

Dear WBEA Member and Friend:

As President of WBEA (which began July 1), I will communicate monthly some of the things about business education that keep us professional. I'm excited to be a part of all of you active educators from ten states and two Canadian provinces. Our western region also has members from other organizations and businesses, and I welcome everyone's input in meeting WBEA's vision for the year (view the Officers' POWs at the WBEA Web site).

By attending NBEA in New Orleans, Louisiana, and M-PBEA in Wichita, Kansas, I **ASSEMBLED** with business educators from all over. You can view notes from the NBEA presenters at the WBEA Web site. My Wisconsin roommate at NBEA told me about her experience with unions, and I traveled on a tour of the aftermath of Katrina with friends from South Carolina, Oregon, and Jamaica.



This month's **HIGH FIVE** goes to my colleagues and educators in M-PBEA. They truly modeled professional development in their choices of speakers, workshops, awards, and exhibits at the conference. I enjoyed their board meetings and all the networking opportunities. We had a great time! My favorite quote was "You get what you get, and you don't throw a fit." I can't thank them enough for their kindness, warmth, and generosity. I extended an invitation to them to attend our conference in February 2012. (Speaking of our conference, there is a surprise for you if you register now at our Web site.)

FROM **ME** (ME is Membership) 4 U 2 DO: Before you get swamped with doing lesson plans or grading papers in the fall, encourage your colleagues to join NBEA/WBEA now and invite them to come to the conference February 16-20 (Southwest Airlines has a sale on) in Newport Beach, CA, at the Fairmont Hotel.

For highlights, pictures, and other materials, visit our Web site (Please give the webmaster time to upload the items from this message.) until next month ...

L.O.V.E. (*LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, VISION, ENCOURAGEMENT*)

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