



GREETINGS!



In this issue, we'll introduce ACPE's newest Commissioner; shine our authorized institution spotlight on Northern Industrial Training, wish Joann success in her new ACPE position and more. As always, I invite you to send me your feedback or suggestions for future topics.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather'.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Northern Industrial Training

Northern Industrial Training (NIT), a family-owned vocational school, primarily offers programs preparatory to oil, gas, trucking and construction trades' employment. Programs include a Professional Truck Driver Institute-certified program and construction courses accredited by the National Center for Construction Education & Research. The connection to these professional organizations ensure that the training is consistent with national training standards. Recently, NIT was accredited by the American Welding Society (AWS), another national professional organization, as a Test Facility. This designation allows NIT students who pass the AWS welding exam to obtain AWS Certification. NIT also offers a variety of short courses in First Aid, Safety and North Slope Training and longer courses in Construction Equipment, Mechanics and Service Oiler.



Tractor trailer
Photo by: K. Kussart

NIT has representatives on boards representing industry groups such as the North Slope Training Council and the Alaska Industry Support Alliance and is continually collecting feedback on the skills and knowledge desired by employers.

At the October 22nd meeting, the Commission re-authorized NIT, through October 2018.

Congratulations!

Workshop on records requirements held

On September 30th, staff provided a training WebEx on authorized institutions' record keeping requirements. The various regulations pertaining to record keeping were highlighted and discussed. Fourteen representatives from eleven authorized institutions participated.

Future trainings are planned for 2016. Please contact Kierke with suggestions on training topics.

Recent Commission Actions

October 22, 2015 Meeting

Initial Authorization

- Alaska Academy of Advanced Cosmetology (Juneau)
- Greenwood Yoga (Anchorage)
- Southern New Hampshire University (Anchorage)

Renewal of Authorization

- A Head of Time Design Academy (Anchorage)
- Northern Industrial Training (Palmer)

Upcoming Events

January 7, 2016

Quarterly Commission Meeting
(Anchorage)

IMPORTANT DATE: January 15, 2016

Deadline for receipt of materials for items to be presented at the April 6, 2016 Commission meeting

New Commissioner and a change in leadership!

At the July 23, 2015 meeting, ACPE welcomed a new Commissioner. **Colby Freel** was appointed to the Commission by Governor Walker and occupies the Student Representative position. He attends the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF).

The former Chair of the Commission, Dr. Jim Johnsen, resigned to accept the position of President of the University of Alaska. Randy Weaver, formerly the Vice Chair of the Commission, is now the Chair and presided over the October 22, 2015 meeting. Chair Weaver appointed Commissioner Becky Huggins to serve as Vice Chair

The Commission now has a vacant Public Member seat to be filled by appointment of Governor Walker.

To read more about the Commissioners, including brief biographies, visit the ACPE's About Us page at: https://acpe.alaska.gov/ABOUT_US/About_ACPE_AS LC/Leadership.

Joann Rieselbach departs Institutional Authorization

Joann Rieselbach, who has served as the Schools Relations Manager since February 2014, recently moved into a new role with ACPE as the Manager of the Financial Aid Servicing Unit.

Though she no longer oversees Institutional Authorization, she continues to be the contact for participation in the Alaska Supplemental Education Loan, Alaska Education Grant, and Alaska Performance Scholarship programs. We all wish Joann success in her new role.



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