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NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Your President, Laurie Brems



I can hardly believe that this school year is passing so quickly. I'm looking out the window at the brown grass where the recent rains melted the snow. My thoughts are hopeful that spring is just around the corner, bringing with it sunshine and warmth.

We can all enjoy some warmth and sunshine at the UACTE conference in St. George on February 23-24. I enjoy networking with other teachers and learning from sessions at the conferences. The UACTE conferences always give me a much needed boost in the middle of the school year. Don't miss this wonderful mid-year opportunity. Take a look at the sessions at www.uacte.org and enjoy your time at the conference.

It will soon be time to recognize our fellow educators with our association awards. Please take a good look at your fellow educators and make a nomination. The award names as well as nomination forms are online at www.ubcea.com. It is an excellent opportunity for us to sing praises to others who silently work hard to make their classrooms a great place for student learning.

I have learned new empathy for my students this past week. I'm taking a class two nights a week at UVSC. As I entered the classroom, the other students who were already there were unusually quiet and seemed to be studying their textbooks. I thought this a bit odd because usually they are working on computer assignments, checking e-mail and chatting with one another. Before I was able to reach my seat, I heard the mention of a "test". I thought to myself, "A test. I don't take tests; I give them". Then I assured myself it was okay that I had forgotten there was going to be a test. I would survive this no matter how I did on the test. I will have a bit more humor and empathy the next time a student looks at me and says, "We're having a test?" "Today?"

USOE Update

Staffing Changes

Janet Goble has replaced Craig Stoker as the Business Education Specialist. Janet had been serving as the TLC/Keyboarding Specialist, but changed assignments when Craig was assigned to work as a specialist for Perkins funding and CTE program approval. In addition to Business Education, Janet will maintain responsibility for Keyboarding. Until a decision is made about staffing the TLC position, contact your program specialist for TLC assistance.

Committees

Two state-wide committees have been working this year to address curriculum and instruction concerns for Business Education and Keyboarding. The committees will report on their work at the CTE Summer Business Conference.

Summer Conference

The CTE Summer Business Conference will be held June 13-14, at the new Murray High School. Planning for the conference is well under way. If you have suggestions for conference sessions or if you would like to serve as a presenter, contact Janet ASAP. We want to have the best Summer Conference ever.

The USOE is also planning an all day TLC workshop on June 15, at Murray High. Your school's entire TLC team should plan on attending this important workshop. Information about updated program standards and policies will be presented.



*Janet Goble
Business Education Specialist*

It's Conference Time!

The NBEA (National Business Education Association) conference will be held in New York City April 4-7. For information about this conference, go to nbea.org. This conference is an excellent opportunity for you to rub shoulders with fellow educators from around the country and to gain cutting edge skills to bring back to your classroom. If you are currently not members of NBEA or WBITE, contact Marlene Griffiths at marlene.griffiths@jordan.k12.ut.us and I will send you the membership form. These two organizations provide vital up-to-date information to you all year long regarding business education.

Also, don't miss out on the UACTE conference which will be held in St. George next week, February 23 & 24. For conference registration go to uacte.org.

UBCEA Board for Next Year

As a board, we have been busy working behind the scenes for you as business teachers. Where does the time go? It is time to start looking for next years new officers. The following positions will be open for 2007-08, so if you are interested in becoming involved with your career this is a great organization that will give you that opportunity.

President-elect: President elect is a three year commitment. You serve as president-elect for one year, then as president the next year, and then as past president the last year. The information, experiences, opportunities are unbelievable that you will have if you choose this position. You will attend all UBCEA & UACTE meetings, which are typically held quarterly. You will attend the WBITE (Western Business & Information Technology Educators) conference which will be held in Arizona. It will also be your privilege to attend the NBEA (National Business Education Association) conference for the next two years. Your other responsibilities vary depending on what the President needs you to do.

Vice President – Business: This officer's main responsibility is awards. You will collect nominations, correlate with

a selection committee and present nominees to UACTE and/or WBITE for state or region awards.

Vice President – IT: Vice President – Business: As Vice President for IT, you play a major role in keeping the board in touch with the needs of IT teachers.

Newsletter Editor: The newsletter editor is a member of the UBCEA board. She attends the UBCEA board meetings and participates in the decision making process. The newsletter editor participates and provides support during the Winter and Summer Conferences. The newsletter editor gathers articles from various board members and prepares a newsletter to be distributed to the UBCEA members. The newsletters are distributed in the fall, in the winter before the UACTE Conference, and in the late Spring before school is out for the summer.

Please contact Kim Thompson so you can be part of the 2007-2008 UBCEA board. Her e-mail address is kim.thompson@jordan.k12.ut.us.