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Hi Everyone,

The following questions were brought up regarding the letter sent out about recertifying etc. Here are our comments. Hopefully this will help explain the process better.

- 1) Why do they have to send in the Certificate from the school they attended every year to show they completed the reflexology program.

Answer: Only the new members to RAIA need to send in their certificate to show what school they attended and the number of reflexology hours they earned. There are members who have sent in their new membership but did not include their certificate from the school they attended. Certified members do not have to send in a certificate from the school they attended every year. They only need to send where they received their 16 CEs and that is due every 2 years. As we have not received anyone's CEs in the last 3 years, we need to get this process put back into place.

- 2) If they don't get certified or pass the ARCB exam, can they still be professional.

Answer: To be classified as a professional, our bylaws state the practitioner must have 300 hours or more of training from a certified school. It is not necessary to have passed the ARCB exam to be certified.

- 3) If they aren't certified, how do we get certified?

Answer: After one has received their 300 hours and is certified as a Certified Registered Reflexologist, our bylaws state they need 16 CEs every 2 years to get recertified. To be recertified, they need to send the RAIA treasurer (currently Joye Meyer), how they earned the 16 CEs. For example, they attended our Spring Conference and received 14 CEs and then received 2 CEs from attending another workshop or watching an online course, etc.

- 4) Can they take CEs in a variety of modalities? Example: Reiki, Healing Touch, Massage, Ear Reflexology, Face Reflexology, etc. and have it count towards their CEs?

Answer: This is a good question. The CE's that pertain to any modality besides Reflexology would qualify. This is why we really try to encourage Reflexologists to attend our spring and fall conferences, not only to get CEs, but also to keep up with any changes made in regards to training, adding on to their services, etc.

5) Can we provide all 16 CEs at the Spring Conference?

Answer: The Board will have several speakers at the Spring Conference, so attendees can earn 16 CEs, The CEs are based on the number of speakers, the time involved, etc.

6) Can we have free exchanges at the beginning and end of the conference and can they be counted?

Answer: The Board would like to bring in speakers and/or educators who can expand our learning. In order to do this and to keep the conference within a certain time frame, it is difficult to have time at both the beginning and the end for exchanges. We could have free exchanges at the beginning and the end, so CEs will depend on the timing of the whole conference. This is something the Board will discuss before the Spring Conference.

7) How comfortable are we with allowing them only to have 110-120 hours as members: Or do you want them to have 350-400 hours.

Answer: Our bylaws state all professional RAIA members must have at least 300 hours. If a person has less than that and is in the process of earning more (still a student), they can join as an associate member.

If you have any questions, please send me an email and I will certainly try to answer them. If I can't I will ask one of the other Board members.

Thank you for asking these questions so that we can help everyone to understand what we are trying to do.

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