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Cosmetology News

October 2006

Chair's Message

Welcome back to the S.C. Board of Cosmetology newsletter.

A lot of exciting things are happening in our industry. Many of our continuing education providers are bringing us new forums for learning. I would like to welcome two new continuing education providers: The S.C. Esthetics Association and the technical college providers. They are providing great learning opportunities by offering more educational selections and more locations.

On a serious note, the nail industry has been making unfavorable news. First, there have been some outbreaks of Mycobacterium fortuitum in the state. As you know, clients contract this serious infection through unsanitary pedicure thrones. It is of the utmost importance that salon owners and nail technicians be diligent in disinfecting these chairs.

Also, as a result of a highly resistant staphylococcus aureus bacteria ("staph" infection) contracted during an unsanitary pedicure, a 46-year-old woman died in Forth Worth, Texas. After months of oral and intravenous antibiotic therapy, the staph attacked her heart resulting in death. A copy of the TV news story is listed in this newsletter. This is more proof that continuing education is needed. Clients should not have to worry about contracting a life threatening infection by simply visiting a salon for pampering services. Please don't let this happen in our state or your salon! As a reminder, you may find the proper method of disinfecting your salon on the Board's Web site – www.llr.state.sc.us.

Also, for the first time in several years, the Board is taking its meetings back on the road. In September, the Board met in Greenville. On November 13, we will be meeting in Columbia. The January 8, 2007, meeting will be held in Charleston. Locations will be announced soon. Please check back on our Web site for details. We are always happy to see new faces!

Due to job analysis surveys conducted throughout the country and effective April 1, 2007, Professional Credential Services (PCS) will be implementing the new esthetic and cosmetology exams developed by National Interstate Council (NIC). Look for a new nail technician and instructor examination to be released in 2007. Rest assured that NIC is always developing the best examination possible for our industry.

The Board is always here to assist you. Please feel free to contact me.

Rosanne Kinley
S.C. Board of Cosmetology Chair
NIC President



Renew Online

Online renewals are fast and secure. All professional licensees, including cosmetologists, nail technicians, estheticians and instructors are renewing online. Renewal forms include your confidential user identification and password to renew online. Staff does not know your password or user identification. In order to renew online, you must have a credit card or checking account. If you have any questions regarding the online renewal process, please contact staff.

<https://renewals.llronline.com/>

Common Violations Result in Sanctions

As Board members, we take our profession seriously. All licensees should do the same. If you have violated the laws governing the practice of cosmetology, expect to be sanctioned.

Here is a list of common violations, with the associated fine, that the Board has directed inspectors to assess for each violation.

Allowing Unlicensed Practice

• Never licensed in S.C.– First offense	\$500
• Expired ind/ booth renter license - more than one year	\$200
• Expired ind/ booth renter license - less than one year	\$100
• Subject with no booth renter license	\$200

Second Offense

If you are found to have allowed unlicensed practice a second time, there will be a hearing to determine the appropriate sanction. You may also face additional penalties for violating terms of probation or for violating a cease and desist order.

Fines will be assessed against the salon license (owner of salon) for allowing subjects to work with expired licenses and no state license. Fines may also be assessed to the personal license of the owner/manager listed on the salon license. Cease and Desist Orders will be issued both to individuals working without a current license and to salon owner/manager that was allowing the violation.



Reminders

- All corrections (name and address) must be submitted in writing. Corrections sent by fax are acceptable. The fax number is (803) 896-4484.
- To assist staff and management, if you need to call the Board office, always write down the name of the person with whom you spoke. This helps management validate that correct information is being distributed to licensees. If you leave a message, clearly state your name and phone number and repeat the information.

Pedicure Safety Reminder

Never attempt to use a credo blade to cut or remove calloused skin. It is too easy to remove healthy skin along with the callous.

Computer-Based Testing

As of May 1, 2006, Professional Credential Services (PCS) will be administering both written and practical examinations. Written exams will be solely computer based, with the exceptions of students needing special assistance.

Web Site Postings

For your convenience, forms and applications for all aspects of cosmetology may be downloaded from your computer. The Web site is: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/cosmetology

Additional information posted:

- Renewal form (if you are unable to renew online)
- Board meeting dates and minutes
- Disciplinary actions resulting from routine inspections

NIC Looking for Examiner

If you wish to become an examiner for NIC, contact Delores Rush at (803) 359-4333. Examiner requirements include:

- Three years of experience.
- Currently licensed
- Cannot be employed as an instructor

Kudos

Congratulations to our chairman, Rosanne Kinley, who was elected President of NIC. She is the first esthetician/nail technician to be elected to this office.

Practical Examination Dates

- November 20, 2006
- December 18, 2006

Rules for Opening a Salon or School

If you have any questions in regard to opening a salon or a school, please refer to Regulation 35-1. Additionally, Regulation 35-20 states the sanitary and safety rules for salons and schools.

