



# Headquarters Highlights

## Fall 2003

by **Russell V. Carstensen, Executive Director**

### The 11th Question

As a part of the application process, we ask you to provide 10 original questions with solutions. There is much grumbling and some confusion about this requirement, but by and large, most people submit something eventually.

Your question sets give the review committee better insight into your technical understanding and add industry oriented questions to the examination pool.

Occasionally we get more than we asked for.

Mark Miles in Dearborn, Michigan actually submitted *eleven* questions for his application. The 11th question caught our eye. It read:

11. According to me, what is harder than taking a NARTE exam?

- A) Self-extracting one of your own molars without benefit of anesthetics
- B) Proving the existence of God
- C) Using a slide rule accurately
- D) Coming up with 10 good questions for the Exam pool

Correct Answer: D

Estimated Time: 2 Seconds

Source: Any previous applicant

*(Do not look for this question on your examination!)*

### NARTE Fees May Be Tax Deductible

The new tax forms are not out yet, but if they follow past years, your NARTE fees may be tax deductible. If you pay your own fees for NARTE certification, remember that fees are deductible as a business expense. Line 20 of the Standard IRS form 1040 provides for unreimbursed business expenses. Specifically listed on the form as examples of other expenses to include on line 20, are dues to professional organizations and chambers of commerce. I am not a tax attorney, but I have deducted my dues consistently without question by the IRS.

### NARTE Offers Product Safety Certification

The IEEE approved a charter for the Product Safety Society, which is now in the initial stages of formation. NARTE launched a Product Safety certification in conjunction with the IEEE EMC symposium in August to reinforce this new area of technical excellence.

The grandfathering period is currently underway for current product safety practitioners. This grandfather period will expire August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004. For more information, visit [www.narte.org](http://www.narte.org).

### Electrostatic Discharge Association Symposium

The ESD Association annual conference and symposium was held in Las Vegas, Nevada in September. A total of 33 people partici-

pated in the exam session. Seventeen Engineers and 16 technicians took the exam following a week of tutorials on ESD, including one on ESD standards and engineering calculations for ESD engineers.

### IEEE EMC Society Symposium Held in Boston

The annual IEEE EMC Symposium was held in Boston this year near NARTE's home base. Attendance at the symposium this year was not yet back to full strength, but our office staff was able to participate over the course of the session, getting a chance to meet people we usually only get to talk with on the phone.

We again conducted an EMC certification workshop on Monday and a certification examination on Friday. We had about 25 attendees at the Monday workshop on preparation for the examination. Eighteen examinees sat for the examination with an overall passing rate of 68%; 10 of 14 Engineers taking the exam passed; 2 of 4 Technicians passed.

*(See pictures on page 11.)*

### DLS Receives Recognition

NARTE has a program for recognizing employers who have a high percentage of technical personnel NARTE certified. DLS has been a vocal supporter of NARTE for years. They run an "EMC question of the week" on their web site and encourage their staff to become NARTE certified.

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Your Headquarters staff hard at work, as always - (Above—Shannon (L) and Sandy.)

Don Sweeney, you may remember, grandfathered as an EMC engineer many years ago. He later accepted a challenge from his staff to sit for the examination, which he passed. He extended the challenge to his remaining staff to the point that DLS now has 75% of their staff NARTE certified. NARTE appreciates the continued corporate and staff support of the certification process, and applauds Don Sweeney and DLS for achieving this membership success. A formal certificate of recognition has been forwarded.

**Director Hospitalized**

Roger Hottmann has been a NARTE director for 12 years. Roger recently wound up in the hospital with a serious complication related to diabetes. He entered the hospital in June where he underwent three surgeries. He is now in rehabilitation and is expected to be released in December. Get well, Roger!

**Election Results**

See the new Officers and Directors list (and pictures) on page 5. [Ω](#)

<b>NARTE, INC.</b>		
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>		
<b>December 31, 2002</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash	\$ 95,355	\$ 5,253
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 181	\$ -
	\$ 95,536	\$ -
<b>BUILDING &amp; EQUIPMENT, NET</b>	<b>\$ 168,135</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$ 263,671</b>	<b>\$ 5,253</b>
<b>LIABILITY AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,989	\$ -
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,240	\$ -
Deferred Membership Dues-Current	<u>\$ 39,333</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	<u>\$ 50,562</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
Long-Term Debt	\$ 17,397	\$ -
Deferred Membership Dues	<u>\$ 14,980</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	<u>\$ 32,377</u>	<u>\$ 5,253</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$180,732</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,253</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$263,671</b>	<b>\$ 5,253</b>

# NARTE Administrative Page

## OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, PRINCIPAL STAFF and POINTS OF CONTACT

### OFFICERS

**H. Stephen Berger, NCE**  
PRESIDENT (2005)  
Georgetown, Texas

**Michael W. Hayden, NCE**  
VICE PRESIDENT (2005)  
Rockford, Illinois

**Gary Gorr, NCE**  
2nd VICE PRESIDENT (2005)  
Burr Ridge, Illinois  
KD9OG

**John Christensen, NCE**  
SECRETARY (2005)  
Bethesda, Maryland

**Dick Ford, NCE**  
TREASURER (2005)  
Falmouth, Virginia

### DIRECTORS

**Lawrence Behr, NCE**  
DIRECTOR (2006)  
Greenville, North Carolina  
K4JRZ

**David Case, NCE**  
DIRECTOR (2005)  
North Canton, Ohio  
KB8GXI

**Roger H. Hottmann, NCE**  
DIRECTOR (2007)  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
KB7YJM  
*(Picture not available)*

**Willie Ofosu, PhD, NCE**  
DIRECTOR (2006)  
Lehman, Pennsylvania

**James O. Wickham, NCE**  
DIRECTOR (2005)  
Anchorage, Alaska

**Kimball Williams, NCE**  
DIRECTOR (2005)  
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- NARTE and FCC Test Locations
- General Administration

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## NARTE Officers



H. Stephen Berger  
President (2005)



Michael W. Hayden  
Vice President (2005)



Gary Gorr, Second  
Vice President (2005)



John J. Christensen  
Secretary (2005)



Dick Ford  
Treasurer (2005)

## NARTE Directors



Lawrence V. Behr  
(2006)



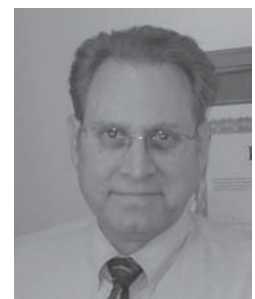
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