiner positions.

Upon completion of all

fact-finding details, the Board may opt to initiate direct control of all practical exams, which remains a Promissor product, as early as July. Written exams will go unchanged. Student costs for both written and practical exams may be increased to a total of \$90-\$110.

Schools/Shops Sanitation Update

The number of schools/shops receiving a B grade increased sharply during January—March 2006 with 115. We can't emphasize enough the importance of a sanitary and clean facility!

NOTE: Disciplinary Actions can now be found on our website: www.nccosmeticarts.com

Pinecrest High School
(2 consecutive months with B)
Southern Pines

Hillside High School, Durham

LaShé, Durham

Albemarle: CA Nails & Tan
Nails R Us
Purple Pinky Salon
Modern Beauty Shop
Nails at Neon Beach

Charlotte: Foxy Nails
Nail Center, Inc.
Perfect Nails & Spa
D.J. Nails
Upscale Nails
Todays Nails
Hair Cuttery #3375
Unique Lady Hair Design
The Nail Shop
Van Nails
Nu Du Creative Hair Design
Exclusively Yours Hair Designs
Salon Dajar

Clayton: Day Dreams
Star Nails
Tango Nails

Clinton: Red Nail
Perfect Nails by Cindy & John
Red Nails II
Pearl's Beauty Salon

Concord: Splendid Nails
Nail Art
M. Nails
#1 Nail Spa

Durham: Avalon, The Life Style Salon
(2 consecutive months with B)
Peluqueria Ana
Nail 1st
Lee Spa Nails
Nail 1st (second location)
K Nails

Fayetteville: Country Shears & Gifts
Tek Nails
Perfect Nails
Magic Nails

Fayetteville: Unlimited Nails
Luxury Nails
Pro Nails

Garner: OP Nails
Fancy Nail
42 Nails & Tanning
Tango Nails

Greensboro: Nails Style
Magic Nails
Angels of Beauty II
Sister With Nails
Regal Nails

Indian Trail: Kim Nails and Tan
Happy Nails

Knightdale: Lila Nails
Island Nails
Hair Cuttery #2275
Co Nails

Mount Airy: Serendipity
Lookin' Good

Raleigh: Amazing Nails
Elegant Nails
Capital Nails
City Chic Hair Studio
Nails 1st
Diana's Salon
City Nails
Trade Secret #7572
Salon Blu
Hair Creations

Shelby: T & T Nails
Up Town Hair Creations

Wake Forest: Beverly Nails
Cost Cutters #62076

Wilmington: Nail Alyz
T. J. & Company
Lisa Nails
NE Nails
Racy's Nail Design
Bonjour Nails
Nail Techs

Wilson: Star Nails
Total Concepts of Wilson

55 Nails, Apex
Nail Tips, Asheville
Profession Nails, Calabash
Exotic Nails, Carolina Beach
Lee Nails, Carrboro
Studio Piraino, Cary
Nail Tek, Chapel Hill
Cuts & Creations, Cooleemee
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Cornelius
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Jet Nails, Greenville
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Miracles Hair Salon, Mount Pleasant
Richard's Hair & Coloring, Ocean Isle Bch
Southeastern Lifestyle Center, Red Springs
CK Nails, Rocky Mount
Fantasy Nails, Shallotte
Julia's Beauty Shop, Stoneville
Styles Unique, Tarboro
A-N Nails, Thomasville

Board Receives National Media Exposure

In January, Board inspections became part of a national investigation of sanitation in the nail industry. CNN called the Board in October to find out if we could take part in the investigation. We gladly volunteered for the project, which brought correspondent Greg Hunter and his crew to Raleigh in December. Filming only took a day, as California and Texas shared in the investigation. The focus was on sanitation, as Connie Wilder took Hunter on a tour of local nail salons. Connie highlighted those areas of sanitation emphasis, including pedi-spa basin filters. In sev-

eral instances, the filter was not clean, which emphasized the importance of consumer awareness. The segment aired on the Paula Zahn Now Show, primetime, on CNN.

