

# THE ENFORCER

NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## *Message from the President: Dee-Dee Staack*

Spring is finally here. I never thought it would get here. It's nice to be able to go outside and feel the sunshine and listen to the birds sing. Well unless they are singing at 5:00am on a Saturday when my window is open. It seemed that the long cold winter was never going to end. With Spring here it means it's time for the first NCSEA newsletter. Hopefully the newsletter will provide you will information about what has been going across the state in each of our regions. Our Annual Conference will be held October 6-8 this year. Get it marked on your calendar. Tracy Webb is doing a great job as Vice President and lining up a terrific conference for you.

We have had lots of changes happen in the child support world, including budget cuts, insurance changes and not to forget a lot of system changes. We have all overcome these obstacles by leaning on



Dee-Dee Staack & daughter  
Shaylee  
President, NCSEA

each other and being there for each other. We have done a terrific job this past year on getting our paternity percentage up and establishing more orders. Everyone has pulled together to make it happen. Everyone should give themselves a pat on the back.

2010 hopefully will bring each of us great things. I am very pleased to be your President this year. Besides being President of the Association I stay busy being the soccer coach for my daughter's team and being Co-President for the Otoe County Pheasants Forever. One thing I always try to keep in mind while I'm busy with all these activities is to take a few minutes each day just for myself. I say this because I think we all get over whelmed at work and/or home and we often don't take any time just for ourselves. Studies have shown that if you take 5 minutes a day for yourself your body will be healthier. So try not to forget to take care of yourself. If it wasn't for all the work each and every

one of you do for the Custodial Parents, Non-Custodial Parents and the children of Nebraska they would not have the support they get. I want to once again say thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication. It's

greatly appreciated.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT—TRACY WEBB

A lot of hard work goes into preparing a conference that is worthy of our NCSEA members; great sessions, great speakers and great fun. I will do my best as your Vice-president to provide you a conference that you will be proud to attend. A person would think that there should be tons of sessions that could be presented but the trick is to find things that make members want to attend; that is what I will be striving to do. I have planned some new sessions and speakers for this year's conference. If there was a session presented at a past conference that you would like to see presented again, or if you have any ideas for new



sessions or speakers, there is still time to contact me. Please e-mail me your requests and suggestions to: [tracy.webb@nebraska.gov](mailto:tracy.webb@nebraska.gov). Over the years of working at CSE Central office I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you over the telephone. The one thing that is always evident is how passionate you are about your work and the good that you are trying to accomplish for the families. I can say I am honored to belong to this group of professionals and even more honored to be Vice-president. I am looking forward to a great year and a great conference. I hope you are making plans to attend and I look forward to seeing you at the fall conference.

-Tracy Webb, VP

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## INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

Custer County Courthouse collected donations from its employers to send to 3 Custer County soldiers that are overseas for Christmas. They had a tremendous outcome! A daughter of one of their employees teaches school in Amherst and her 3rd grade class colored and drew pictures with messages attached that we also included. On December 4, 2009 they sent a total of 9 BOXES (stuffed to the limit) to these soldiers to enjoy and share. But this is a mere nothing compared to what ALL the soldiers are giving to us!!! Their love and heartfelt thanks went along with the boxes.

-Marilyn Moody—Custer County Courthouse

The Broken Bow office did a food drive for the Food Pantry as part of their "Cultural Diversity" option in place of an office Thanksgiving Food Day. They figured they'd all be eating plenty in the next few days that it would be better to collect food for others who don't have what we enjoy.

- Peggy Walters, Broken Bow DHHS

Adams county did the food drive as well. Also in their county they have been doing some lunches where the county and state employees pay \$5 and it is donated to the United Way.

- Dawnita Beirow - Adams County

Buffalo County - Our county courthouse did a food drive for the local Food Pantry before Christmas. For our office - we are selling bottled water to raise money for postage so that we can send a local unit currently deployed to Iraq, letters, pictures, etc. Our hope is that we can have a different group of children in the community do something special for our troops and we will send it to them. This first month we are working with a Girl Scout troop and partnering with their program that shares cookies with the troops. The following month it might be a kindergarten class coloring pictures that we'll send to the same troop.

-Jann Davidson - Buffalo County

## NCSEA Office Sales by Sueann Finke

NCSEA has numerous items in stock of what we have left with our old logo. I have attached a copy of the inventory with the colors, sizes and sales prices for the clothing items and miscellaneous items that are still available to purchase through Office Sales.

To order any of the items currently available with the old logo or to inquire as to the availability of clothing or merchandise, please

contact Sue Ann Finke.

To preorder any clothing item with the new logo that you would like to pick up at conference please contact Sue Ann Finke. You can look at what is available by selecting the 'Get Involved' link on the NCSEA website ([www.NCSEA.info](http://www.NCSEA.info)). Just click on the link to view the online clothing catalog and then contact Sue Ann via the link at the bottom

of the page to request size or pricing information or to place an order. When placing an order be sure to include the item number, size, and color.