10 Investigators, Inspectors Focus on Cosmetology

Why do we fear Board inspectors when they walk through our salon doors? If sanitary and safety rules are being followed, you can relax knowing the inspectors will not find any violations.

LLR inspectors include:

- Ronnie Blackmon
- Mark Sanders
- George Barr
- Harlon Campbell
- Jim Kyzer
- Wayne Brown
- Mary Ann Miller
- Jimmy Knotts

LLR investigators include:

- Raymond Lee
- Larry Hall

WFAA-TV News Broadcast, Houston, Texas

Family Believes Pedicure Led to Woman’s Death

Thursday, February 23, 2006
 by Brad Watson, WFAA-TV

Something as simple as a pedicure is said to have been the cause of Kimberly Jackson’s death.

An MRSA staph bacteria that’s sometimes found in nail salons is very aggressive. Usually it causes open sores that take strong antibiotics over weeks or even months to knock down.

However, in some cases MRSA can lead to death and the family of the Fort Worth woman said that’s what happened in this case.

Her husband, David Jackson of Fort Worth, said he still can’t believe his wife is gone, and the cause of her death only adds to the agony.

“Something so stupid like a pedicure took her life,” Jackson said.

The death certificate signed by the JPS Health Center doctor who treated her showed Jackson died from a heart attack due to a staph infection on her foot that infected her blood.

“She couldn’t get it healed no matter what she was doing, and the antibiotics just wouldn’t stop it,” Jackson said.

Jackson’s family said she went to a Fort Worth salon last July for a pedicure in a whirlpool foot spa. Jackson, a paraplegic, could pull her wheelchair up to the tub according to close friend and neighbor Patricia Mathis.

“She had said she had gone to get a pedicure and that they were all sitting there talking and she looked down and the girl

had the pumice stone turned on the corner edge and she pulled back and Kim saw blood,” she said.

Medical records obtained by News 8 showed that over the next seven months the JPS doctor at a clinic treated Jackson for the MRSA staph infection on her foot from the cut.

MRSA is an aggressive bacteria resistant to common antibiotics and is sometimes found in the water of salon foot spas that are not disinfected properly.

The doctor put Jackson on a cocktail of strong oral and intravenous antibiotics.

“It got pretty big and she got pretty scared she was going to lose her foot,” Mathis said.

But on Feb. 12, the 46-year-old woman lost her life.

At her funeral, friends and family remembered Jackson as the mother of 17-year-old boys, twin 13-year-old boys and the wife of a man who took care of her after she lost the use of her legs six years ago.

“It’s hard,” Jackson said. “Nobody has a clue. I mean everybody can say, I can only imagine. It’s hard...It’s real hard.”

The family said it knows the salon where Jackson picked up the cut, but wants to confirm it through bank records.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation that oversees nail salons said it will be investigating Jackson’s death.”

S.C. Code of Laws

Law/Regulation	Subject	Fine
40-13-110 Any person practicing cosmetology should be properly licensed by the Board. Cease and Desist should be issued to any individual in violation. If an unlicensed individual is practicing, he/she will be fined and Social Security number obtained.	<u>Individual License Required</u>	\$500
40-13-280 First offense, warning issued. Individual licenses should be placed adjacent to or near his/her workstation. Salon license should be displayed in a conspicuous place.	<u>Display of License Required</u>	\$100
40-13-290(B) Authorized agents may enter any salon or school at any reasonable time for purposes of inspections.	<u>Inspection, Failure to Allow</u>	\$500
40-13-300 The board should license any salon in operation. Application should be taken for a new salon license (\$100 fee) or a Cease and Desist should be issued for the shop to be closed.	<u>Unlicensed Salon</u>	\$500
40-13-300 The board should license any booth renter in operation. Application should be taken for new booth renter (\$100 fee) or a Cease and Desist should be issued for subject to stop working.	<u>Unlicensed Booth Renter</u>	\$200
Regulation 35-20 Per workstation, if applicable.	<u>Violation of Sanitary Rules</u>	\$100

Meet the Cosmetology Board

Rosanne Kinley

Former S.C. Governor Jim Hodges appointed Rosanne Kinley to the Board in 1999. She is 45 –years old and married to Dan Kinley. They have three children and three grandchildren. A graduate of T. L. Hanna High School in Anderson, Kinley attended the College of Charleston and Anderson College. In 1985, she attended Esthetics International and became licensed in esthetics and nail technology. Currently, with a staff of 17, she owns “Images Salon and Day Spa.”

In 2001, she was elected vice chairman of the Board. The following year she was elected chairman. Additionally, in 2002, she was elected to the Executive Board of National Interstate Council (NIC) of State Boards of Cosmetology. Three years later, Kinley was elected president of NIC. Since 1999, Kinley has been co-chairman of the “Look Good, Feel Better” program for Anderson County. Her hobbies include politics, collecting western memorabilia and high heels!

