

Texas Business and Technology Educators Association
Membership Update
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Dear Daniel:

Last Monday, I attended the TBTEA Cluster Conference in Athens, Texas. I want to thank the members and officers for putting together a great conference experience for everyone. I came back to my home campus with new ideas and inspiration to expand our programs.

This week I am taking my FBLA students to a business conference at DeVry University in Irving, Texas. I look forward to hearing the speakers and watching my students connect what they learn in the classroom with the “real” world.

Friday, November 13th, ended the first progress reporting period for the 2nd nine weeks of the year. I had a student that was really struggling to learn the keys of the keyboard and has some learning differences. On my way out to my car, I ran into this student. I had just caught up on my grading and this student was now above a 75. Until then, he had been struggling to pass and keep up with the other students. I was filled with joy when he started jumping up and down, excited about his new grade. These are the moments we always strive to achieve. I hope you find these rewarding moments too.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let’s remember to be thankful for the opportunity to shape the young lives we encounter every day. Have a safe and restful Thanksgiving break.

Dan Blier
Vice President – Secondary Education

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 Texas Business and Technology Association luncheon during the Texas Career Education Conference.

THE VOICE

Please remember to send in your article to Karen May for the next issue of *The Voice*. Karen May has set a deadline of **November 30, 2009**. Take a moment to reflect on your successes in the class, campus or district. Consider sharing your classroom successes, creative lesson plans or other valuable tips with your colleagues around Texas by writing an article. Articles must be received by [Karen May](#) prior to **November 30th** to be included in the next issue of *The Voice*. Late submissions will be held for inclusion in a future publication of *The Voice*.

MEMBERSHIP

As our membership continues to grow, TBTEA continues to strengthen our programs and evaluates our many member benefits. Our success is due in part to your continued active participation in our association. Please share your experiences with your colleagues and encourage them to become a TBTEA member.

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

Texas Career Education Conference

The Business and Marketing Professional Development Conference has a new name and a broader target group. The conference will be at the Sheraton in Dallas from July 12-15, 2010. A recent email was sent out about the conference from Kristen Tan, Conference Manager. Additionally, Dan Blier has been chosen to represent TBTEA as the Conference Coordinator. If you have ideas for the summer conference, please contact Dan Blier. Calls for programs will go out to our members soon, please consider being a presenter. 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.

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.

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

Marty DeLeon spoke at the Region 7 Cluster Conference in Athens, Texas. Marty gave us an overall look at the bills that were before the Texas Legislature during the last session. Visit the TBTEA website for [Marty's presentation](#).

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 will be available at the TBTEA website by November 20, 2009. Please visit our website after this date to gather the necessary information. Targeted emails will go out to all FBLA, BPA and PBL advisers.

COMMITTEES

Please consider serving on one of our committees. Visit the TBTEA website for contact information for each of our committee chairs. Help strengthen our association through your volunteer efforts on our committees.

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