

Arizona State Board of Cosmetology

Press Release

Sue Sansom, Executive Director Retires

After more than 25 years of service, Sue Sansom, Executive Director of the Arizona State Board and contributor to countless industry related legislative, regulatory and philanthropic efforts announced that she will retire effective August 1, 2009.

Sue made the announcement during the April 17th meeting of the Arizona State Board. She was clearly happy to be making this new beginning although it was certainly a "bittersweet" time for those attending the meeting.

Under Sue's direction the Arizona Board has become an example of forward thinking and innovation. She and her staff work diligently to show that they truly care about the industry and the lives they impact.

In Arizona Government She has worked to establish partnerships with the "Arizona Health Initiative" providing affordable health insurance opportunities for small business salon's and individual businesses; established industry specific publications with the IRS and assisted with the tax applicable information dissemination for small industry businesses; and very importantly partners with Terry Goddard, Arizona Attorney General, and the Arizona Coalition for Domestic Violence with the National "Cut it Out" program.

Her efforts have spanned the entire United States as well as other countries. A sample of her accomplishments have been as an ambassador of Infection Control for the cosmetology industry; chair of the National Interstate Council of Cosmetology Boards Health and Safety Committee since its inception; and Industry textbook author and reviewer. She has traveled to China as a good will ambassador sharing and teaching; is a relentless advocate of national and international reciprocity; and national examination development for licensure.

Donna Aune, current Deputy Director heads the transition team and will take over as Director after having served 22 years with the Board. Donna will carry the tradition of excellence forward.

In honor of the Lengthy and devoted service Sue has provided to the Board, the newly renovated Board room will be called the Sue Sansom Executive Board Room and a position of Director Emeritus has been awarded to Sue.

If you have a special message that you would like to send to Sue about her retirement, please email her at notetoSue@azboc.gov