Shortly thereafter, WRAL, the CBS affiliate in Raleigh contacted us to do segments on both hair and nail salon sanitation. Connie again rode with Monica Laliberte, WRAL consumer reporter, to inspect several area salons. The result was several excellent consumer pieces to bring sanitation home to the viewer. WRAL has produced three consumer awareness stories since

January, with concentration on nail salon sanitation. Consumer feedback was impressive, and convinced WRAL producers to create a monthly segment spotlighting all local “B” grade nail salons. They also list the top graded salons and lowest graded salons on their website, along with a complete statewide listing of “B” hair and nail salons. We’re hoping such publicity will help to deter poor sanitation practices, while keeping the public aware of the potential dangers to which they may be exposing themselves. You can view the video and salon listings at www.wral.com.

Rule Changes Effective Immediately

The Board took action to establish three new rules earlier this month. As the Board had already required those salons with footspas to record a date and time for cleaning and disinfection, they now require the record be kept on a form provided by the Board and to retain cleaning

records for the last 90 days. Permanent makeup has been ruled to be prohibited in a cosmetic art shop, however, if treated as a separate business, it is allowable. Finally, cosmetologists completing a minimum of 1000 hours will continue to be allowed to take the

written exam. To avoid early practical exam takers, the Board voted to require any cosmetic art candidate to successfully complete the appropriate curriculum in an approved school before receiving the practical exam. All rules are effective by policy while awaiting rule publication.

Senate Bill 489 to Receive Amendments

In May, Senate Bill 489 returns to the House for further consideration. The Board recently decided that three items of law still needed to be amended. To the current edition of the bill, the words “application of eyelash extensions” need to be

added to the esthetics definition. Under “Qualifications for Licensing Teachers”, the words “or any Board approved employment capacity in the cosmetic arts” will be coupled with cosmetic art shop to help qualify potential teacher licensees, and

under “Examinations”, the entire paragraph (a) will be deleted to eliminate the requirement for filing exam applications, with a 30 day lead time for applying. The bill can be read at the NC General Assembly website www.ncga.state.nc.us.

Kim Hathaway Tracking Schools

Last August, Kim Hathaway was hired on to provide assistance to the school division. Kim has definitely paid dividends to the Board by ushering the schools into the electronic age. She has been pivotal to the implementation of email communi-

cation, online forms submission, and electronic acknowledgements for the schools. Kim is a graduate of UNC, Chapel Hill, and a diehard Tar Heel fan. She has a tendency to be depressed when the “Heels” lose. Kim also brings with her a wealth

of accounting knowledge, as a result of her Bachelor in Business Admin/Accounting degree and past work experience. Kim also loves to walk, read, work in her yard, and participate in church activities. She’s a great addition to the team!

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BOARD MEETINGS

JULY 11, 2006

OCTOBER 3, 2006

JANUARY 9, 2007

Meetings are held at the Board Office:

1201 Front St., Ste. 110

Raleigh, NC 27609

Cosmetic Art Updates!

- The Board sends congratulations to Ellen Lindsay, a Dudley Beauty College graduate, who recently received the JoAnn Braxton Endowment Fund Scholarship from the NC Cosmetology Liaison Council. Best wishes to Ellen!
- Online license renewal dates have been adjusted for several licensee groups. Following is the current schedule for online credit or debit card renewals:

Manicurists	June 30
Estheticians	June 30
Schools	June 30
Shops	October 30
Cosmetologists	November 30

Instructors and apprentices will have online renewal capability, but no date has been determined.
- Continuing education courses submitted for Board approval in

July, must arrive in the office by June 30, as the Board Curriculum Committee meeting is on July 10.

- The continuing education date to expect a password protected site for direct attendance submission and a credit card payment portal has been delayed to September 30. At that time, only providers with documented inability to pay via credit card, may pay by check or money order.

- Board office direct line phone numbers (919 area code):

Salon Operations	715-3170
School Operations	733-7748
Personal Licenses	715-3178
Continuing Education	715-3174
Enforcement Officer	715-3171
Exam Processor	715-0018
Reciprocity Officer	733-7478
Operations Officer	715-3179