

President's Message

Roberta Niedergeses, Loretto High School



I would like to encourage each of you to take a moment as you are preparing for this gift-giving holiday season to stop and consider how each of you influences the lives of those

around you – family, friends, and colleagues all are influenced by your interactions with them. But most of all, I want you to consider how you impact the lives of your students. If the students at your schools are anything like the students at my school, each of you have students who are in need – whether it is academically, economically, or emotionally. As you picture these students in your minds – as I know many of you are doing right now – remember that you may be the gift that those students really need. We didn't become educators for the money, we became educators for the students, because we wanted to help children learn and succeed in life. For that reason, I challenge each of you to be the best "gift" your students receive this year. Help them however you can. Respect them as individuals. Care for them and help them meet their needs – whatever those needs may be. That is a gift that will last a lifetime.

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2009 TBEA Conference (Embassy Suites) Pictured—left to right: Dr. Janice Harder, Alice Huskey, Dr. Marsha Smith, and Dr. Linda McGrew.



2009 TBEA Conference

As usual, fall has been a very busy time for business educators in Tennessee and the annual TBEA conference held on September 25-26, 2009, at the beautiful new Murfreesboro Embassy Suites Convention Hotel was a great success, even though our attendance was down this year. The conference theme was "TBEA: At the Center of Business Education," and the conference included a special Professional Development Luncheon celebrating the 30th anniversary of MTSU's Gamma Eta chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon, informative and relevant sessions, door prizes, an Awards Luncheon,

business meeting, and fun and fellowship. A special highlight was the awarding of the 2009 Postsecondary Teacher of the Year Award to **Sherra Witt** who teaches at Cleveland State Community College in Cleveland. If you missed the conference, you missed a fantastic professional development experience!!! Please make plans now to attend annual the September 2010 convention.

The 2009-2010 TBEA officers installed were: **Roberta Niedergeses**, President; **Gwen Bean**, President-Elect; **Biba Kavass**, Secretary; **Vincent Smith**, Treasurer; **Carlos Black**, Past President. Other regional representatives on the board are **Vicki Robertson** and **Ava Estes** (west TN), **Phyllis Hill** and **Jim Veale** (middle TN), **William Potter** and **Sherra Witt** (east TN). **Ronda Henderson** serves as our Publications Editor, **Kara Burkett** serves as the Business Technology representative from the State Department, and **Sherry Roberts** serves as the Legislative Representative. A new voting student member, **Marlena Dixon**, joined the Executive Board, and we are certainly glad to have her on board.

Membership Matters



Alice Huskey, TBEA/SBEA/NBEA Membership Director

I'm happy to report that this year's TBEA membership has increased since this time last year—we currently have 112 professional members and 45 student members; there is still

time to join TBEA for 2009-2010, so please encourage your school colleagues to consider joining. If you haven't received a copy of the complete membership directory or new revised Constitution and Bylaws, please contact me at ahuskey@mscc.edu or 931-455-0718.

The National FBLA-PBL Conventions will be held during July 9-17, 2010 (PBL July 9-12 and FBLA July 14-17) at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. The FBLA-PBL headquarters staff and the Tennessee Department of Education—Business Technology Education are seeking judges for both of these events. *Please consider volunteering to serve as a judge for some of these events.* The judge's volunteer form can be completed and submitted at <http://www.fbla.org/judges/judgesform.asp>.

NBEA membership for Tennessee has decreased slightly since last November—180 professional and retired members and 39 student members—the largest student membership in the nation!!!!!! Hope you will be able to join us in San Diego, CA; it looks like an exciting national convention to be held in San Diego for the first time ever, a beautiful place to visit. Speaking of great conventions, several Tennessee members attended the SBEA Convention in Huntsville, AL, on October 21-24, 2009, and many of them served as presenters, coordinators, exhibitors, and facilitators including: **Gwen Bean, Jeannette Bennett, Carlos Black, Robert Blair, Kara Burkett, Kimberly Danner, Marlena Dixon, Kathy Franz, Janice Harder, Virginia Hemby, Ronda Henderson, Alice Huskey, Biba Kavass, Joy Kinard, Steve Lewis, Jackie Morgan, Roberta Niedergeses, Sherry Roberts, Vicki Robertson, Vince Smith, and Raholanda White.** Check out the convention pictures at www.sbea.us to see how much fun and fellowship took place!!!

