

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

ETHICS LIAISON NEWSLETTER

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What's New?

The State Ethics Commission is pleased to announce a new paperless reporting system for its **online** education program! As of July 1, 2015, those who complete the ONLINE Ethics & Lobbying Education Program no longer have to submit a form by fax or email. Instead, once you complete the final training module, you will be taken to an online certification form linked to our electronic records. You will receive a certificate by email, which provides proof of completion as well as your next education due date. It is important that you retain a copy for your records. You do not need to send us a copy. As you can imagine, this paperless process is more secure, reliable, and saves the State time and money. **PLEASE NOTE: Those who attend a live presentation will still need to complete a form and send it in to the Commission via US mail, fax or email.**

EDUCATION AUDIT UNDERWAY

We are auditing our records this year to ensure that all covered persons are in compliance with the education requirement of the Ethics Act. Begin your own audit of your board/agency by requesting a status report from Sue Lundberg at (919) 715-2071 or sr.lundberg@doa.nc.gov.

COMBINED SEI AND EDUCATION REPORTS

You may have received, or will be receiving, a joint report from our SEI and Education units. We think this newly combined status report will be a useful tool for our Ethics Liaisons ("EL's") to track the dates that coverage starts/ends, the SEI received date, and the date that Education was completed, as well as the next Education due date. We'd love to hear your feedback on this new format!

A large, stylized graphic that says "Well Done!" in a 3D, metallic font with a gradient from orange to red.

Hat's off to the EL's listed below, who's Board or Agency members were not only in 100% compliance for their Ethics Education, but also HAD ALL SEI'S FILED BY APRIL 15TH! We think that is a pretty spectacular accomplishment.

Thanks for all of your hard work!

Frank Gorham –
Coastal Resources Commission

Ryan Boyce –
Industrial Commission

Walter Bartlett –
Piedmont Community
College Trustees

Miriam Baer –
Real Estate Commission

Sam Watson –
Utilities Commission

"Here to Help"

We understand that serving as an EL for your organization can sometimes be burdensome, and we want to do everything we can to help you succeed in your role. If at any time you have questions or concerns about the public servants that you are assisting, or your role as an EL, *please* give us a call or send us an email. We'll be happy to help you find the answers you seek. For questions or information concerning education

requirements, please contact the education unit by phone at (919) 715-2071 or by email at Education.Ethics@doa.nc.gov.

For SEI or other questions regarding the State Government Ethics Act, please contact the SEI unit by phone at (919) 715-2071 or by email at SEI@doa.nc.gov.

We look forward to hearing from you!

- Over 1400 public servants completed the online Ethics & Lobbying Education Program between January and July of this year!
- The next live Ethics presentation will take place on 8/21/15 at the Department of Justice in downtown Raleigh. Register today, seats are going quickly!