



COWBOY COLLECTOR

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The *Cowboy Collector* is the Board's semi-annual newsletter. The newsletter is mailed to all Wyoming licensed collection agencies and is also available on the Board's Internet web site.

Items included in this mailing are:

- A note from the Board's Chairman
- An announcement of the Statute and Rule Change Meeting in July
- Semi-Annual Administrative Report for June 2002.
- The June 2002 list of Wyoming Licensed Agencies. *(Please locate your agency on the list and make sure the information is correct. If you find an error, please e-mail the Board with the correction.)*



A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings from the Wyoming Collection Agency Board! As the days warm and we move into summer, the Wyoming Collection Agency Board wishes to extend a heartfelt THANK-YOU to all who submitted information to us concerning the activity of unlicensed agencies. As you know, we are a three-member board and we simply cannot keep track of all of the activities of unlicensed agencies. Without your help, most unlicensed collection activity would go unreported. Therefore, continue to keep us

informed of any activity you run across, which appears to come from an unlicensed agency. Sending written documentation of the possible violation is very helpful as well.

Should any of you have any questions or need clarification as to the statutes, rules or the application of them, please let us know. We will be glad to respond to your inquiries. Enjoy the summer!

The Wyoming Collection Agency Board is there to serve and protect licensed agencies, as well as for the benefit of the consumer. I speak for the entire Board by saying we all consider it a privilege to serve on the Wyoming Collection Agency Board.

Rocky L. Edmonds
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Statute and Rule Change Meeting

On July 10, 2002 the Board has scheduled a meeting for the exclusive purpose of reviewing and possibly revising the statutes and rules applicable to Collection Agencies. If any of you have any suggestions for changes or additions to the statutes or rules, please send those suggestions to us soon via e-mail at ssmith@wyaudit.state.wy.us, or fax to the Collection Agency Board at (307) 777-3555. The procedure necessary to make changes is a slow one, so we need your suggestions as soon as possible.

Wyoming Collection Agency Board Semi-Annual Administrative Report January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002

<i>Licensing:</i>	Totals:
Number of Agencies as of January 1, 2002	79
Agencies added	40
Agencies closed	2
In-State Agencies	23
Out-of-State Agencies	96
Total Current number of Licensed Agencies as of June 30, 2002 (a 33% increase)	119
<i>Complaints:</i>	Totals:
Number of Complaint Calls Received since January 1, 2002	11
Complaint Forms Filed with the Board	9
Complaints Dismissed	7
Complaints Closed with Conditional Terms of Settlement	0
Complaints Resolved by Letter of Reprimand or Advisement	1
Complaints Resolved in Informal Manner	0
Complaints Currently Under Investigation	1
<i>Cease and Desist Letters Sent:</i>	Totals:
Cease and Desist Letters Sent	5

For copies of the Semi-Annual Report and the January 2002 list of Wyoming Licensed Agencies visit the Board's web site. In addition to the alphabetical listing of the licensed agencies, the January 2002 list is also available by city.