If you have any idea or suggestion for new items that you would like to see available through Office Sales, please let Sue Ann know through email [sueann.finke.dhhs.ne.gov](mailto:sueann.finke.dhhs.ne.gov) or call 308-535-3540

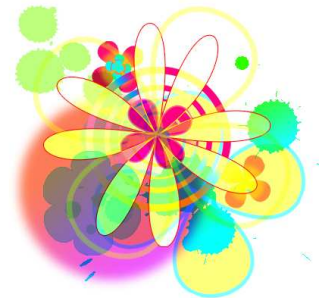


## NCSEA: POUNDING THE PAVEMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS!!

You know the Drill! We need YOU to fill out the nomination form for Executive Board members. NCSEA is an excellent opportunity to work with others who have the same goals to improve the enforcement of child support and the lives of Nebraska's children. We want to encourage you to participate by joining as an NCSEA Board Member in its various offices that are elected positions. You have the chance to use your expertise as Vice President to become President and then as a Past President will be able to remain on the board for three years which is needed as our children deserve it!!

We will also be electing Secretary, Treasurer, Liaison, and Librarian/Historian along with the Vice-President who has a three year commitment to provide a team so NCSEA will continue its commitment toward the goal of assisting its members and promote more effective laws and procedures relating to child support enforcement.

Encourage those around you to get involved by sharing their time and talents on the Executive Board for the 2011 term. Elected Executive Board members will have the assistance of committee chair positions based on volunteers recruited for these committees ranging from region representative coordinator, office sales, fundraising, registration, newsletter, publicity, nominating, conference coordinator, hospitality, and legislative positions. You can do IT! As we will all be part of a team to bring the voices from regional offices around the state to share their time and talents for the enhancement of child support enforcement.



### NOMINATION FORM

*(Only nominations for Executive Board positions are being solicited at this time.)*

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of \_\_\_\_\_ as the NCSEA Executive Board of Directors 2011 term

Nominee's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed nomination form for Executive Board Member by **September 7<sup>th</sup> 2010** to:

Nancy Korth

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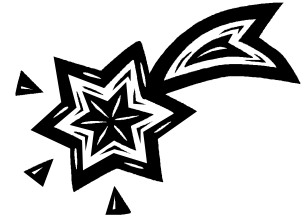
Email Nancy.Korth@nebraska.gov

## LET THEM BE RECOGNIZED!! By Coleen Lembke

Start thinking of those in the child support community that are worthy of recognition. Several awards are presented by NCSEA at the annual conference. The awards are in the following categories: Judicial Officer of the Year, Member of the Year, Appreciation, and Lifetime Service Awards. The Nominating Committee will soon be soliciting nominations. The criteria for each award is below:

### Lifetime Achievement Award

- At least 10 years professional experience in child support
- Record of leadership, innovation and dedication
- Preference to retired or soon-to-retire persons
- Presented as appropriate — not necessarily every year



### Appreciation Award

- Not a person or organization working primarily in child support (i.e. legislator, educator, journalist, advocacy group or business)
- Significant contribution toward the improvement of child support functioning in Nebraska
- Presented as appropriate — not necessarily every year

### Member of the Year

Any member of two or more years who has displayed:

- Outstanding service to child support during the past year(s)
- Presented as appropriate – not necessarily every year



### Judicial Officer of the Year

Juvenile or district court judge, referee, or clerk demonstrated interest and concern about child support as evidenced by:

- writing articles for professional or popular publication
- giving professional child support presentations and/or training
- drafting and/or testifying on behalf of child support legislation
- participating in child support related committee for HHS or professional associations
- Not a reward for judicial rulings
- Presented as appropriate – not necessarily every year



## COMMITTEE LIST 2010

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### Hospitality

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## COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

**Legislative Committee:** Works towards induction of new legislation to improve the Nebraska State Laws for the collection of child support for Nebraska's children. It works hard to identify legislation that needs to be changed to meet federal regulations so Nebraska can receive the maximum reimbursement from federal funding, which helps relieve the burden for Nebraska taxpayers.

**Finance Committee for Office Sales:** selects the NCSEA promotional items that are available for sale at the annual conference and throughout the year. This committee is in charge of setting up and handling the office sales at conference each year and provides the giveaways at conference. They are in charge of NCSEA item inventory.

**Finance Committee for Fundraising:** is broken down into two areas. One is for fundraising for the association and the for soliciting sponsorship for the Annual Training Conference. Both tasks are vital for the financial stability of NCSEA.

**Publicity and Activities Committee:** Works to promote special projects that keep the public and child support professionals informed of child support efforts across the state and country. They sponsor projects like "Child Support Awareness Month."

**Newsletter Committee:** An essential part of NCSEA communication with its membership and sponsors throughout the year. The newsletter is used to report recent changes and updates in the law for the child support professionals in Nebraska and provides a means of keeping membership informed and involved in association business and events.

**Registration Committee:** One of the most visible committees at the Annual Training Conference. They work with the treasurer to ensure that every member receives a heartfelt welcome and a training packet at the start of each annual conference. They are our Welcoming Committee and are often the first impression that new members receive when attending their first conference. These members play an important role in keeping and getting new members involved with the association.

