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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer. I just wanted to take the opportunity to update you on the Board's latest news.

– Eric Holm, Board President

## SUNSET REVIEW CONTINUES

The Board is currently in the process of Sunset Review. The Sunset Review process was created to identify and eliminate waste, duplication, and inefficiency in government agencies. The Legislature conducts a comprehensive analysis of every eligible agency to determine if it is still necessary and cost effective. The product of the review process is Senate Bill 308 (Price), which extends the Board and its Arbitration Review Panel until January 1, 2018. For a status update on the bill visit:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>



## MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On June 3, 2013, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed the following new Board members:



Kathy Bowler



Don Brown



Catherine Carlton



Carmen Delgado

The four new Board Members bring our total membership to seven – a full board! We are excited to have all four join our membership and we look forward to bringing their unique backgrounds and experiences to the table. We are also sad to say goodbye to Board Members Jeff Neidich, Tom Scott, and Belinda Barragan. We congratulate them on their years of service on the Board and thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to serving the Board's stakeholders. For information on the current Board membership, visit us online at

[http://www.guidedogboard.ca.gov/about/board\\_members.shtml](http://www.guidedogboard.ca.gov/about/board_members.shtml).

## UPDATE FROM THE JUNE 24, 2013, BOARD MEETING

The Board had an opportunity to tour the new dorm facility at Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. Additionally, the Board elected Larry Grable as Vice President of the Board. I am fortunate to have been re-elected as President and to have Joe Xavier be re-elected as Secretary of the Board. The Board voted to support Assembly Bill 1252 (Assembly Committee on Health). This bill will limit the definition of service animals to align with the ADA definition for Food Retail Establishments. We hope this bill will open the door to a more clear definition in the Civil Code for all places of public accommodation. Last, the Board voted on a new logo. The logo is the first for the Board to include a guide dog in harness. We look forward to previewing the new logo on our Web site and in future publications. Kudos to the Department of Consumer Affairs' publications team for giving us three great options to pick from!



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– Eric Holm, Board President

## ETIQUETTE CAMPAIGN – CURB TO CURB: CROSSING COMMUNICATION STREET

The etiquette campaign was launched in September with the California Restaurant Association (CRA). The Board posted a best practices tip sheet, promoted the tip sheet via CRA and DCA publications, and sent ambassador speakers to local CRA affiliates in Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Diego. Many thanks to Robert Acosta, Jay Harris, Toni Eames, and Lee Morton for taking the tip sheet on the road and representing the Board. For more information on the campaign, visit



[www.guidedogboard.ca.gov/resources/index.shtml](http://www.guidedogboard.ca.gov/resources/index.shtml).

Last, we are excited to announce a partnership with Sutter Health and Canine Companions for Independence to promote best practice etiquette for health care providers and service dog teams. Stay tuned for the tip sheet and other collateral materials!

## CONSIDER AN INACTIVE LICENSE

Thinking of letting your license lapse? Why not consider an inactive license? An instructor can stay on inactive status for three years. For more information, visit [www.guidedogboard.ca.gov/forms\\_pubs/inactive\\_license\\_app.pdf](http://www.guidedogboard.ca.gov/forms_pubs/inactive_license_app.pdf).



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