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STATE BOATING LAW ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNICATIONS GO LIVE!

The Department of Education is delighted to announce the availability of a superb resource that is enabled by today's Web-based capabilities.

Background: At the 2002 NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) Conference, it was suggested that some of our public education presentations were not entirely consistent with current state laws. A discussion ensued relative to how our instructors got this information and it was obvious that there was a problem with information flow.

Problem: Find a better way to mass-distribute regulatory and statutory changes to anyone in the Auxiliary with an interest in a specific state or multiple states.

Solution: The "fix" to the problem, once it was identified, was to create two tools to remedy the distribution of information:

Finding out who wants the information – If you will go to the E-Department PE Media library on the National Web site, you will notice that there is a link that is labeled STATE LAW LIST. If you click on that link, you will be taken to an online fill-in-the-blanks form where you'll be asked for name, address, E-mail address, etc. and will be able to select those states about which you want to receive statutory/regulatory updates. Once you enter your personal data and confirm the submission of same, you will become one on the members of the state specific lists described below.

Distributing the information – The E Department has created 52 list servers utilizing state names as the first part and our PE site as the URL, i.e. florida@cgauxed.org, newjersey@cgauxed.org, and so forth. Working with the Boating Department, we will inform every state Boating Law Administrator that these list servers have been established. Then, any time they want to notify the Auxiliary of any statutory/regulatory changes, all they have to do is type in the address created for their state and hit "SEND". In addition, if the Boating Law Administrators wish to simply send out a PDF document as an attachment, that will be possible as well. Instantly, everyone who has entered their personal data and been added to the state-specific list will get the information including District, Division and Flotilla Staff Officers, Recreational Boating Safety Specialists, State Liaison Officers, and those in any department having an interest in the information.

The most critical first step that requires the proactive involvement of all Auxiliary members who truly need this information is to follow the link and get the appropriate data entered. If you are added to any state specific list server the Boating Law Administrators will easily be able to keep us all informed henceforth.