

Leadership Team Times

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Training & Events

IT'S SEPTEMBER—HAVE YOU MET YOUR CE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2011?

At the last regular meeting of the calendar year, the board president must announce which trustees have and have not fulfilled continuing education (CE) requirements for the year. This State Board of Education rule replaces the provision requiring that the announcement be made at the meeting in which the board calls its election.

Board members elected in May—and especially those elected in November 2011—may not have had time to complete all requirements by December. In that case, the board member should have a completion plan prepared and be ready to present the plan to the board president so he or she can announce the trustee's intent to comply with the requirement.

If you have already completed your required team-building session this year, new members may not have had a chance to participate. The board president should announce that the new members will participate in the next team-building session.

Board members who want more training credits but cannot attend the TASA/TASB Convention or other training events before the December announcement can earn credit by completing courses in the TASB Online Learning Center (OLC). Many OLC courses, including the recently added "Foundations" courses, are designed to benefit first-year members. Board members may count up to five hours of online instruction toward their annual requirement.

Find information on CE requirements for board members at LTS.tasb.org.

NOW PLAYING: TASA/TASB CONVENTION IN AUSTIN

TASA/TASB
CONVENTION



Registration fees are waived, there's a great speaker lineup, and the venue is beautiful, downtown Austin. What more incentive do you need?

Whether you're driving in for the day or planning to make it a long weekend with your family, there is plenty to do in Austin. First, access the Personal Convention Scheduler (PCS) at tasa.tasb.org to plan which sessions you want to attend. Next, access the housing and travel page to find out where to catch a show, get a bite, take a historical tour, find a park, or do some shopping. Austin has it all.

Parking downtown can be challenging. Attendees staying in Convention hotels are strongly encouraged to ride the free shuttles to and from the Convention Center. Attendees who commute will have access to covered-parking garages and various lots within blocks of the Convention Center. If you're up for carpooling, take advantage of the ride share opportunity offered this year and commute with your peers. Visit tasa.tasb.org for complete details.

SCHOOL FINANCE: NOW WHAT?

With the 82nd Legislature adjourned and the new school year underway, trustees are beginning to experience the first wave of public reaction to funding cuts in their district. Did the Legislature "fix" the school finance system? What else can we do? Doesn't lottery money fund schools? What about the future? In all the conversations about the funding

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CONVENTION:

September 30–October 2,
Austin

TIMELY RESOURCES

- *Developing Superintendent Performance Goals*
- *Focusing the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument on Results*
- *A New Board Member's Guide to Superintendent Evaluation*
- *A President's Guide to Facilitating Superintendent Evaluations*

TASB's Online Learning Center (OLC) also has a variety of training courses for credit. Go to onlinelearning.tasb.org for more information, or log on to tasb.org/store to purchase publications.



Hunger reaches into every part of our community. Scan with your mobile device to learn how to join our efforts to fight hunger at the TASA/TASB Convention.



crisis and Texas schools, some of the information has been inaccurate. Find answers to these questions and more at truthaboutschoools.org, TASB's new site providing facts and insights into Texas public schools. We encourage you to bookmark it—you won't regret it.

CLASS OF 2011–12 ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the newly selected 2011–12 Leadership TASB class. Watch for class members at the TASA/TASB Convention next month in Austin and ask them about their participation. Visit LTS.tasb.org for complete program details, including information about available scholarship funds.



Crystal Anthony
West ISD

Alan Atwood
Dripping Springs ISD

Tony Ayub
Socorro ISD

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Longview ISD

Marilyn Bettes
Navasota ISD

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Quanah ISD

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Galena Park ISD

Molly Woods
Goodrich ISD

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Bryan ISD

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

by Kay Douglas, LTS senior consultant

"House of learning, house of laughter, house of love" is the inscription a colleague found above the door of the old schoolhouse she remodeled into a home. When she shared that with me, I thought how perfect a sentiment it was for a school or a home. I had not thought of how it might apply to a school boardroom until a recent team-building session in Riesel ISD. During my time with the leadership team members, they repeatedly referred to the culture of excellence they have built in the district.

According to superintendent Steve Clugston, only three things are asked of students: that they show up, respect the rules, and work hard. Similarly, three things are expected of staff members: that they pay attention to details, work together, and build relationships with parents and students. The results of their work are a 97 percent attendance rate for students, a supportive community with high expectations, and strong traditions and alumni who are proud to be from Riesel.

When I pressed them for details of how they have fostered these things, I learned that four of the board members have a parent who previously served on the board. That brought to mind one of the tenets of the Framework for School Board Development that says "the board promotes school board service as a meaningful way to make long-term contributions to the local community and society." The learning, laughter, and love taking place in Riesel are more evident each time I am invited to work with its representatives, and I am always impressed by the servant leadership of the superintendent and the board. Their students, staff, and community are reaping the benefits of their unified commitment to their vision and goals and will continue to do so for years to come.

Reminders

ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- Develop district goals for next year.
- Review continuing education credit hours before attending Convention.
- Select Delegate Assembly representatives (due September 9).

DATES/ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER

- **TASA/TASB CONVENTION:** Preregistration ends September 16 at tasa.tasb.org.
- **WINTER GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL SEMINAR (WGLS):** Program submissions accepted through November 1 at LTS.tasb.org.

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