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Texas Business and Technology Educators Association February 2011 Membership Update

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Dear Dan:

The past few weeks have been quite a rollercoaster. The entire State of Texas saw below freezing temperatures, resulting in school closing and reevaluation of our lesson plans for those days that will not be made up. I hope everyone enjoyed this past week with above average temperatures allowing us to stop bundling up in the mornings.

Many deadlines are approaching soon for various TBTEA related activities. I will highlight all of the upcoming deadlines here. However, please refer to that specific area for more detailed information.

2011 TBTEA Journal	Submission deadline is now March 1, 2011.
CONFERENCES	NBEA 2011 Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hotel Reservations are due March 30, 2011.• Convention Registration is due by March 31, 2011 to avoid extra fees.
	MP-BEA 2011 Regional Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference Registration form is not yet available.• Apply for Leadership Development Institute (LDI) by contacting: Sandy Braathen, LDI Director, at sbraathen@business.und.edu for a nomination form by January 31, 2011.
	TCEC 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TCEC 2011 Call for Presenters forms are due to angie@ctat.org by

	<p>Friday, March 4, 2011. CTAT staff will contact those approved to present by April 8, 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration information coming soon.
AWARDS	<p>TBTEA 2010 Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations must be received by March 1, 2011 to the Awards Committee Chair, Michelle Kirkland, fkirkland@vidorisd.org

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

2011 TBTEA Journal

It is time to submit your papers for the 2011 TBTEA Journal. Submission deadline has been extended to March 1, 2011. Here is the link for all of the submission information:

<http://tbtea.org/documents/Call%20for%20Papers%202011.doc>.

MEMBERSHIP

The Texas Career Education Conference 2011 will be offering active TBTEA members a \$40 discount for this year's conference. We are excited to continue this new membership benefit to our members. 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 2011 Annual Convention

New Orleans, LA, April 20-23, 2011

Website: <http://nbea.org/newsite/conferences/convention/convention.html>

Mountain-Plains Business Education Association (M-PBEA)

Wichita, KS, June 16-18, 2011

Website: <http://www.mpbea.org/>

Texas Career Education Conference

The TCEC will be again held at the Sheraton Hotel in Dallas, Texas from July 17-20, 2011. Please mark your calendar to join us next summer.

Website: <http://TexasCareerEducationConference.com>.

The Call for Presentations is officially available for this summer's conference. Please go to the home page of <http://TBTEA.org> and find the link for the form. Forms must be submitted to angie@ctat.org by March 4, 2011. Please consider being a presenter for one of the following topics:

1. Accounting
2. Certification (Office 2007, Office 2010, and Windows 7)
3. Cloud Computing
4. Assessments (formative/summative)
5. Office 2010
6. Photography (print versus web)
7. Video – software demos, uses and demos / also How to create effective videos
8. Adobe CS5
9. Electronic Communication (Social Media Networks, Twitter, and Meebo)
10. Webmastering / Multimedia

This year's Business tour will be Cowboys Stadium. We tried other venues, but due to the tour being scheduled for a Sunday we were limited to businesses that are geared up for weekend visitors.

ACTE 2011 Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo

November 17-19 in St. Louis. MO. Visit [ACTE's website](#) for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Cheryl Mallan will chair this committee during this membership year. Please be sure that deserving seniors are applying for these scholarships. There will be two \$800 secondary scholarships, one \$800 post-secondary, and one \$800 professional scholarship awarded for 2010-2011. All information is now online at <http://www.tbtea.org>. Please encourage your students and your TBTEA peers pursuing a graduate degree to apply.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS/LEGISLATION

The TBTEA Legislative Committee and Board has developed the 2011 Legislative Agenda and Supporting Information below.

TBTEA's CTE and Educational Targets for the current Legislative Biennium.

Our major concern is that the Texas Association of Business has identified Community Colleges as a source for cutting funding as they would be forced to compete with 4 year universities for some of the state funding. This would mean our Secondary members could lose some of the funding for Tech Prep programs. We (Lewisville ISD CTE) have identified the Tech Prep program as a vital part of recruiting students into our programs. Those districts that eliminated the Technology requirement for graduation need this marketing tool. Also, in this economy, parents and students need an inexpensive way to earn college credit.

Additionally, we want to protect our CTE electives by keeping graduation requirements as they stand. Business and Technology departments have been hit hard in districts that didn't keep the technology requirement for graduation. We cannot allow other electives to earn a required status.

TBTEA adopts CTAT advocacy agenda to support all CTE Curriculums.

The 2011 CTAT Legislative Agenda calls for the State of Texas to:

1. Ensure adequate funding levels to provide high-quality career and technical education programs.
2. Ensure student access to dual credit programs at the high school level through adequate funding.
3. Alleviate negative financial repercussions for students beginning college course work in high school.
4. Maintain flexibility in state graduation requirements for students to pursue courses based on their education and career interests.

We believe that all associations representing CTE will benefit their respective members and students by sharing these goals and providing support for advocacy efforts.

The TBTEA wants to make sure that our members' educational priorities are heard by the Texas Legislature. We believe that advocacy of the legislative agenda will provide a positive benefit for our members.

Our goal this year is to also involve business leaders from our communities to help us target areas that our students should receive training that will best benefit businesses in Texas in the future. We will be creating a Business Advisory Council to advise the TBTEA Board of Directors. If you know of any business leader based in Texas that would be a great asset to the Board, please contact [Dan Blier](#), Legislative Chair.

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

Michelle Kirkland will serve as chair of this committee this year. Deadlines and forms will be available soon for you to nominate deserving professionals. Please take a moment to recognize individuals who make the educational experience better for everyone. Please visit http://tbtea.org/documents/tbtea_awards_announcement_2011.pdf for more information.

Below is a list of the 2011 Awards.

- Secondary Business Teacher of the Year
- Postsecondary Business Teacher of the Year
- Senior College or University Business Teacher of the Year
- Administrative or Supervisor of the Year (nominee does not have to be a member of TBTEA only nominator)
- Business Firm, Government Agency, or Industry associated with these Groups of the Year (nominee does not have to be a member of TBTEA)

- only nominator)
- Rookie Teacher of the Year (1-3 yr. experience)
- Technology Support Specialist of the Year (New category)
(nominee does not have to be a TBTEA member only nominator)
- ACTE Teacher of the Year
- ACTE Outstanding Career and Technical Educator
- ACTE Outstanding New Career and Technical Education Teacher
- ACTE Outstanding Teacher in Community Service

COMMITTEES

TBTEA 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
2011 TBTEA Journal	Karen May
Awards	Michelle Kirkland
Conference	Karen May
Educational Development	Mazie Will
Fundraiser	Shirlyelaine Gray
Governmental Relations/Legislative Action	Dan Blier
Nominating	Ann Wilson
Membership	Dan Blier
Scholarship	Cheryl Mallan
President's Council	David Loper