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### **New NCTA Membership Agreement**

As detailed in the eblast to members on January 25, NCTA is happy to announce a new [Membership Agreement](#). The new agreement, which all NCTA members will be required to acknowledge, will simplify the membership process, clarify the services we provide to members and provide a solid legal foundation that ensures appropriate protection for both members and our organization.

In order to renew your membership, this form must be submitted prior to renewal. All current members will need to review and sign the agreement.

The agreement must be signed no later than **March 1, 2024**, to ensure your membership remains active in the future. You will be required to acknowledge the agreement each year as part of the renewal process, which will also ensure that you are reminded of the services and benefits you will receive and the terms you are accepting as a member.

If you have questions or need further information about the Membership Agreement, please reach out to [info@ncta-testing.org](mailto:info@ncta-testing.org).

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**Important Note:** After submitting this agreement, you will likely see an error message regarding having already completing this form. Please disregard this message and click on the NCTA Homepage Link in the upper lefthand corner to resume viewing the NCTA Website.

### **2024 NCTA Conference - [Call for Proposals](#) Deadline**

There are **nine** days remaining to get your presentation proposals in for the 2024 NCTA Conference! To ensure full consideration, **program proposals must be submitted on or before 5:00 pm EST on Friday, February 9, 2024.**

#### **Proposal Submission Dates/Deadlines:**

Friday, February 9 - Final day to submit a proposal for full consideration (5:00 pm EST)

Wednesday, February 28 - Final notification

If you have questions, please contact us at [conference@ncta-testing.org](mailto:conference@ncta-testing.org).

### **Proctor Certification News!**

NCTA is excited to announce the launch of the Proctor Certification Program in March 2024! We are proud to offer this new certification in response to the industry's need for standardization of professional competency across sites, jurisdictions, and types of testing.

Visit the NCTA [Proctor Certification page](#) to review the Proctor Certification Handbook, resources used in the development of the exam, Terms of Service agreement, test dates, application form, and contact information for the Proctor Certification Committee.

Why seek certification?

Attaining NCTA Proctor Certification will:

- Enhance the credibility of professional proctors by demonstrating they understand and adhere to proctoring best practices.
- Further the professional development of testing staff working in educational institutions and the private sector.
- Help to ensure the preservation and relevance of exam content for all stakeholders including test vendors, sponsors, and examinees.
- Provide opportunities for new proctoring training that is non-specific to a test program.

- Protecting testing integrity by ensuring individuals understand industry standards and guidelines.

Questions can be directed to [proctorcertainment@ncta-testing.org](mailto:proctorcertainment@ncta-testing.org).

### **The NCTA Grants Program is Open!**

The purpose of the Annual Grants Program is to offer opportunities for professional development, to promote the development of resources for NCTA members, to encourage professional support activities, to stimulate research pertinent to the field of testing (for possible submission to the NCTA Journal), and to support the testing profession.

There are two types of grant awards available:

- Professional development grants (PDG) focus on projects and works intended to enhance professional testing practices, offer professional development opportunities and encourage professional support.
- Research grants (RG) may fall into two areas. Research relevant to the field of testing that may qualify for submission to the NCTA Journal, and research or works done to advance collaborative efforts among testing professionals, companies, and other policy-making agencies.

**The Grants Program closes on March 15.** Please see the [NCTA website](#) for more information.

### **Conflict of Interest Form - All NCTA Volunteers MUST Complete**

As a reminder, the NCTA [Conflict of Interest form](#) were due January 31st. If you are an NCTA Volunteer, please complete the [form](#) as quickly as possible to remain in compliance.

If you have questions, please reach out to [Samuel.Ramirez@untdallas.edu](mailto:Samuel.Ramirez@untdallas.edu), the Chair of the Volunteer Committee

### **NCTA Book Study Discussion Ideas for Spring & Future**

We need your input! If you have any suggestions for future book discussions for spring 2024 or after, or if you are willing to lead the discussions, please submit your suggestions for books or discussion leads using [this form](#).

### **Webinar Available - Friday, February 23, 9:00 am PST**

**Title:** Artificial Intelligence & Academic Integrity: Musings on the Future of Assessment

**Presenter:** Tricia Bertram Gallant, Director, Academic Integrity & Triton Testing, UC San Diego

**Description:** 15 months into the disruptive force that is Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI), higher education students, faculty and staff continue to be perplexed about if, how, when, and why they should be using GenAI for teaching, learning and assessment. Of course, students are already using these programs, cognitively off-loading some (or all) of their academic work, but as GenAI evolves, it will be able to do all of the cognitive heavy-lifting for students. So, what does all of this mean for assessment and degree integrity? Join Dr. Bertram Gallant in this session to muse about the critical roles that testing and academic integrity professionals will play in the future of assessment.

You will receive an email shortly with registration information. Bio information for Tricia Bertram Gallant is attached.

### **Newly Certified and Recertified Test Centers**

#### **Recertified**

State Fair Community College

Franklin University

Oklahoma City Testing Center

If you have items to contribute to *Quick Bites* that are a benefit to all members of the NCTA organization, please share them with Jan Gonzalez, Administration division chair, at [jan.gonzalez@pnw.edu](mailto:jan.gonzalez@pnw.edu).

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