

In order to pursue the office of Secretary of State, Mr. Israel Torres has resigned as president of the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA).

In October of 2004, Israel was unexpectedly thrust into the role as president at a time when NASCLA needed a leader with vision and skill. He shouldered the task and did so much more than simply rising to the challenge. NASCLA will miss his leadership and knowledge. We all wish him much success in the future.

As NASCLA continues to move forward in 2006, I as acting president will continue with the momentum that Israel set forth for the association. In keeping with his vision, NASCLA will continue monthly conference calls, quarterly newsletters and posting of the conference call minutes on the website.

I have had the pleasure of being a member on the NASCLA National Examination Committee and in order to meet construction needs nationwide and to promote contractor mobility we are standardizing the examination process. NASCLA has completed the *Job Occupational Analysis for its General Building Construction Contractor National Examination* and has selected Professional Examination Service (PES) to conduct the analysis which identified the tasks performed by general commercial building contractors. By the end of 2006, our goal is to have a national examination developed by a "NASCLA approved testing provider".

The annual conference will still be held in Scottsdale, Arizona on August 22-26, 2006. NASCLA is looking forward to another successful conference. Last year's annual conference in Salt Lake City was the largest to date. Thanks again to our sponsors: Thomson Prometric, CASA Fenix, PSI Examination Services, Professional Examination Service, Kaplan AEC and Howard S. Wright Construction Co. I hope to see all of you in sunny Arizona!

In 2005, NASCLA donated \$10,000 to the *AGC Education Research Foundation for Hurricane Katrina Construction Workers Relief Fund*. The association will continue to assist its member states who were affected by Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent storms.

Filling the role as NASCLA's president is a job that I have looked forward to accepting. I know that with my Executive Committee and Board of Directors, the association will continue on the path that Israel Torres paved. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you in 2006.

Sincerely,

Greg Crow
NASCLA Acting President