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### **NCBTMB REINSTATES NEAL DELAPORTA TO BOARD**

OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois (May 29, 2007) – Following the recommendation of an independent governance panel, the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork is pleased to announce the reinstatement of Neal Delaporta to its Board of Directors as of May 2, 2007. He is also serving as the Board's interim Secretary/Treasurer.

A retired Connecticut state agency police officer, Neal Delaporta is an honors graduate of the National Holistic Institute in Emeryville, California. After passing the NCE, Delaporta returned to Connecticut where he has since been in private practice as a massage therapist and holistic health educator for more than six years.

Delaporta received his Associate's Degree in Occupational Studies from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts/Pace University in New York City and a diploma from the Connecticut State Police Academy. He is also a licensed medical response technician.

"I am pleased to be rejoining the NCBTMB Board of Directors," stated Delaporta. "I am thoroughly committed to the growth of our organization, and I wish to be a part of the revitalization that is going on here." He added, "Some of the recognized leaders and visionaries in our field are professional acquaintances and personal friends. I am excited at the prospect of again associating with them to help move the industry forward."

"Neal has always been a tremendously strong advocate for NCBTMB and the entire massage community," stated NCBTMB Chair Donna Feeley. "As interim Secretary/Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee, his commitment to enhancing the customer experience and aggressively reaching out to stakeholder groups will help focus our vision for the future of our organization. We couldn't be more excited that he has accepted the invitation to rejoin the NCBTMB Board."

### **ABOUT NCBTMB**

The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) was established in 1992 as an independent, private, nonprofit organization fostering the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in the delivery of therapeutic massage and bodywork through a recognized credentialing program. NCBTMB examinations are currently utilized or recognized in statute or rule by 31 states plus the District of Columbia. There are nearly 86,000 professionals with NCBTMB certification. NCBTMB has been accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) since 1993.