



Texas Business and Technology Educators Association February 2010 Membership Update

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Dear Daniel:

February is a short month with lots of important events for our CTE students. FBLA and BPA hold many regional/area competitions throughout the state to help identify the best in Texas. Additionally, FBLA, BPA and TBTEA members need to get applications completed and sent in time for the TBTEA scholarship postmark deadline of February 16.

High schools throughout Texas have begun the process of working with their students to choose course for the 2010-2011 academic year. My students and I have put together information about some of the courses offered at Flower Mound High School to help educate our students and parents. You can view the information on [this page](#).

As we get closer to the end of the school year, student and staff recognition also becomes a focus of organizations. If you have some great community recognition programs within your building that identifies students and staff for the great things they do, please send me information about these programs. I serve on the Building Leadership Team on my campus and we are looking for new ways to recognize support staff, teachers and students. Send information about your programs to me by Monday, February 15, 2010 at blierd@lisd.net. Other TBTEA related questions or concerns should be addressed to me at blierdan@aol.com.

There are many deadlines approaching. Please read through each category to be sure you do not miss any these deadlines.

Sincerely,

Daniel Blier
Vice President–Secondary Education

MEMBERSHIP

The Texas Career Education Conference will be offering active TBTEA members a 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. We are looking for presenters at this conference. Over 2,000 business, marketing, technology, health science educators, counselors and administrators will come together to share ideas, fellowships and learn together. Please consider submitting to be a presenter this coming summer. You can find the presentation form by clicking [here](#). If you know of others that would be great resources, send this information to Dan Blier to be sure they are contacted about presenting at this summer's conference.

Rates for the Texas Career Education Conference have been set. More information will be coming to you next month.

	Early Bird	Regular
Member Rate	\$295.00	\$335.00
Non-Member Rate	\$325.00	\$365.00
Retiree	\$135.00	\$135.00

Presenters will receive a \$70 refund after conference

Check the [TBTEA website](#) for links 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The applications for the 2009-2010 scholarships are now online. Scholarships are awarded to a graduating FBLA, BPA, PBL, BPA Post-Secondary and a Professional member. Please visit our website for the [current forms](#). The deadline for submitting the scholarship applications to [Dan Blier](#) will be February 15, 2010.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS/LEGISLATION

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.

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
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

AWARDS

Nominations for the following awards are due March 1, 2010. Award categories include:

- 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 Specialists 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

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.

Nominations must be received by March 1, 2010 to the Awards Committee Chair, Donna Crook, dcrook@lapoynorisd.net. Visit the TBTEA [Awards link](#) for the current forms.