

The National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy

Dear NAHA Member,
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I am writing to you on behalf of the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy Interim National Board of Directors. We realize that many of you may have noticed that you only received two journals in 2003 and the National Board of Directors is currently composed of different individuals. You may have also heard troubling information spread by a group of individuals with their sole purpose **being of dissention within and the destruction** of NAHA. Although they present issues that require a response they do not present them accurately or with a spirit of resolution and healing.

There have in fact been issues revolving around personality conflicts with the previous Administration. Unfortunately the resignation of both Jade Shutes and Mynou De May this last year left NAHA to seek the bylaws for response. As stated within the bylaws, the previous NAHA President must be asked to fulfill the remaining term. Cheryl Hoard graciously accepted this role. Appointed positions were Michele A. Miller serving as Vice President, and Shellie Enteen as Secretary. Along with these wonderful women, we have Cherisse Gigli as our Director Coordinator and of course Teshan Laucirica remaining as Office Administrator. Suzanne Catty has been asked to voluntarily resign in order to allow the interim National Board of Directors to work within a new and fresh environment, untainted with the issues of the past. Ms. Catty however has not complied with this request at present.

Even with our best efforts there is much negativity still being spread in hope to damage the reputation of NAHA with unfounded accusations from these individuals. It is the desire of the National Board of Directors to work with the best interests of the membership in mind. This has led us all to investigate the allegations at length with the assistance of Mr. Paul Taggert, CPA accountant for NAHA as well as official **legal counseling Attorney, Howard Bernstein**. We have been working on solutions and will start by placing all financial documents on the NAHA website along with statements from both testifying to the full compliance of NAHA professionally, financially and legally.

The health and growth of NAHA also requires our undivided focus upon the upcoming Spring Conference in Norfolk, VA as well as producing and distributing the Journal in a timely manner, which are our main goals. Although, learning and refreshing ourselves with the process and duties regarding NAHA has been an incredible challenge for us. We believe in the mission of NAHA and desire to have that same vision and passion spread as the antidote to this ugliness.

This is where we need your help! If you have not already been personally contacted by your Regional or District Director you will be shortly. We will offer any and all information in full disclosure to you in order to help you with your understanding of the events within the past few months and bring you up to speed. We request each NAHA member to decline any engagement with those involved in this destructive party. You may feel welcome to contact these individuals in any manner. Simply state that you have

no desire to be contacted or to participate in their efforts that are harmful to your association!

In addition, we challenge you to advertise and promote the Conference as well as attend yourself We have also offered extensions for discounted registration. We must have your full support and we ask that your efforts be on behalf of the membership alone which is NAHA. Please do realize that we are a temporary National Board and Elections will be held at the Spring Conference. Please take a stand against the destruction and protect your association and the community of Aromatherapy!

Sincerely,
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