

Stylist Article – April 2020 – New Board Officers and Members

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology elected officers and welcomed new board members at the March 9, 2020 board meeting.

Lisa Thong was unanimously re-elected president of the Board and Dr. Kari Williams was unanimously elected to take over the vice president position from Andrew Drabkin.

Ms. Thong, public member, has served on the Board since 2016. Ms. Thong has been the Chief Operations Officer at National Asian Pacific Center on Aging since 2019. She was an account director at IW Group Inc. from 2014 to 2018 and a special assistant at the Office of State Controller John Chiang from 2012 to 2014. Thong is the founding board president of APIs Mobilize.

Dr. Kari Williams, industry member, has served on the Board since 2013. Dr. Williams has been the owner at Mahogany Hair Revolution Salon and Trichology Clinic since 2007 and was a hair stylist at Eclectic Salon from 2006 to 2007. Dr. Williams earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in trichology from the Elan Center for Trichology and a Master of Arts degree in anatomical and nutritional study from the International Institute of Trichology.

The nine-member Board consists of four industry members and three public members appointed by the Governor, and two public members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and Senate Committee on Rules. Most Board members serve four-year terms, with two of the public and two of the industry members appointed by the governor serving initial two-year terms. Board members perform their duties without compensation. There is currently one vacancy on the Board.

The recently appointed board members are:

- **Derick Matos, Industry Member**

Derick Matos of Concord has been owner of Empire Barbershop since 2013. He was a licensed barber at VIP Barbershop from 2009 to 2013 and a barber apprentice from 2007 to 2009. Mr. Matos is a member of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

- **Calimay Pham, Public Member**

Calimay Pham of Los Angeles has been an attorney for the County of Los Angeles, Child Support Services Department since 2017. Ms. Pham is a graduate of UCLA School of Law and currently serves as President of the Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance and Secretary of the Multicultural Bar Alliance of Southern California.

- **Christie Tran, Industry Member**

Christie Tran of Stanton has been owner and manager of Happy Nails of La Habra since 2013. She was owner and manager of Happy Nails of Costa Mesa from 2005 to 2012, manager of Happy Nails of Newport Coast from 2002 to 2005, nail technician at Happy Nails of Rancho Santa Margarita from 2001 to 2002, and a travel agent at Travel World from 1990 to 2001.

The remaining board members are:

- **Jacquelyn Crabtree, Industry Member**

Jacquelyn Crabtree of Sacramento has served on the Board since 2017. Mrs. Crabtree has been owner of four Aveda Salon and Spa Stores since 2005. She was manager and a hairstylist at Maida's Touch Salon from 1999 to 2005 and a bookkeeper at Wild Carter and Oliver Law Firm from 1991 to 1999.

- **Andrew Drabkin, Public Member**

Andrew Drabkin of Sacramento has served on the Board since 2013. Mr. Drabkin has been a database analyst for SEIU United Healthcare Workers since 2015. He was director of information technology for the California Democratic Party from 2010 to 2014, where he was deputy director of information technology from 2006 to 2010. Mr. Drabkin was staff at Phil Giarrizzo Campaign Consultants from 1999 to 2006.

- **Steve Weeks, Public Member**

Steve Weeks of Los Angeles has served on the Board since 2017. Mr. Weeks was formerly president of a national mortgage banking company and an international business finance company. He also serves as an executive board member of Southern Methodist University and has served on several Los Angeles County Commissions.