



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RADIO AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERS, INC.

Headquarters Highlights: Winter 2002-2003

Call for Director Nominations

Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors may be made by individual members submitting nominations of candidates meeting the requirements of Article VI, Section 17 of the NARTE Bylaws. Nominations must be submitted, in writing, prior to the 15th of March, 2003 to enable ballot preparation for inclusion in the spring issue of *NARTE News*.

Nominations are normally due by February 15th, but the date has been extended to March 15th to accommodate receipt of this issue by the extended worldwide membership. Article VI, Section 17 relates to qualifications in terms of membership, certification status and the requirement for nomination papers supported by a minimum of 25 signatures endorsing the nominee's qualifications. For further information, contact NARTE headquarters at: 1-800-89NARTE (1-800-896-2783).

Director Tom Croda Resigns

Tom has been a NARTE Director since 1988. He was a Senior Engineer for Sprint with more than 29 years in telecommunications. He majored in electrical engineering at California State Polytechnic Institute.

Tom has been a recipient of numerous commendations for distinctive innovations and is the inventor of several products contributing to connectorization, output enhancements, improved grounding techniques, and power plant design. He has been instrumental in establishing equipment for solar power plant components. Tom is a NARTE Engineer Class I with MASTER endorsements in RF and Non-RF. In conjunction with the increased demands on his time associated with a new job, Tom no longer can serve as a Director. His wisdom and wit will be sorely missed.

NARTE/Japan CRC Examination Results

On November 22nd, the NARTE/Japan Certification Review Committee (CRC) held a NARTE exam session for 121 individuals. One hundred and one (101) applicants took the NARTE EMC Engineer examination and 20 individuals took the NARTE EMC Technician exam.

The overall pass rate was 35% (up significantly from last year's rate of 26%). Mr. Kudo, chairman of the CRC, has asked NARTE to review some questions that appeared on the examination with a view toward allowing exam credit.

Meeting with FCC

Dave Case and Russ Carstensen met with representatives from the FCC. The purpose of the meeting was to educate senior FCC management on NARTE's wireless certification program and how that certification satisfies the FCC requirement for "professional installers." NARTE provided to the FCC an overview of the NARTE Wireless Installers Certification program that is referenced in the filings from Cisco, ITI, and LEA addressing 15.203 and a definition of professional installers.

DANTES Vouchers

DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) has announced the availability of FCC testing vouchers through NARTE in the October publication of the DANTES Bulletin. More information is available at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm>. DANTES has published the form necessary for this voucher, and we are now in business! We have notified the DANTES test sites in a direct mailing to avoid any confusion on the scope and availability of test slots. Thus far, we have allocated 26 FCC test vouchers.

ESD Examination Results

On October 11th, the ESD Association held a NARTE exam session in conjunction with their annual symposium. Thirty applicants took the NARTE ESD certification examinations and the overall pass rate was 87%. Seventeen of the 19 Engineers passed; and 9 of the 11 Technicians passed.

NARTE Changes From PO Box to Street Address

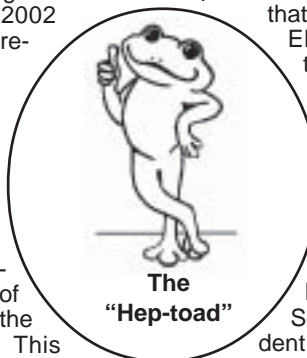
It just is not fun to make a trip to the post office in the rain, sleet, snow and dark of night. Bad weather does deter our couriers from their appointed rounds. (Usually it is the short straw that has to go.) We heard that the mail people would bring mail right to our door. Having firmly established our national headquarters in Medway, Massachusetts, we are now in the process of converting our mailing address from the old PO Box to our street address at 167 Village Street. We get free delivery and avoid the cost of renting a box. For the next year, there will not be any problem if either the street address or the PO Box is used, but we would like to get you in the habit of using our street address:

**167 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053**

WINTER HEPTODE AWARDS

The "Heptode Award" is granted by NARTE Headquarters staff to properly recognize those who lighten their burden or who otherwise represent NARTE in an outstanding manner. Congratulations to the Winter 2002 Heptode Award recipients:

Donald L. Sweeney, NCE, NCT for conceiving of and implementing the NARTE EMC Examination "Question of the Week" on the DLS web site. This online mini-quiz allows visitors to try their hand at NARTE EMC examination questions. To check it out (or test yourself!) visit www.dlsemc.com



The "Hep-toad"

H. Stephen Berger, NCE and NARTE Vice-President, for his contribution of time and effort in the development of the EMC Study Guide on CD-ROM. This new NARTE study aid surpasses the printed book in that it offers not only EMC study questions, but also contains reference materials, such as pertinent MILSTDs.

Col. John B. Holmberg, (USAF Retired) NCE & NARTE Second Vice-President, for his contribution of personal time and energy in effecting outstanding improvements to the NARTE Headquarters facility. His excellent work has added to the efficiency of NARTE operations.