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Texas Business and Technology Educators Association March 2010 Membership Update

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Dear Daniel:

As Spring arrives, so does our planning for this summer's Texas Career Education Conference get into full gear. In this month's update, you will learn more about registering and reserving your hotel room for the conference in Dallas, Texas. Remember to take advantage of the new TBTEA membership benefit of \$40 of your conference registration.

The Texas Career Education Conference is being held July 12-15, 2010 at the Sheraton Dallas. This conference is a comprehensive event with sessions and activities for CTE educators including:

- CTE administrators
- Guidance counselors
- Health science teachers
- Business teachers
- Marketing teachers
- Finance teachers

The conference website and registration has launched. We are expecting a high volume of hotel bookings and would advise you to book your hotel room early to assure you get the room you want.

Sheraton Dallas
Conference Headquarters
400 North Olive St.
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 922-8000
(866) 716-8634

[Reserve online now](#)

Group Code: TCEC (for call-in reservations only)
Rate: \$95 for single/double
Rates expire: Thursday, June 17

Should you have any TBTEA related questions or concerns please feel free to address those to me at blierdan@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Daniel Blier
Vice President–Secondary Education

MEMBERSHIP

TBTEA has added a new method to join and pay your membership. Visit us online and complete the membership form [here](#). You have two choices at this point:

1. Complete the membership form on your computer and print it. Send a check made out to TBTEA along with your completed form.
2. Complete the membership form and determine how much your membership and other amenities total up and click on [this link](#) to PayPal. Once you have processed your payment, send your completed form to Barbara Leschber at the email address on the form.

The Texas Career Education Conference will be offering active TBTEA members a \$40 discount for this year's conference. We are excited to add this new membership benefit to our members. More details will be announced in March when the TCEC website will be launched. Please encourage your colleagues to join TBTEA so they will be able to take advantage of this valuable membership benefit. Here is our current [membership form](#).

Any questions or concerns regarding your TBTEA membership should be addressed to [Dan Blier, Vice President–Secondary Education](#). Specific needs relating to Liability Insurance should be directed to [Barbara Leschber, Executive Director](#).

CONFERENCES

NBEA 2010 Annual Convention

Active NBEA members should consider attending this year's NBEA Annual Convention

in San Diego, California from March 30-April 3, 2010. Click on this [link](#) to learn more about this conference's registration and hotel arrangements.

Mountain-Plains Business Education Association (M-PBEA)

Fort Collins, Colorado will be the location of our next MPBEA Conference from June 17-19, 2010. Visit this [link](#) to learn more about this conference and M-PBEA.

The Pre-Conference is being presented by Insurance Education Institute on June 23 and 24 at the convention venue, Fort Collins Marriott, Fort Collins, Colorado. Complete information and the application are available on MPBEA's website www.mpbea.org.

Mountain-Plains Business Education Association is seeking volunteers to serve as either coordinators or liaisons. An article is available online explaining the responsibilities and the form is available on the website www.mpbea.org.

Texas Career Education Conference

The TCEC will be held in at the Sheraton Hotel in Dallas, Texas from July 12-15, 2010.

All conference registration, hotel reservations and other conference information can be found at <http://tcec2010.com/>.

Please note that ATC Trainings has been moved to Wednesday, July 14 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm.

Please review the following policies regarding the Early Bird deadline (May 7) and Perkins funds being used to pay conference fees after July 1.

Policies regarding registration payment have been made in an effort to prevent invalid registrations and significant financial risk to the organizations underwriting the conference. Registration without payment inflates attendance counts and includes individuals who fail to cancel and who fail to make payment for registration. The advance registration cut-off dates may not be delayed because it limits the ability to produce the volume of materials needed in time for the conference for over 2,000 attendees. Additionally, accurate registration counts are necessary for procurement of materials and contractual obligations for sleeping room guarantees, food and beverage guarantees, meeting room set up and shuttle transportation contracts.

The unfortunate drawback for this policy is that districts using Perkins funds to pay for summer conferences occurring after July 1 will miss the early bird registration deadline and must register at the regular rate, which is \$30.00 more. Also, after the early bird rate expires, members can register at a rate lower than the non-member early bird rate.

This system will be piloted during the summer of 2010, evaluated for effectiveness and modified as needed. Our interest is in providing high quality conferences serving the professional development needs of career and technical educators. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

During the past week, a Discount Code was sent to all TBTEA paid members. If you did not receive this email from our conference management, please contact [Dan Blier](#) to get

your discount code. This code is only good for the member it is assigned to and cannot be transferred to others or reused.

[Register today for the Texas Career Education Conference.](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our scholarship application deadline has passed. The committee is finalizing decision and scholarship recipients will soon be announced. Letters will be sent to each individual by the start of April informing of the committee's difficult decision.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS/LEGISLATION

February 25 and 26, 2010, I attended the Business Administration and Management TEKS training at the TEA Region XI Service Center. [Read](#) the information I shared about what I learned at the TEKS Training Session.

TEKS training is being planned at various [TEA Regional Service Centers](#). Contact your local service center to find out when and where these training opportunities will be offered. We also plan to offer these opportunities during the Texas Career Education Conference.

NBEA

National Business Education Association is the national organization representing our curriculum at the United States Government level. Are you interested in joining NBEA, but need more information? Contact Violet Snell, TBTEA's National Representative, for assistance.

AWARDS

The deadline for award nominations has passed. We will be announcing all award recipients at this summer's TBTEA Awards Luncheon during the Texas Career Education Conference. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance with your conference registration to be sure you are able to join us for lunch with your fellow business and technology teachers. Each year, there are only a limited number of seats at this luncheon and we are forced to turn some of our members away. Don't be a business teacher left behind.

COMMITTEES

Our committee chairs continue to work hard for our association. If you wish to serve on one of these committees, please contact the committee chair. You can find contact information on the <http://TBTEA.org> website.

Committee	Chair
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Awards	Donna Crook
Conference	Janet Flusche
Educational Development	Mazie Will
Fundraiser	Shirlyelaine Gray
Governmental Relations/Legislative Action	Tina Casey
Nominating	Michelle Kirkland
Membership	Dan Blier
Scholarship	Dan Blier