

## Introducing New Board Members

The WV Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists is pleased to welcome two newly appointed members to our Board: Mr. Khuong Nguyen, nail technician and co-owner of Vivo Hair Salon & Day Spa and co-owner of Vivo Restaurant & Bar and Mr. Sean Stevens, Barber and owner of Beckley Barber Shop. These experienced and passionate industry leaders join the WV Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists at a time of unprecedented growth and opportunity.



### Khuong Nguyen

As co-owner of Vivo Hair Salon & Day Spa and Vivo Restaurant & Bar, Khuong's journey goes back to 1991 when he and his family came to the United States. In 2000, Khuong and his wife Vi were married and in 2002, they moved to WV and opened Vivo Hair Salon & Spa. Khuong has been a nail technician in WV since 2011 and was the first person to get a shampoo assistant license in 2012. Khuong, his wife and their two son's live in the Eastern Panhandle where their businesses continue to thrive.



### Sean Stevens

In his role of shop owner and barber, Sean's love of his community has enabled him to become a mentor to the up and coming barbers. Sean has owned Beckley Barber Shop since 2010 and is currently serving as a Master Barber to two apprentices. Aside from being a licensed barber since 1998, he served 6 years in the military and is an active member of the Moose Lodge and Mason organizations.

**We would also like to thank Jim Ryan, former Board member, for his valuable contributions and many years of dedication to the WV Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR - Amanda D. Smith



In my new role as Executive Director, I have the privilege of working closely with school administration and students, licensees, as well as the public and board members. What all have in common is hope for our future, and excitement as we move beyond solving problems to seizing opportunities to advance our work together.

Here at the West Virginia Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists, we are operating with a renewed energy. We are working to harness a shared vision to protect the public health through sanitation and enforcement inspections, to promote high educational standards in schools with a focus on student completion, and to encourage job creation in the barbering and beauty industries.

As you continue your professional growth, I hope you will continue to look to the WVBBC for essential board services, support, information and leadership. Just as you must be accountable to ensure the public's needs are met, so must we. Please join me in seizing the opportunity to make this mark in time as the beginning of a new day for West Virginia's public, licensees, students and schools.

*Amanda D. Smith*

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### Board Members

Michael Belcher  
Justina Gabbert  
Sarah Hamrick  
Khuong Nguyen  
Susan Poveromo  
Rick Stache  
Sean Stevens

### Board Staff

Amanda D. Smith  
Executive Director

David Scarpelli  
Deputy Director

Danielle Cordle  
Secretary

Charlie Persinger  
Records Management

### Inspectors

Jason Graves  
Kenyon Warner  
Stacie Harper  
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## Message from the Board President – Sarah Hamrick

As President of the West Virginia Board of Barbers and Cosmetologist it is with pleasure that I announce on behalf of the Board, that Amanda Smith has been promoted from Salon Liaison, to our new Executive Director and David Scarpelli the Deputy Director. Both Amanda and David have worked for the Board for several years. With their combined years of experience and their ability to organize and delegate authority we feel confident that our goals and objectives will be met with the leadership they provide.

Congratulations! Amanda and David we look forward to working with you for many years to come!

Sarah Hamrick, Board President  
Hurricane, West Virginia

## Share With Us Your Accomplishments

Has there been a news article written on your shop? Have you or your co-worker received an award for your hairstyling techniques? Have there been any accomplishments you want the world to know about? Submit these accolades to the Board and we will share them on our facebook page for the world to see. Send the documents by mail to the Board office or email them to [Amanda.D.Smith@wv.gov](mailto:Amanda.D.Smith@wv.gov).

## Continuing Education Update – Audits have begun

Commencing in 2015, the Board office has successfully begun conducting audits for compliance for continuing education requirements. Licensees are randomly selected and notified by mail that they're being audited. In order to comply with the audit request, please submit legible copies of certificates of attendance at continuing education activities within thirty (30) days of the date you receive notification. Please remember to retain all continuing education certificates for three (3) years in case you are audited. To find a list of all approved continuing education courses, please feel free to visit our website at [www.wvbbc.com](http://www.wvbbc.com).

### Visit Our Website

The Board's Website, [www.wvbbc.com](http://www.wvbbc.com), is intended to meet all your licensing and informational needs. New features are added to the website continuously, so the public and licensees can stay informed on current information pertaining to the industry. New forms for initial license applications and work permits have been added under the Forms section. You can also check out the newly appointed Board members and the rest of the Board and staff members on the website.

### Newsletter Contest

For the third year in a row, the Board has placed in the National Interstate of Council of State Boards Cosmetology (NIC) Lois Wiskur Newsletter Contest. In 2012 West Virginia's newsletter received 1<sup>st</sup> place, in 2013 West Virginia finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place and in 2014 West Virginia finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



## Licensee Data

License Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Aesthetician	133	112	189	215	197	323
Barber	750	685	754	739	751	838
Barber Apprentice	X	X	X	X	11	21
Cosmetologists	6,667	6,038	7,007	7,089	6,051	7,844
Nail Technicians	830	765	1,002	1,049	982	1,473
Hair Stylists	X	X	X	X	X	40
Shampoo Assistants	X	X	X	5	81	152
Students	817	936	960	1,429	903	2,660
Licensed Shops	2,789	2,331	2,853	2,940	3,094	2,715

## Changes in the Board's Policies and Procedures

There have been several changes in the Board's policies and procedures in 2014. The following changes were voted on by the Board and are now in effect:

- Existing instructors that are currently licensed as an instructor only have to take the written exam and interview in their new scope of practice.
- Individuals in the process of earning their GED are allowed to obtain a shampoo assistant license.
- Home study packets (booklets mailed to your home) are no longer allowed for the purpose of earning hours for continuing education.
- Roller wax is **not** allowed to be used.
- Schools are **not** allowed to become exempt providers of continuing education classes.



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## Upcoming Meetings

Regular Board Meetings:

06/28/2015 – 1:00 pm in Flatwoods, Days Inn  
 08/09/2015 – 11:00 am in Ranson WV, Vivo Restaurant  
 10/25/2015 – 1:00 pm in Flatwoods, Days Inn  
 12/06/2015 – 1:00 pm in Flatwoods, Days Inn

Legislative Discussion Meetings:

07/12/2015 – 11:00 am in Flatwoods, Days Inn  
 10/04/2015 – 11:00 am in Flatwoods, Days Inn  
 11/08/2015 – 11:00 am in Flatwoods, Days Inn