Melanie C. Thompson

Melanie Thompson serves as the nail technician member. Former S.C. Governor Jim Hodges appointed her in May 2001. Four years later, Governor Mark Sanford reappointed her to serve. In 2004, Thompson was elected vice chairman of the Board. A resident of Myrtle Beach, she is married with two children, Lawson, 10 and Kinley, 7.

In 1997, Thompson was licensed as a nail technician. Since that time, she has owned “The Nail Room” at Victoria Dianne’s Day Spa. In 2000, she was licensed as a nail technician instructor. In addition to the Board of Cosmetology duties and career duties, she also serves on several industry-related committees. Last year, she was appointed as Chairman of the Nail Manufacturers committee for the NIC. She also reviews textbooks and other educational materials for Thomson Delmar Learning (Milady). She works closely with local legislators to protect and promote professionalism for the industry, as well as health and safety for the public.

Ruth Settles

Former S.C. Governor David Beasley appointed Ruth Settles to the Board in 1996. The same year, she was appointed to the Accommodations Tax Board for the City of Greenville. A graduate of Spratley Beauty

College, she attended the Dudley Advanced Training Center. She has an associate masters degree in cosmetology from the Natural Beauty Culturist League, and an advanced hairstyling and sculptured nails certificate from the Arnold International Beauty College. Settles is also a graduate of the Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service where she received training in the mortician, funeral director and embalmer program. She is a certified cosmetology instructor in S.C. and V.A.

Settles is affiliated with numerous trade and civic organizations including: the National Beauty Culturist League, Inc., Theta Nu Sigman sorority, the National Hair Designer’s Guild, the National Institute of Cosmetology, Youth for Beauty, the South Carolina State Cosmetology Association, Greenville Beauticians Region #9B, League for Registered Cosmetologists, the National Funeral Director and Mortician’s Association, Inc., Women’s Auxiliary, the Epsilon Nu Delta – Pi Chapter, Phi Sigman Feta Fraternity, Toastmaster’s International - #3644, Las Amigas, Inc., the Greenville Chapter of Law Amigas, YWCA, Pride of Sterling Order of the Eastern Stars, National Council Negro Women, Democratic Women of Greenville County, New West Greenville Center Advisory Board, and the N.A.A.C.P. In her spare time, she enjoys playing bridge, sewing, swimming and traveling.

Katherine Webb

In 2004, S.C. Governor Mark Sanford appointed Katherine Webb to the Board. A 1976 graduate of Wrenn High School in Piedmont, S.C., she attended Jim Leone’s Academy of Hair Design in 1977. Since 1980, she has co-owned “Mane Tamers Hair Salon.” A resident of Easley, Webb is married to her husband, Ron. They are the proud owners of an English Springer spaniel named “Izzy.” She is the legislative liaison to the Board and serves as chairman for the online newsletter. Webb is an NIC Examiner and serves on the ACCS committee. She also serves on the Cosmetology Advisory Board for Greenville Technical College. She enjoys playing bridge, singing and teaching voice and piano.

Michelle Hampton-Furtick

S.C. Governor Mark Sanford ap-

pointed Michelle Hampton-Furtick to the Board in 2004, where she currently serves as parliamentarian. A Swansea High School graduate, she attended Fairfield School of Cosmetology and received several accolades including “Most Creative,” “Student of the Month” and “Most Likely to Succeed.” In 1990, she graduated from Fairfield School of Cosmetology. She has held national offices (National Secretary and National Mass Choir Director) of the Emmanuel Churches. In the past, Furtick managed several Columbia area salons. In 2004, she opened “Vontae’s Hair Salon and Boutique” in Swansea. She is married to Ricky Furtick. They have four children and just adopted another. She loves her family, cooking, shopping and directing her church choir.

Delores Gilmer

In 2000, Delores Gilmer was appointed to the S.C. Board of Nursing and transferred to the Board of Cosmetology later that same year. She serves as the public member. A resident of Charleston, she is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. She is the founder of “Hawaiian Girl,” which received a second place award in the business category from the Great America Cleanup. She is married to retired Master Sgt. Arthur E. Gilmer. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Educated in the public school system and a graduate of America College in Minneapolis, Minn. with a degree in theology business ethics, Gilmer also attended Palmer College in Charleston, from 1974 to 1977. Her studies were human service and criminology. In 1974, she attended Farah Beauty College. Additionally, since 1966, she has been licensed as a long-term care nurse.

Gilmer began her public service helping the “Non-Commissioned Officers Wife’s Scholarship Award” program. While living in England, she served on the Fundraisers Committee from 1979 to 1980. She served as treasurer of the CPRS committee for the NCO Club of the U.S. Air Force while living in Spain and Germany. After moving back stateside, she was appointed to the Charleston Clean City Commission, serving as treasurer from 1996 to 1998, and secretary from 1997 to 2003. She is affiliated with Palmetto Pride and Keep America Beautiful. In 2002, Gilmer received her seven-year pin from the March of Dimes.