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## **From the CEO:**

During these unprecedented times of uncertainty, I would like to extend sincere best wishes for your safety, health, and well-being.

In trying to assist, NCCAP has made adjustments for applying and renewing certification, including free CEs through our professional association NAAP, Pioneer Network, and Linked Senior.

We have made available many resources on our COVID-19 Resource Page, and offer a weekly webinar to share stories and provide moral support to our friends and colleagues.

Focusing on the unseen burden of stress and anxiety, we would like to draw your attention to a webinar on "Compassion Fatigue" that will be offered on June 30. Offered by ARTDO, co-presenters will be NCCAP's President Dawn Worsley and Karl LaRowe, MA, LCSW. Karl is a speaker, trainer, coach, and author on the subject of caregiver

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burnout and will offer specific exercises that help manage stress. Look for registration details on NCCAP's FaceBook page.

Sincerely,

Peter Illig, NCCAP CEO

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**NCCAP joins the ICAA task force to lead senior living transformation after COVID-19.**

NCCAP met with industry thought leaders and key stakeholders on May 27 and May 28, 2020, to chart a path forward for North America's senior living industry.

(VANCOUVER, BC) May 27, 2020 – NCCAP CEO Peter Illig joined more than 160 industry thought leaders to provide guidance for communities throughout North America as they prepare to emerge from a period of quarantine and plan for a new post-COVID era.

Participants in the ICAA COVID-19 Senior Living Task Force include representatives of for-profit, not-for-profit, and affordable housing organizations providing active-adult and independent living, continuing care retirement communities/life plan, assisted living, long-term care, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation.

Participating industry associations include, among others, LeadingAge, American Senior Housing Association (ASHA), Argentum, American Medical Directors Association

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(AMDA), Pioneer Network, National Council on Aging (NCOA), The National Association Directors of Nursing Administration in Long-Term Care (NADONA), and the American Society on Aging (ASA). See: [www.icaa.cc](http://www.icaa.cc).

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## OBTAIN NCCAP-APPROVED CE HOURS FOR FREE!

The National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP) is making all their live webinars to all NCCAP Certified Professionals free of charge until July 1, 2020.



They are free to attend whether you are a paid NAAP member or not. All courses are NCCAP-approved for renewal purposes. For more information go to: [NAAP.info](http://NAAP.info)

NCCAP Partners have donated pre-recorded webinars for you to watch. They also offer a few live courses coming up. All are NCCAP-approved for renewal purposes. Certificates will not be issued by our Partners for these courses. Accordingly, you must complete a separate *CE Summary Verification* form for each pre-recorded webinar you submit for CE credit.

***To take advantage of these pre-recorded webinars for CE credit you must complete the following steps:***

Choose any course from our Partner's library and watch the pre-recorded webinar. Access these courses by clicking on the logo below to be taken to that Partner's page. There, you will be provided with information on how to view free courses.



For each course you watch and submit for CE credit, you must download and fully complete the *CE Summary Verification* form, available [HERE](#).

Email each fully completed *CE Summary Verification* form, which requires that you write a detailed 150 word summary of the course, to [COVIDCE@NCCAP.ORG](mailto:COVIDCE@NCCAP.ORG). Be sure to submit one *CE Summary Verification* form for each course. Keep a copy of each *CE Summary Verification* form in the event you are audited.

**NOTE: You must call the NCCAP Office to inform them when you have completed all your missing CEs required for certification renewal.**

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## May is Older Americans Month

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When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday. About a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs. Interest in older Americans and their concerns was growing.



A meeting in April 1963 between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens led to designating May as “Senior Citizens Month,” the prelude to “Older Americans Month.”

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation’s observance of Older Americans Month. This year's theme is: ***Make Your Mark***

This theme was selected to encourage and celebrate countless contributions that older adults make to our communities. Their time, experience, and talents benefit families, peers, and neighbors every day. Communities, organizations, and individuals of all ages are also making their marks. This year’s theme highlights the difference *everyone* can make in the lives of older adults, in support of caregivers, and to strengthen communities. <https://acl.gov/oam/2020/older-americans-month-2020>

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## Extension of National Exam Timeframe-July 31, 2020



The original extension date was June 30, 2020. Due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on the process for taking the NCCAP National Exam, we are again extending the timeframe for all those currently registered to take the Exam **until July 31, 2020**. We will update this timeframe as necessary.

**SUSPENSION OF FAX FEE:** In order to make it easier to submit renewal documentation via Fax, NCCAP is suspending the \$25 Fax Fee. We encourage anyone who can benefit from using a Fax to do so. Our Fax number is (757) 552-0143.

Also, please contact the office if you are experiencing financial hardship or having difficulties obtaining CE hours required for certification renewal.

## NAAP Update



The National Association of Activity Professionals welcomes Amy Laughlin, CFCFA, ADC, AAP-BC, CDP as the new President. Amy served on the Board of Directors as the Professional Development Director for the last three years. Prior to that Amy has been a NAAP member since 2009. Amy is a seasoned Activity Professional with 15 years of experience working in the CCRC setting. Amy currently works at Westminster Towers in Rock Hill, South Carolina as the Director of Resident

Services/Administrator over the Assisted Living. Amy states: "I believe firmly in a strong activity/life enrichment program and will always be an advocate for educated, empowered Activity Professionals." Please welcome Amy Laughlin as President of the National Association of Activity Professionals.



National Association of Activity Professionals recently introduced Alisa Tagg, BA ACC/EDU CADDCT CDP as their new Association Director. Alisa has over 30 years of experience working in the field of Activities mainly in skilled nursing facilities. For the last 5 years, Alisa served on the NAAP Board of Directors as President. Alisa's primary functions will be to foster and maintain professional relationships with organizations and individuals for support and furthering of the Activity Profession and to promote and increase the efficiency of the organization through streamlining of tasks and executive coordination of

NAAP services. Alisa will also be responsible for membership relations and advocating the Activity Professional in all levels of senior living. Alisa stated, "I am honored to be a part of an amazing organization and look forward to the future of the Activity Profession."

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## Renewing Your NCCAP Certification...



Want to learn more about how to renew? Check out the '[How to Renew Your Certification](#)' Video.

It's important to make sure that your correct email is on file so that you receive an email link beginning 4 months before your certification expiration date. If you don't receive this email, please contact the

NCCAP office to update your email. You will then be able to renew through the link sent to you from NCCAP via email.

## NCCAP is now following an audit process for continuing education.

You will not need to upload your certificates of proof of continuing education clock hours to your online profile on the NCCAP website or mail to the office. If you are chosen for an audit, you will be sent an email within days of your renewal submission and at that time you will be instructed on how to send in your certificates.

When your application for re-certification has been reviewed and approved you will receive your NCCAP certificate as a PDF via email. Contact the office if you wish to have a hard copy of your certificate for a nominal fee at [info@nccap.org](mailto:info@nccap.org) Please make sure you add our email to your contacts so our emails do not get blocked as spam.

## Apply for the Activity Professional Certification Today!



## Support Our Professional Association...

NAAP provides education, resources, and a voice in unison with NCCAP! NAAP membership is \$75 USD/year. Membership runs from the anniversary date for one year. Check out the membership form [here](#).



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