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NOCA ANNOUNCES 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paul Grace Announced President

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WASHINGTON, DC (Jan. 31, 2009) –The National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA), a non-profit association of organizations and individuals interested in the credentialing field, announces Paul Grace as president for the 2009 term. Mr. Grace is President and CEO of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), a not-for-profit credentialing agency that provides certification for the occupational therapy profession.

“This is an exciting time for NOCA,” said Grace. “During the next year, we will focus on expanding our educational and accreditation offerings to the credentialing community, as well as conducting research and developing benchmarking studies.”

Mr. Grace holds bachelors and masters degrees in science from West Virginia University and is a Certified Association Executive (CAE). Prior to NBCOT, he held Director positions at the Project Management Institute, Association Management Services and NATA Board of Certification. Mr. Grace previously served as NOCA Board President in 1994 and as Chair of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies between 2000 and 2002. He has participated on several NOCA Committees, including the Research and Development Committee and the Certificate Standards Committee, and was a chapter author for the Second Edition of *Certification: A NOCA Handbook*. Mr. Grace has also actively participated in the leadership of the Board of Allied Health Professions.

Other members of the 2009 NOCA Board of Directors include: Immediate Past President Cynthia Miller Murphy, RN, MSN, CAE, (Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation); Secretary-Treasurer

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Margaret Gallagher, MS, RN, CIC, (Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.); NCCA Representative Denise Fandel, CAE, (Board of Certification, Inc.); Sustaining Member Jim Hogan, PhD, (ACT); Director Cary List, CFP, CA, (Financial Planners Standards Council); Director Linda Lysoby, (National Commission for Health Education Credentialing); Director Francine Butler, Ph.D, CAE, (Biofeedback Certification Institute of America) and, Public Member Robert Hotchkiss.

Established in 1977, NOCA is the international leader in setting quality standards for credentialing organizations and through its division, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), has provided over 30 years of accrediting services to the credentialing industry. NOCA's membership is composed of credentialing organizations, testing companies and individual professional development consultants. Through its annual conference, web seminars and publications, NOCA serves as the source for information on the latest trends and issues of concern to practitioners and organizations focused on certification, licensure and human resources development. NOCA and NCCA are headquartered in Washington, DC, with an office in Chicago. The Web site address is www.noca.org.

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