

Stylist article — February 2015

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology has a new president.

Dr. Kari Williams of Los Angeles was unanimously voted president of the Board at its meeting in San Diego on January 12, taking over the gavel from Richard Hedges.

Dr. Williams, an industry member, was appointed to Board in April 2013. She has been the owner of Mahogany Hair Revolution Salon and Trichology Clinic since 2007 and was a hair stylist at Eclectic Salon from 2006 to 2007. She earned a doctorate in trichology from Élan Center for Trichology.

Board members unanimously named outgoing president Richard Hedges to be vice president for 2015. Mr. Hedges, a public member first appointed to the Board in 2003, was educated as a teacher in Kansas where he received his undergraduate degree in English and History at Kansas State University. Mr. Hedges received his Master's Degree in American Urban History from San Francisco State University. He was employed as a union representative for 28 years by the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union.

The nine-member Board consists of four industry members and three public members appointed by the Governor, and two public members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and Senate Committee on Rules.

Most Board members serve four year terms, with two of the public and two of the industry members appointed by the governor serving initial two-year terms. Board members perform their duties without compensation.

The other board members are:

- **Mary Lou Amaro, Industry Member**

Ms. Amaro, of Clovis, was appointed to the Board in April 2013. Ms. Amaro has been owner of Mary Lou's Beauty Shop since 1977. She also served as president of the California Cosmetology Association from 2010 to 2012.

- **Andrew Drabkin, Public Member**

Mr. Drabkin, of Sacramento, was named to the Board in April 2013. He has been IT director at the California Democratic Party since 2010, where he also served as Deputy IT director from 2006 to 2010. He was also on the staff of Phil Giarrizzo Campaign Consulting from 1999 to 2006.

- **Joseph Federico, President, Industry Member**

Mr. Federico, of Sacramento, was appointed to the Board in 2012. He has been the chief financial officer of the Federico Beauty Institute in Sacramento since 2009, where he was also director of financial aid from 2006 to 2009 and served on the board of directors since 2004. He has been a member of the American Association of Cosmetology Schools and the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators since 2006.

- **Christie Truc Tran, Industry Member**

Ms. Tran, of Stanton, CA, has been a member of the Board since January 2010. She has owned and managed Happy Nails of Costa Mesa since 2005. Previously, she was manager of Happy Nails of Newport Coast from 2002 to 2005. From 2001 to 2002, Tran was a nail technician at Happy Nails of Rancho Santa Margarita and a travel agent at Travel World from 1990 to 2001.

- **Wen Ling Cheng, Vice President, Public Member**

Ms. Cheng, of Palo Alto, was appointed to the Board in May 2011. She is a State Farm insurance agent in Burlingame.

- **Bobbie Anderson, Public Member**

Ms. Anderson, of Los Angeles, was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in October 2012. She served as a field representative for Assemblyman Mike Davis from 2006 to 2009. She also worked as a supervising legal office assistant at the Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender from 1978 to 2003 and as a typist clerk for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services from 1957 to 1968. Anderson served on the executive board of the Legacy Service Employees International Union Local 660/721 from 1995 to 2003.