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Texas Business and Technology Educators Association April 2011 Membership Update

April 21, 2011

Dan Blier
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Dear Dan:

This month has seen education on the news daily. Districts around the DFW area have been announcing their budgets, potential layoffs or jobs they will save. The Texas Legislature continues to debate how to fund our state for the next two years. We are seeing so many cuts to many programs that I hope will not move our state in the wrong direction.

There are a number of notes related to this summer's Texas Career Education Conference noted below. Please be sure to read through this section to be sure you get all of this important information.

Are you a statistics instructor and attending this summer's conference? If so, please contact me immediately. We have a need for presenter during the conference.

Are you aware of any business or technology job for the 2011-2012 school year? If so, please send the information to me for posting on our website. We know some teachers may lose their positions due to budget constraints. We want to help our members by posting opportunities in their area when we know about such positions.

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

Years of Membership Recognition

Have you been a member of TBTEA for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30+ years? If so, please contact Barbara Leschber (barbaraleschber@yahoo.com) to confirm that your years of 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 2011

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>.

- Discount codes for conference registration were sent out this week from Bailey Morrison [robin@ctat.ccsend.com]. Please check your spam folder if you did not receive your discount code. If you do not receive your code, please email me at blierdan@aol.com and I will get the unique code to you.
- Early Bird registration deadline is May 18, 2011. Please be sure your registration is complete before this deadline to take advantage of this cost savings.
- 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.

- Don't forget to reserve your seat for this year's TBTEA Awards Luncheon. Tickets are \$20 and should be purchased at the time of your registration to reserve your seat.

ACTE 2011 Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo

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

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.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS/LEGISLATION

Technology Applications TEKS Information

This is your last chance to have a say in what will be taught and learned in the Technology Application courses. **Please forward this message to anyone who has influence in this area in your district.**

The State Board Of Education will be receiving comments on the Technology Applications TEKS until next Tuesday (April 12th). The SBOE begins meeting on Wednesday. They will take testimony on the TEKS on Thursday, and then approve them on Friday.

Take time to review the revisions of the TEKS. You can find them

here: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2386>

Send your comments to this address: rules@tea.state.tx.us Please include the subchapter with your comments.

The TBTEA Legislative Committee and Board have 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.

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

