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As always, thanks for your interest in and support of NABCEP.

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From the Chair, by Ezra Auerbach: Certification, Recertification and the Value of NABCEP



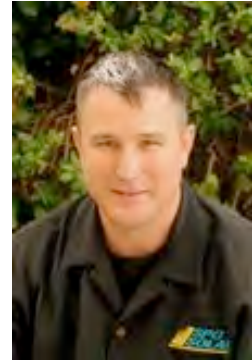
In this issue, I want to use my column to ask questions rather than to provide news.

In previous issues, I've written about the growth of NABCEP and some of the strategic planning challenges facing us. NABCEP is doing well, our new management team, spearheaded by Executive Director Rebecca Eaton, hit the ground running and have brought a host of new resources to

the table. Read Ezra's column in full at <http://www.nabcep.org/news.cfm?pr=153>

Installer's Corner: Craig Stager, SPG Solar

Craig Stager is the Design & Compliance Manager for SPG Solar, responsible for all projects designed, with a focus on enforcing the standards of system compliance and performance. For the past six years, Craig has overseen the engineering, design, and permitting of more than 1,200 projects, ranging from smaller residential to large scale projects such as megawatt single axis solar PV trackers. Craig became NABCEP-certified in April, 2005, and is on NABCEP's Ethics Committee, and is also a Certified General Electrician (California). In between travel and meetings, Craig was kind enough to talk to me about his work and his involvement with NABCEP. Read our conversation at <http://www.nabcep.org/news.cfm?pr=150>



Special NABCEP Administration Report: NABCEP's Rebecca Eaton Multi-Tasks; Gears up for Solar Power 2008



Rebecca Eaton, NABCEP's Executive Director, has been on the job for about five months now getting familiar with the organization and racking up a fat 'to do' list. Still, whenever I talk with her, she's relaxed; her voice soothingly friendly. How does she do it? We talked with her briefly when she first joined NABCEP, but I wanted to check in and see how things were moving along. In between back-to-back meetings, speaking engagements and conference calls, Rebecca added this conversation to that hefty 'to do. What a trooper. Read on at <http://www.nabcep.org/news.cfm?pr=152>

Featured Board/Technical Committee Member: Les Nelson, NABCEP Treasurer and Board Member

Les Nelson is one of NABCEP's tireless promoters. As NABCEP's treasurer and board member, he served as NABCEP's first chair. Besides NABCEP, Les has been a Director of the Solar Energy Industries Association since 1994, and Chair of its Solar Thermal Division since 1998. Les is currently the Executive Director of the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation, which rates and certifies solar thermal equipment. He has served as a Director of the California Solar Energy Industries Association since 1986, and served 5 terms as its President. Les's involvement with the solar thermal industry dates to 1972. He has been involved in the formulation of legislation and policy advocacy on numerous solar energy related issues at both state and federal levels. I'm

not sure he ever sleeps, but he was gracious to talk with me about his work. Read more at <http://www.nabcep.org/news.cfm?pr=151>

Entry Level Certificate Program: Entry Level Programs on the Rise **by Karen Christopher, Operations Manager, NABCEP**

NABCEP currently has 61 institutions offering the Entry Level course and exam, representing a 39% increase since our August newsletter when 44 NABCEP Approved Providers were reported. The largest gain was seen in California, which gained five Providers, although the Midwest and Northeast have also shown growth. In addition, Arizona now has its first NABCEP Approved Provider in Tucson. Read more about this at <http://www.nabcep.org/news.cfm?pr=154>

Continuing Education/Recertification **By Karen Christopher, Operations Manager, NABCEP**

In order to maintain certification, NABCEP certificants must obtain 18 contact hours of continuing education (CE) in certain PV and business-related areas within three years of initial certification, six hours related to the National Electric Code (NEC), six hours related to the NABCEP Task Analysis, and six hours in a subject area which is helpful in operating a business. Educators and others who provide training and education in these areas should become familiar with these guidelines, particularly if they are interested in stating that their offerings are "Approved for NABCEP Continuing Education Credits (CEC). Find out more about this at <http://www.nabcep.org/cedrecert.cfm>

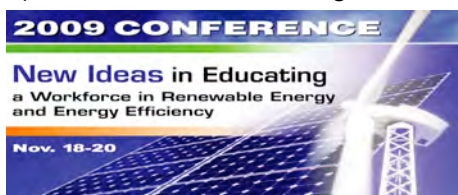
Other News

1) Dr. Barbara Martin interview on IREC website

As education and training in the renewable energy industries has evolved, Barbara has been an essential player and knowledgeable voice in the process. Read the interview at <http://tinyurl.com/4wtrxt>

2) Jane Weissman on Workforce Development: New Training Directory/Best Practices Since 2001, IREC has been at the front of the pack with renewable energy training and workforce development. Approached by Mark Fitzgerald in 2000, IREC recognized the importance that this issue had in building the infrastructure for a strong, renewable energy workforce. Jane Weissman, IREC's Executive Director, and tireless champion of quality renewable energy training and workforce development, talks about IREC's work in this area. <http://tinyurl.com/4r4qx8>

3) New Ideas in Educating a Workforce in Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
2009 Conference



Please join us for two days of conference sessions dealing with some of the best practices and teaching models underway across the country at community colleges, technical high schools, skill centers, the trades, industry, and other training centers and organizations. The conference will be preceded by one day of technical workshops. It will be three days packed with information you will want to know if you are offering or planning training programs (degree granting, certification, continuing education, public education, etc.) for the renewable energy and energy efficiency markets. A "Call for Presentations and Workshops" will be released in January, 2009. Visit the IREC website at <http://tinyurl.com/4kfvlu> for updates and conference information.

4) Audio File Now Available for IREC's 9/30 Call Seminar on Net Metering and Interconnection

If you missed the last IREC telephone seminar on September 30, don't worry. You can listen to the MP3 audio file and follow along with the Power Point presentation on the IREC website. Jason Keyes, Kevin Fox and Michael Sheehan, who work on these issues for the Interstate Renewable Energy Council, lead the seminar. Visit the IREC website at <http://tinyurl.com/5f5x8w> to listen to the audio file by

5) Check Your Certificant Listing on the NABCEP Website

Take a moment and check out your listing on the NABCEP site to ensure your contact information is accurate when consumers access the clickable US map. You can also provide website information. <http://www.nabcep.org>

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