The southern region consistently leads in membership, but across the country NBEA membership is steadily decreasing. Now, more than ever before, the benefits you receive including the outstanding publications and the \$250,000 professional liability insurance make membership a bargain!! Especially in these tough economic times, all of our professional organizations need our support, so please encourage your school colleagues who might be potential members to consider joining both TBEA and NBEA.

Contact me at ahuskey@mscc.edu or at Motlow State Community College, P. O. Box 8500, Lynchburg, TN 37352-8500. Have a great holiday season and a great rest of the school year!!

Legislative Update

Dr. Sherry Roberts, Legislative Representative



November 2009 brought ACTE to Nashville, Tennessee! During the general session on Friday, Assistant Secretary Jane Oates of the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and Assistant Secretary Brenda Dann-Messier of the Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education spoke. Both spoke of the support of this new administration towards CTE and an effort for these two departments to work more collaboratively together "address the challenges facing education and workforce

development." For more on this topic, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/content.aspx?id=11112>.

Further updates include conversations that have begun for the re-authorization for Perkins Funding. Part of that discussion by OVAE is the Perkins accountability system. "OVAE staff recognize that in many states the current academic achievement measure, which is linked to NCLB, can't really be impacted by CTE because the tests are given before students enter programs. They asked for the group's thoughts on this and also for alternatives. It is an intriguing problem because the NCLB exams aren't really appropriate impact measures in many states, but in many places they are providing us data showing CTE students are outperforming other students academically. Some of the suggestions were to also use the ACT Workkeys exams or a college placement exam like Accuplacer that could be taken at the end of a student's CTE experience." For more on this go to

<http://www.acteonline.org/ctepolicywatchblog.aspx?id=11304&blogid=3512>

Be sure to bookmark the Tennessee Legislative website for updates on what is happening specifically in our state concerning CTE. If you have not read the bill about CTE class sizes, go to this link for more information:

<http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0248>.

Remember to contact your legislators with your concerns and "wishes" for Perkins Funding. Although the current bill passed in 2006 for twelve years is no up yet, discussions have already begun. It is always better to be proactive than wait to see what happens.

Save the Dates!!!

CTE Conference, July 2010, Murfreesboro, TN
TBEA Conference, Sept. 24-25, 2010, To Be Determined
SBEA Convention, Oct. 20-23, 2010, Charleston, SC
NBEA Convention, Mar. 30-Apr. 3, 2010, San Diego, CA

Hope to Meet You Down Under!

SIEC Conference 2010 Albury Wodonga, Australia

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Exciting plans are being made for the 82nd SIEC International Conference that will be held on July 18-23, 2010, in Albury Wodonga, Australia. The conference theme next year will focus on “Ethics and Sustainability in Business” and feature a pre-conference tour starting in Melbourne and post-conference tour ending in Sydney via Canberra, Australia.

As many of you already know, SIEC conference registration covers the cost of the conference sessions, most meals, and several tours of

businesses and local historical attractions. Conference planners are working hard to keep the conference registration costs down which now are estimated to be \$800 (U.S.). SIEC conferences are always culturally educational and collegial experiences shared with many of our colleagues throughout the world. As the conference nears, more information will be available on the SIEC-ISBE website at www.siec-isbe.org. In the meantime, if you have an interest in presenting at the conference, please contact Dr. Lila Waldman, who serves as the U.S. Representative on the Pedagogical Committee, at waldmanl@uww.edu. I do hope you consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. You, too, might be able to hug a koala!

Congratulations to Sherra Whitt!

2009 Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year

A message from our winner.....

TBEA Colleagues:

I just wanted to take a few lines to say how proud and appreciative I am of my recent honor. Having been nominated by peers and selected as the TBEA Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year will definitely be one of my top honors in my 30+ years of teaching.

Working and networking especially at conference(s) is an important part of our career. Again, thank you to all my TN peers.

Hope to see everyone at TBEA in September 2010!

Sherra Witt
Cleveland State Community College

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