**The Nominating Committee:** Works hard to present a panel of executive officers to the NCSEA membership at the Annual Training Conference. They accept nominations for positions and also recruit new members for involvement. They prepare and count the ballots, along with the secretary at the conference. The committee works with the past president in the selection of award winners for the annual conference awards of Member of the Year, Judicial Member of the Year, Lifetime Service and Appreciation.

**The Hospitality Committee:** Acts as a welcoming committee for conference attendees and new members to the child support community. They solicit products for the Hospitality room at conference and assist the region representatives and region representative coordinator with conference activities

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## FALL NCSEA CONFERENCE by Sondra Cluck

The planning stage is in full bloom for conference this fall. All of the regions have exciting activities planned for the upcoming months. We will again be having our region baskets at conference for the raffle. So start thinking of a theme for your region basket this year and pass the ideas along to your region rep.

The NCSEA Board would like to involve the entire membership in coming up with the Conference theme this year. We also would like ideas for Fun Night. Please send or e-mail your suggestions to your region representative. Region

VI can submit their ideas to Sondra Cluck or any board member.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with NCSEA, we still need region reps for the Southeast and Panhandle areas. And the majority of meetings are now conducted by conference calls; no need to travel hours for a half day meeting. It is a very rewarding experience and a great way to meet people from all over the state and create new friends. Contact either DeeDee Staack or Sondra Cluck for more information on becoming a region rep.

- Sondra Cluck, Region Rep  
Coordinator County

### Region Representatives

#### **Region I**

Rebecca Sundermeier

#### **Region II**

Sonja Smith

#### **Region III**

Peggy Tjaden &  
Lynelle Schwedhelm

#### **Region IV**

Jann Davidson & June Stover

#### **Region V**

Rosana Stearns

#### **Region VI**

Vacant

### FUNDRAISING

by Jenni VanNess

We have an exciting fundraising opportunity coming this Summer! NCSEA will be selling Plain Jane's candles all across the state. Plain Jane's is a local company right here in Nebraska located in Grand Island. They offer over 30 different scents to choose from and their candles are 100% handmade! Whether you are looking for your favorite summertime fragrances like Azalea, Watermelon, Plumeria, Sea Breeze, etc., or a gift for a loved one or you want to stock up early on your favorite holiday scents like Snickerdoodle, Pine, Cinnamon, Vanilla, etc., Plain Jane's has it all! All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards this year's conference activities. Watch for more details to come in June!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NCSEA CONFERENCE

Where: Grand Island Midtown Holiday Inn

When: October 6th, 7th, and 8th

Some of the Agenda items include:

- CHARTS Release Training
- Best Practices
- Family Unit Building
- Administrative Attachment

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE! by Melissa Church

NCSE takes an active role in watching legislation that may impact the world of child support. You can review bills introduced and/or passed by visiting the Nebraska Legislative website at [www.nebraskalegislature.gov](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov). The legislative sessions last 60 days and closed on April 14, 2010. At this point, either a bill was approved by the governor and passed or a motion was filed to put any remaining bills into "Indefinitely Postpone" status. This means that if a bill is still in the "pipeline" at this stage, it is indefinitely postponed or "killed". There are no carryover bills after the short session. So if a bill did not pass, it is finished and must be reintroduced in the next Session.

Byron Van Patten sent out a memo on April 15, 2010, introducing the new bills that passed that have an impact on CSE. Several of these are the following:

Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-512.12 – Review and Modification. This bill was crucial to stay in compliance with federal guidelines and to ensure the continuing certification of the IV-D program. Became effective April 13, 2010.

Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-1701 et seq. – Collection of other monetary judgments. CHARTS programming will need to be changed to allow these judgments to be included on future income withholding notices. Becomes effective July 14, 2010.

Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-3330 – FIDM bank match. Requirement that ALL financial institutions remit the delinquent obligor's account balance. Some are already providing this information. Becomes effective July 14, 2010.

Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-27,165 – Continuance Submittal of State Revenue Information (instead of once a year). Becomes effective April 13, 2010.

Other bills of interest not mentioned in the memo include:

LB 147 – This bill was passed and approved by the governor on February 16, 2010. This bill provides that Clerks of the District Courts send a copy, in hard or electronic form, of all name-change orders to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the sex-offender registration and community notification division of the Nebraska State Patrol. This could possibly lead to a new CHARTS interface to notify workers.

LB 826 – This bill was indefinitely postponed on February 9, 2010. This bill would have required lawmakers to study how to reduce the number of counties in Nebraska. Guidelines in the bill called for a committee to come up with a plan to reduce the number of counties to about 30 by 2018. Nebraska's 93 counties were created in pioneer day so residents could travel to their county seats and return to their homes the same day. This would create many jurisdictional issues involving child support procedures if ever passed.

LB 1037 – This bill was indefinitely postponed on April 14, 2010. This bill is intended to facilitate the collection of arrearages in child support by authorizing child support enforcement to take administrative action against an obligor's license or property after one month of arrearages have accrued, rather than the current three month amount. (I think I can join in with my fellow colleagues with relief that this bill was not passed!)

