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## **Texas Business and Technology Educators Association December 2010-January 2011 Membership Update**

January 23, 2011

Dear TBTEA Members:

The TBTEA Board of Directors wishes you a happy new year. It is hard to believe another year has come and gone.

Texas' budget over the next two years is something to watch. A major part of the state's operating budget is education. More specific information about items that will affect our members is noted in the Governmental/Legislative Committee.

Should you have any TBTEA related questions or concerns please feel free to address those to me at [blierdan@aol.com](mailto: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 is February 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

### Mountain-Plains Business Education Association (M-PBEA)

Wichita, KS, June 16-18, 2011

### 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.

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. 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>. Region 20 also has scholarship applications and information on our website. Please encourage your students to apply.

# GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS/LEGISLATION

This coming year, the Texas State Legislature will meet again. This will be a session that we all need to watch closely. With a projected \$25 Billion tax revenue shortfall, the legislature is likely to look to make cuts to the education budget. We will be working with our lobbyist to assure that Business and Technology education are presented to our elected officials in a positive way that shows a need for our courses and the benefits they provide to our communities. Some of the information being reported in the press regarding the education budget is of major concern. According to the Dallas Morning News, the current House budget could shed 100,000 teaching jobs from Primary, Secondary and Post-Secondary school across the state. A few Community Colleges are potentially on chopping block. Tech Prep is under scrutiny by the Texas Association of Businesses ([A Fairer Deal for Community Colleges](#)). The TBTEA Board will be discussing these issues once this committee decides on recommendations. The TBTEA Board will ask our lobbyist to address these specific issues with a clear statement.

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.

## NBEA AWARDS

The nomination forms for the NBEA Awards that will be presented at the annual NBEA national convention April 19-23, 2011 are now available online at <http://www.nbea.org/newsite/opportunities/index.html>. Our goal is to have at least one nominee from every state in each category for the Selection Committee to consider when choosing the winner. Whether or not we will reach that goal will ultimately be up to you and your business education colleagues.

The Awards Program was established to inspire, promote, honor, and reward outstanding achievement in and contributions to the profession. Through the program, we recognize outstanding service to business education each year. Last year we added a sixth award category-Middle School Teacher of the Year. Please continue to promote this recognition opportunity for outstanding business teachers at the middle school and junior high level.

We urge you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to recognize your state's outstanding NBEA members by nominating someone in each Award category:

- I. Secondary Teacher of the Year Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by a Secondary Business Teacher;
- II. Postsecondary Teacher of the Year Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by a Postsecondary Business Teacher (Other Than a Senior College or University);
- III. Collegiate Teacher of the Year Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by a Senior College or University Business Teacher;
- IV. Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by an

Administrator or Supervisor of Business Education;

V. Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by an Institution, Organization, Business Firm, Government Agency, or an Individual Associated with Any of These Groups;

VI. Or Middle School Teacher of the Year Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by a Middle School Business Teacher.

The Awards will be presented during the annual Awards Luncheon at the NBEA Convention, and the winners will receive a custom-designed plaque and a one-year professional membership in NBEA. The winners are then featured in the October issue of the Business Education Forum.

Each nominee is required to submit seven copies on the paper color identified in point number three of the guidelines. If you have any questions regarding the procedures or need additional information, please contact NBEA Headquarters.

## 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.

## 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
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