

Government Affairs

I have sent Melissa Heeke a pdf file for the 10-minute Lobbyist created by Robert Guyer. I have also sent her a copy of Affecting Change in State Law, research and produced by Mark Putnam. These two items will be hung on the Government Affairs page of the NCSG website. These items can then be downloaded by members as needed. I plan to send a postcard to the membership directing them to the website. This will save time, paper, and postage.

On June 25, 2007, I travel to Vermont to attend an informational meeting regarding the Rutland area and Vermont statewide woodstove change out program. The CSIA Certified Chimney Sweeps credential will be recognized along with NFI and Vermont's Certified Employee Training Program (CETP), for participation in the program. A one-million dollar liability policy is required. I would like to note that the CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep credential will also be recognized in future programs of this type.

On July 10, 2007, the HPBA held a informational online session for Capwiz. This is a new advocacy program they are now using. The system provides alerts and allows you to do bill search, elected official searches, bill tracking, and has a host of other bells and whistles. This was done through a "gotomeeting" teleconference and was lead by Capwiz account manager for the HPBA, Darren Woodard. There were several of us from last year's Government Affairs Academy online, as well as this year's Government Affairs Academy attendees. I will be checking out the program for over the next month or so to see how it compares to our current Leg Alert.

Respectfully Submitted,

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