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Past Presidents Report

To: BOABC Executive Committee and Members

I regret not being able to attend the Conference and Annual General Meeting this year. As you are all aware, there has been much progress made with several BOABC initiatives over the last six months, and also some controversy. As Past-President, and also as the previous Vice-President – Certification, I feel obliged to provide some comments.

The current changes to the Level 3 exam format and changes to our Education and Certification programs to align with the ACBOA National Certification Program have been discussed and reported at Executive committee meetings and Annual General Meetings for several years now. The membership has supported these changes, and suggested to me on many occasions that we needed to find methods to speed-up implementation. Opportunities to do just that have been taken advantage of over the last six months.

I appreciate the concerns expressed by some of our long-term members regarding the changes. These concerns should be examined by the new Executive committee after the elections at the 2009 Annual General Meeting. Members of the Certification committee have been extremely dedicated, have spent many hours in the service of BOABC, and we have to recognize that and urge them to continue to assist wherever possible. However, I know that recent changes were made with the best interests of the Association as the ultimate goal.

I also understand there have been several members that are impacted by the changes in the Level 3 exam format, and that the Executive committee is addressing those concerns. I know I committed to our members when I was VP-Certification that BOABC would accommodate any member part-

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way through the ten-paper certification process, and I will support a fair resolution to anyone in that situation.

Our Executive Director, Richard Bushey, has assisted the Executive committee with implementing these changes. Richard has always been very motivated to move BOABC ahead with our goals, and he works very hard towards that end. The Executive committee members' full-time jobs have not always allowed the dedication of time necessary, and Richard has provided the initiative and ground-work to move forward. As a result, he has shared some of the criticism for recent decisions, but these were decisions of the Executive committee.

I regret not being at the Annual General Meeting to show my support for our President Ron Dickinson. Ron is continuing to move our Association forward, and is providing the leadership needed at this critical stage.

I wish you all a successful Conference in Nelson!

Best Regards,

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