

Seasons Greetings NCD!

December is always so busy – preparing for the holidays, out of town guests, shopping, decorating the house without falling off the roof, wrapping up those year-end tasks and final reports, and preparing for the New Year. It's a lot...but it also brings the end of the year and a big sigh of relief. Here in Michigan its so cold that the sigh usually freezes right off your tongue!

January always brings us a new breath of fresh air, and for me motivation! Especially when you look at the things our NCD members have planned. We all have some great meetings planned with some pretty interesting continuing education courses, and the chance to make connections and visit with colleagues we don't see very often. Drew, Mark, Jeff and I will be making the rounds to as many of the Chapters meetings as we can this spring, and we encourage you to do the same!

- **Dakota**- Joint meeting with MN February 25-27
- **Illinois**- February 26-28
- **Iowa**- February 12-13
- **Kansas**- January 31- February 1
- **Michigan**- March 13-15
- **Minnesota**- Joint meeting with Dakota February 25-27
- **Missouri**- February 5-7
- **Nebraska**- February 4-6
- **Ontario**- February 28- March 2
- **Ohio**- January 29
- **Wisconsin**- February 19-21



Chapter Awards Committee Chairs – don't forget to send the names and contact information for the Duffy winners to me ASAP! We have only heard from Kansas, Minnesota, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Double check with chapter presidents and make sure to get your recipient names to me at hettingerh@michigan.gov . For those of you who have sent in names, make sure these students attend the NCD business meeting Monday afternoon at the MFWFC to be recognized.

Happy New Year!

Heather

December |dè 'sem bər| n. a month of lights, snow and feasts, time to make amends and tie loose ends, finish off what you started and hope your wishes come true.