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Dear Daniel:

Last week ended the first nine weeks of the 2009-2010 school year. This year is progressing very well with 25% of our school year already completed. Our goal is to improve communication through monthly membership updates via email. Each month, you should keep an eye out for an email from me letting you know what is happening with TBTEA. The TBTEA Membership Updates should be sent out to the members sometime between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

I have enjoyed hearing back from some of our members and assisting them with their needs. Do not hesitate to contact me or another member of the Executive Board with your questions, concerns or to share your wonderful ideas.

Our TBTEA [website](#) is constantly being updated with valuable information. Visit us online periodically to stay informed about TBTEA business, find needed forms, scholarship and award guidelines, and to search for TBTEA Board member contact information.

Dan Blier  
Vice President – Secondary Education

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## MEMBERSHIP

This year, the TBTEA State Officers and Regional Representatives are all serving on the Membership Committee. We have set a focus of building our membership and improving the services offered to our members. If you know of other teachers in your building or the school district that teach Business and Technology classes, please encourage them to join and become actively involved in TBTEA. It would be helpful for you to share the names and contact information with your Regional Representative.

Contact information for each Regional Representative can be found on the TBTEA [website](#). Members in a region with no Regional Representative should send the information to Dan Blier.

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.

## ***THE VOICE***

*The Voice* is TBTEA's Newsletter. Karen May has set a deadline of **November 30, 2009** to turn in articles for the next issue of *The Voice*. Consider sharing your classroom successes, creative lesson plans or other valuable tips with your colleagues around Texas by writing an article. Articles reflecting on your classroom successes could benefit your fellow TBTEA members, too. This is a great way to promote your school's programs and celebrate when you have great students, facilities or resources available to you to aid in your success. Articles must be received by [Karen May](#) prior to **November 30<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the next issue of *The Voice*. Late submissions will be held for inclusion in a future publication of *The Voice*.

## **AWARDS**

Donna Crook will be sending out information about each of our state TBTEA awards in the coming weeks. Consider nominating someone deserving for each of our awards Students, colleagues and administrators appreciate being recognized for their hard work by others that work closely with them daily. The deadline for submitting nomination forms to Donna will be February 15, 2010. The forms are not yet available, but start thinking about who you should nominate for recognition this year. Award winners will be announced at the luncheon during the Business and Marketing Professional Development Conference.

## **CONFERENCES**

### **TBTEA Area Cluster Conferences**

TBTEA Area Cluster Conferences are only a few weeks away. Three Cluster Conferences are being planned.

1. Athens will be the site of one of the TBTEA Cluster Conferences on Monday, November 9, 2009. Visit the [conference website](#) for registration and other related information. Contact [David Loper](#) with any questions or concerns.
2. TBTEA Members in the Lubbock area are invited to attend the TBTEA Cluster Conference on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at Orlando's on Avenue Q at 6 p.m. Contact [Janet Flusche](#) for more information about the TBTEA Cluster Conference in Lubbock.
3. San Antonio area TBTEA members are invited to participate in the TBTEA Cluster Conference to be held on November 12, 2009. Contact [Violet Snell](#) for more information.

### **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. Questions regarding this conference should be directed to [Sandy Braathen](#).

### **Texas Business and Marketing Professional Development Conference**

The Business and Marketing Professional Development Conference dates have been set. The conference will be at the Sheraton in Dallas from July 12-15, 2010. More information will be coming to you in your mail box and online from CTAT, our conference managers.

Check the [TBTEA website](#) for link to information about all these conferences. We hope you will join us for these great opportunities to learn and network with other business and technology educators.

## **NBEA**

Are you interested in joining NBEA, but need more information? Contact [Violet Snell](#), TBTEA's National Representative, for assistance.

## **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS/LEGISLATION**

The committee's plan of action is to put engage in meaningful and informative communication with the elected members of the Texas House and Senate. Our goal is to help the elected members of the Texas House and Senate better understand what is taught in Business and Technology classes and why these are very important for students to gain these skills while in high school. If you have any successful and positive communication with your elected legislative representatives, please share this information with [Tina Casey](#).

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year, TBTEA awards several scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to one graduating FBLA member, one graduating BPA member, and to one active PBL member. Additionally, one professional scholarship is awarded to financially assist an educator in the pursuit of an advanced degree. The deadline for submitting the scholarship applications to Dan Blier will be February 15, 2010. Guidelines and applications should be available online on or about November 15, 2009.

## **COMMITTEES**

October 16-17, the TBTEA Board met for our annual meeting. During this meeting, committees began their work for this year. We will share important information about what each committee is working on when the monthly membership update is sent out.

The committee chairs for this membership year have been appointed. Won't you volunteer to serve on one of these committees? The committee chairpersons are noted below. You can find our email addresses on the [TBTEA website](#).

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>
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

## **REGIONS 3 AND 19 MEMBERS**

We need your help. Would you please consider serving as a Regional Representative and being the voice for your region? The duties of the Regional Representatives are very limited. First, each Regional Representative is asked to help recruit new members from within your region. Secondly, there are usually two Board meetings per year. The annual meeting is held during the month of October in the Fall and the Spring meeting is held using teleconferencing technology. Please contact [Ann Wilson](#) to volunteer to serve your region and TBTEA.