



Chairman L. A. "Sonny" Spossey, left, thanks departing board member Andrew Santacroce

Changing Faces on the Board

As the board says farewell to public board member **Andrew Santacroce**, it welcomes returning public board member **James Papoutsis** and two new professional board members: **John Payne** and **Wade Lipscomb**.

On Feb. 11, Governor Rendell appointed **John Payne** to the Pennsylvania State Board of Barber Examiners. John and his wife, Mary Lou, live in North Huntingdon, Westmoreland County. They have four children and 11 grandchildren. John is the owner of Norwin Barber and Styling Shop, a nine-barber shop. He has been barbering in the same location for 46 years.

Payne has traveled throughout Pennsylvania and across the country training barbers and cosmetologists. He has also attended National Barber Board Conferences representing Hair International, a national organization of barbers and cosmetologists. Payne worked on the revision of the Hair International Barbering Textbook in 1984 and in 1998. Past positions he has held include: educational director, president and vice president of Hair International, Roffler adult educator, and chairman of Pennsylvania Legislative Council of Organized Barbers, which he has held the last position for the past six years.

He received barber instruction from Pittsburgh Barber School, Advanced Training Journeyman Barber Union, New Man Hair Replacements, Bruno School of Hair Design in Toronto, Canada, Roffler Adult Educator Training, Jingles Advanced Hair Training in New York City, and as an Educational Benefit Member of AMBBA.

Wade T. Lipscomb was born and raised in Pittsburgh, and graduated from George Westinghouse High School in 1966. He attended the Pittsburgh Barber School, and then located on the North Side of Pittsburgh, under the tutelage of the Quinneo Brothers. Lipscomb received his master barber license followed by his manager license. From there, he became a partner in his first shop, soon becoming sole owner of the establishment in the Homewood Brushton community in the west end of Pittsburgh. Lipscomb has owned and operated his business for over 40 years and is still there today. Wade is actively involved in his community both civically and politically.

Lipscomb was sworn in as a newly appointed professional member of the State Board of Barber Examiners on April 20. He and his wife live in the Stanton Heights area of Pittsburgh and together have five grown children, two boys and three girls.

James Papoutsis of Chambersburg, Franklin County, is a returning board member, whose previous term expired in 2007. With a background in education, he is an excellent resource for the board.

Farewell from Board Administrator

After serving for five years, Board Administrator **Hilarene Staller** is relocating out of state with her family.

"I have very much enjoyed my time with the State Board, and sincerely hope that I will be able to find another position equally stimulating and challenging," she said. Staller's priority was improving the interface between licensees and the board, and as a parting gesture updated board applications and posted them to the Web site.

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