

Headquarters Highlights

SUMMER 2007

by **Brian F. Lawrence, Executive Director**

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting was held at NARTE Headquarters on Saturday, **May 5th**. This meeting boasted a 100% attendance and we welcomed two new members of the board: **Russ Carstensen**, our previous executive director, and **Mike Violette**, the president of Washington Laboratories Ltd., a testing and engineering firm.

This meeting debated a five-year business plan presented by **Brian Lawrence** that had both short-term and longer-term strategies and objectives. In the short term, the plan calls for updating and expanding our existing certification programs, with the main expansion coming from international marketing of NARTE to companies and institutes with an interest in training and validation of credentials for their trained applicants.

The program most in need of an upgrade is our Telecommunications Certification, and efforts have begun to solicit input from industry as to their current needs.

In the longer term, the plan calls for the development of new certification programs for emerging technologies. A number of opportunities were identified:

- RFID
- Homeland Security
- Dynamic Spectrum Acquisition
- Wireless Engineering

The Board volunteered to form three committees to assist in the implementation of the business plan:

Telecommunications Advisory:
Garry Gorr, Mike Hayden, Lawrence Behr

EMC Advisory:
Kimball Williams, Mike Hayden, Russ Carstensen

New Programs Advisory:
Kimball Williams, Mike Hayden, Dave Case, Stephen Berger

Brian Lawrence stressed the importance of NARTE becoming better recognized as an international association. Although we have certified engineers and technicians in 26 different countries, we are still generally regarded as a U.S. association with programs directed at U.S. requirements and standards. The board agreed to a restructuring of the classic certification examination format in that a two-part examination should concentrate on basic science and technology, common to all regions, for Part 1. Part 2 should contain questions relative to the applicable practices and standards of the person's country.

To assist in the recognition of NARTE as a truly global service provider, the Board also voted in favor of an identity change to a new registered name. In the future we will be known as **iNARTE** – International Association for Radio, Telecommunications and Electromagnetics.



It was with regret that the board accepted the resignation of Director **John Christensen**. John had provided invaluable service to NARTE for many years and his contributions will be greatly missed.



John J. Christensen