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**NOCA ANNOUNCES 2009 COMMISSIONERS**

*Denise Fandel, CAE, re-elected Chair*

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**WASHINGTON, DC** (January 30, 2009) –The National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA), a non-profit association of organizations and individuals committed to promoting excellence in competency assessment, inducted Denise Fandel, CAE as the Chair of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), NOCA’s accrediting body, during the NOCA Annual Educational Conference in San Francisco, CA. Ms. Fandel serves as Executive Director for the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) located in Omaha, NE. Ms. Fandel joined BOC in 1997 and while there established the organization's first national office and staff. Additionally, Ms. Fandel has served NOCA and NCCA in several capacities including the International Committee, NCCA Standards Review Project’s Governance, Purpose and Resources Task Force, the Governmental Affairs Committee and as a Commissioner since 2005.

“The Commission is experiencing significant growth in accreditation services mainly due to the increased recognition of the value our services provide in the validation of a programs compliance with the NCCA internationally recognized standards. I am honored to work alongside the other Commissioners in ensuring the NCCA accreditation continues to meet the industry and public’s high demand for credibility,” said Fandel.

Joining Ms. Fandel in an NCCA leadership position, is Rebecca LeBuhn, who was re-elected co-Chair of the NCCA. Ms. LeBuhn serves as the Public Member Representative on the Commission. She is a co-founder and Chair of the Board of the Citizen Advocacy Center, and is responsible for research, policy development, and publications for the Citizen Advocacy Center.

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Other members of the 2009 Commission include: Judy Ahn-Ewing, R.EEG/EP T., CNIM ,(ABRET Board of Directors); Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, (American Association of Medical Assistants); Ida Darragh (North American Registry of Midwives); Carol Hartigan, RN, MA, (American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation); Reed A. Castle, PhD, (Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc.); Casey Marks, PhD, (National Council of State Boards of Nursing); Paul D. Naylor, PhD, (Psychometric Consultant); and, Mark Raymond, PhD, (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists).

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 almost 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, regional 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 based in Washington, DC. The Web site address is [www.noca.org](http://www.noca.org).

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