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Farewell To A Great Board Member And Friend



Sadly we must say good-bye to Melody Moody who is going off the Board. Mel has been in the Cosmetology Field for many years. She has been a Salon owner in Lander and worked in the Jackson area. Mel remains an active working cosmetologist and an asset to Wyoming.

Mel served the Cosmetology Board for 6 years (two full terms). She served as Vice-President and Secretary, administered exams, helped with Legislation and Rules and Regulations, did salon inspections and attended Regional and National conferences.

Mel was a vital and contributing member of the Board and will be greatly missed.

WELCOME!

As we say goodbye to Mel, we welcome a new Board member, Darci Kite. Darci is the owner of Cartouche? Day Spa in Laramie and has been licensed in the Cosmetology field for 28 years. Darci's experience in the esthetics field will be a great addition to the Board. Darci is also getting her Master's degree in counseling at the University of Wyoming. I am sure the Board will be tapping into all of Darci's skills.

EXAMINATION FEE CHANGES Effective July 1, 2006

Currently, the cost for the examination is \$50.00. The Rules state that the fee, as of July 1, 2006 will increase to \$65.00 for the examination. The fee for a current license is still \$25.00 per year.

When students apply for an examination after the May exam, the fee will be a Money Order for \$65.00 for the examination and a Money Order for \$25.00 for a years license.

**PLEASE
RESPOND!**
IF YOU HAVE THE OPTION
TO RENEW ONLINE WOULD
YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
IT? We need to know if the
interest justifies the expense.

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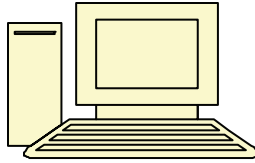
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DISPOSABLE TOOLS

FOR EXAMPLE:

- **EMERY BOARDS**
- **NAIL FILES** (Any cushioned files)
- **COSMETIC SPONGES**
- **BUFFER BLOCKS**
- **SANDING BANDS**
- **ORANGEWOOD STICKS**

You may not keep these used disposable tools at your salon premises for future use by the same client, even if they are labeled with the client's name. They **MUST** be given to the client or discarded in a waste receptacle, including your personal disposable tools. The client **MUST** not bring the disposable tools back for future appointments.



Wyoming Cosmetology Schools

FIND IT ONLINE!

Reach us 24/7 for Board news, online change of address forms and an expanding number of new services at www.cosmetology.wy.gov

- Academy of Hair Design**
577-0619, Casper
- Cheeks International Academy**
(307) 634-2144, Cheyenne
- College of Cosmetology**
(307) 682-0242, Gillette
- Rocky Mountain Academy**
(307) 234-9181, Casper
- Eastern Wyoming College**
(307) 532-8265, Torrington
- International Academy**
(307) 742-4477, Laramie
- Southwestern Beauty Academy**
(307)875-2126, Green River
- Styles Cosmetology School**
(307) 856-7498, Riverton

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Did you know? As of December 31, 2004, there were 604 licensed Salons in Wyoming. During 2005, there were 85 salons that closed for business, and the Board issued 89 new salon licenses. The year end total for 2005 is 608 licensed salons.

Independent Contractor
Renewals are due by
8/31/2006

BOARD EXAMINATIONS & MEETING DATES

May 22, 2006 Open Meeting 12:30 p.m.

May 21, Exam 11:00 a.m.

May 22, Exam 8:00 a.m.

(Deadline for paperwork, May 1, 2006)

July 17, 2006 Open Meeting 12:30 p.m.

July 16, Exam 11:00 a.m.

July 17, Exam 8:00 a.m.

(Deadline: paperwork June 26, 2006)

Sept. 18, 2006 Open Meeting 12:30 p.m.

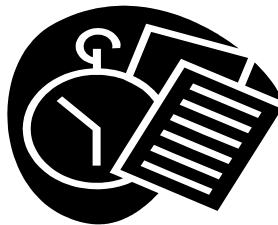
Sept. 17, Exam 11:00 a.m.

Sept. 18, Exam 8:00 a.m.

(Deadline for paperwork, August 28, 2006)

The exams listed above will be held at: The Parkway Plaza Hotel; 123 W. 'E' Street; Casper, WY.

There are special rates for rooms set aside for the Board exams. If you wish to stay at the hotel, call: 1-800-270-7829.



All Final papers, application and Fees are required to be in this office 15 Working days prior to exam date

(effective July 1, 2005)

The 15 days are important so Admission letter and brochures can get to examinees in time to prepare for exam

PLEASE NOTE!

All Board Meetings are open to the public. THIS MEANS YOU! Anyone. If you have a question and can't attend the scheduled Board Meeting, send a letter to the office 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting and we will present it to the Board. You will receive an answer in writing.

FINAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Letters of reprimand, license suspensions, and license revocations, whether done by settlement agreement or determined by the board following a hearing, are public records. Disciplinary action as follows:

Delancy Dinh—settlement agreement, non-licensed practice

Mathew Le—settlement agreement, allowing non-licensed practice

Safety And Infection Control Class

If you are interested in a Board Sponsored Safety and Infection Control Class in your area, please contact the office at (307) 777-3534 or E-mail Brenda at bmathr@state.wy.us

NOTES FROM BETTY

On behalf of myself and JoAnn, we would like to say "Thank You" for your support the past 10 years. It doesn't seem possible that January 2, 2006 marked 10 years of service for me, and JoAnn came on the job shortly after that. It must be true that time flies when you are enjoying what you do.



I know it seems like all we can talk about are infection control issues concerning Pedi-Spa's and Whirlpool Foot Baths. This seems to be where the highest risk factor to the consumer is in the industry right now. With Wyoming having many "Snow Birds" that travel south for the winter, we see many types of bacteria related infections in the spring and early summer each year. The types of bacteria we see are opportunistic and need very little help to get started. Many of the circumstances that promote bacteria growth can be eliminated by some-

thing as simple as hand washing with soap and water. Manicuring and Pedicuring seem to create more opportunity for bacteria transfer to areas that provide good conditions for growth. Remember that anywhere there is an opening in the skin, bacteria can invade and grow. If those conditions can be minimized, the spread of bacterial infections, like MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) can be prevented in most cases. MRSA is a bacterium that is resistant to certain antibiotics and incidents

related in our industry seem to be on the rise. Some states are reporting epidemic levels of MRSA and salons can become a prime location for transfer. If basic safety and infection control is followed the spread of these types of bacteria can be kept to a minimum. Another suggestion you might want to make to pedicure clients is not to shave their legs before the service. If they will wait at least 24 hours, it will reduce the risk significantly.

For more information on this you can access the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov or your local City/County Health Department.

Have a great spring and summer!

Our Inspectors Report

Re: Pedicure Baths:

With Spring coming be sure to follow these Infection Control Requirements. Remember these three steps between each of your clients.

- Drain all water and remove all debris from the footbath
- Clean surfaces and walls of the footbath with soap or detergent and rinse with clean water
- Disinfect with an EPA registered disinfectant immediately after use on **each** client

Always at the end of the day be sure to clean and disinfect the screen to keep bacteria from building up.

- After removing the screen, remove all debris from the screen
- Wash the screen and inlet with soap and water
- Immerse screen totally in an EPA registered high level disinfectant (tuberculocidal)

If your footbath is one that circulates, make sure to flush the system.

- Turn on the footbath and circulate the solution for at least 10 minutes.

Footbath safety is good for your clients health and is good for business. Major outbreaks are rare but they can happen. By keeping a clean and properly disinfected footbath, you will help prevent nail infections and the spread of disease. "Put Your Best Foot Forward" and follow this infection control.



In the State of Wyoming, there is no such title as Medical Esthetician.
Chapter 1, Section 7 (e)

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FAQ'S REGARDING SKIN INFECTIONS AND WHIRLPOOL FOOTBATHS

The Board of Cosmetology would like everyone to be aware of the salon outbreaks of skin boils. There are varied causes for this condition besides improperly cleaned foot baths, such as gardening, hot tubs, and surgery to name a few. (thanks, in part, to California Bureau of Barbering & Cosmetology and Arizona Board of Cosmetology)

What Do These Skin Infections Look Like?

These skin boils usually start out looking like a spider bite that gradually grows in size and eventually produces pus. Boils sometimes become open wounds and may leave scars.

What Causes These Infections?

These infections are caused by mycobacterium fortuitum and other related mycobacteria. We come into contact with this type of bacteria everyday as it is found normally in water and soil.

How Common Are These Types of Skin Infections?

Such infections are relatively rare. If salon whirlpool footbaths are cleaned and disinfected properly and in accordance with Wyoming State Board of Cosmetology instructions, the risk of these infections occurring in a salon setting is very small. (WY Rules, Chapter X)

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Salons Responsibility To Independent Contractors

- Salon owners are responsible to see that all Independent Contractors working in the salon are currently licensed by the board.
- If a salon will no longer have Independent Contractors the salon owner must notify the board office.
- Shared equipment ie: shampoo bowls and pedi-spas, will be considered as the common area and will be the responsibility of the salon owner.
- Salon owners are responsible for all common areas.
- Salon owners shall maintain a list of infection control for all products and procedures provided by Independent Contractors in their salon.
- *Remember an Independent Contractor must first have a personal license to practice, and must be practicing within a licensed salon. This is **not** a replacement for the personal license or a salon license. For additional application forms, contact the Board office.*

Don't forget to visit our web site. If you are unable to attend the Board meeting, the minutes will be posted on the web site once they have been approved. The site also has updated information on the Board members, complaint forms, access to the Rules and Regulations, testing information and much, much more. Take time to take a look!
www.cosmetology.wy.gov

A Fool and his money are soon parted. The rest of us just wait until tax time!