



TASBO

NEWSLETTER

Tennessee Association of School Business Officials - **Summer 2008**

Message from the President



Year end closing, new year budget work and adoption, school starting, new teacher hires, last minute teacher retirements, new Director of Schools and other leadership changes in administration and principals, and maybe a much deserved and needed vacation are all being squeezed in these summer months. It appears that every year the process gets more and more difficult with all the added requirements of accounting and budget procedures. We know you have worked hard and some of us are tired of the constant phone calls, emails, and meetings but November is coming where we can relax a little and hopefully learn a lot at our annual conference. The plans for your annual conference are proceeding and we are preparing a program that will allow you to have time to reflect on old friendships and explore new ones as you regenerate, recharge yourself and hopefully Climb Your Mountains of Life a little Higher.

A little about the program.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Tuesday night (starting at 6:00 pm) as folks drive in, TASBO with sponsors of ING and others will provide finger foods, beverages, and a little country/bluegrass music. Folks can come and go in a very relaxing low keyed environment with some of our own TASBO members providing entertainment. Joan Lovelace with Highland Bluegrass, Monroe County Finance, along with Gary Holt with ING will head up our enjoyable evening. Bring your favorite instrument and songs to play and sing along or just watch the talent of some of your fellow TASBO members. Do you have a mandolin, harmonica, fiddle (I mean violin), how about a bass? Let's see what kind of talent we may have. We will be set up on the main floor in the **Tennessee River Room** to the right of hotel check in and the elevators.

We encourage you to participate by bringing your instrument. Would you let me know what you will be playing? rwoody@tennessee.utk.edu

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Wednesday gets started promptly at 8:30 am. We will have a mega session with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office and the afternoon will be interest sessions with various speakers. After 5:00 pm you have a free evening in beautiful downtown Chattanooga.

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Thursday starts back at 8:15 am with our roundtable discussions and then proceeds with lunch with our sponsors and vendors as we continue the afternoon in the vendor exhibit area. Thursday night around 6:00 pm we gather back with a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at the Hotel. See you at your High School Reunion as a murder is committed.

Friday, November 21, 2008

Stick around Friday morning (9:00am) for a dynamic national speaker Dr. Dale Henry. Dr. Henry will bring his east Tennessee humor with some leadership insight allowing us to Climb our Mountains of Life Higher. We will have our annual business meeting ending prior to noon.

My thanks continues to go out to your board of directors for their leadership and insight in preparing for our annual conference.

Thank you vendors and sponsors for your resources in allowing us to work to meet our mission.

Hope to see in Chattanooga on November 18-21 ***Climbing Mountains Higher***

Ron Woody
2008 TASBO President

10-12 hours of CPEs for CPAs, CGFM and other certificates offered at Conference

Under the direction of Lisa Sweeney, working with the State Board of Accountancy, the TASBO conference educational activities shall be considered eligibility for CPE credits. The program, although not fully completed, is anticipating to offer approximately 10-12 hours of CPE credit. Additional instructions will be provided in the conference packet. We thank Lisa for her work in providing this service.

Book Your Rooms for the 2008 TASBO Annual Conference

Chattanooga Marriott and Convention Center

Two Carter Plaza

Chattanooga, TN 37402

Book the Marriott at: www.Marriott.com/chadt

Use group code: **TSBTSBA**

You should receive a conference rate of \$104.00.

Overflow Hotel:

Sheraton Read House Hotel

827 Broad Street

Chattanooga, TN 37402

Book the Sheraton by calling: (423) 266-4121

Contract Information: Tennessee Association of School Business Officials

You should receive a conference rate of \$105.00.

Registration for the Conference

Expect your registration packet during October. If you prefer you can download the packet off our website. Periodically check the website for the registration packet. Registration fees are \$125 per member, \$115 for certificated members and an "early bird discount" of \$15.

Friday Morning

Our Keynote Speaker- Dr. Dale Henry

Dale Henry completed his Ph.D. in 1991 with a concentration in the area of Adult and Continuing Education. He has served as an educator, administrator, author, speaker, trainer, consultant and entrepreneur. In 1994, he was appointed Associate Dean of Professional and Graduate Studies for Tennessee's oldest College, Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tennessee. Years of consulting and speaking in seminars and in-service trainings throughout the country, facilitated another transition into public speaking and professional development. Dale has been honored with numerous business and educational awards and prides himself in being a master teacher.

Dr. Dale Henry's many experiences in the field of business and education make him a natural when it comes to lively and humorous presentations. Although Dale believes in the importance of laughter, his presentations always deliver a strong message packed with useful tools. A native of East Tennessee and the foothills of the Smoky Mountains he draws heavily on his storytelling background to hold the audience in the palm of his hand.

He speaks to and trains over 100,000 professionals and executives each year. In the year 2000 alone, he presented to over 40 of the Fortune 50 companies.

Dale Henry is the founder and president of Your Best Unlimited, Inc., a Tennessee based training company. He speaks to and trains over 100,000 professionals and executives each year, for clients such as Levi Strauss, AT&T, First Union Bank, Maytag, Cellular One, GTE, FedEx, MCI, Xerox, Sun Trust, The Disney Company, as well as, Federal and International Agencies. Dale Henry has been featured on numerous television and radio talk shows around the world and has developed several best selling video and audio training programs. Through his own brand of edu-tainment Dale Henry leads his audiences to higher levels of individual and team excellence. All these gifts are blended together to produce entertaining and enlightening programs that touch every member of the audience.

www.drdaledalehenry.com

Thursday Night Entertainment

Mystery at the Nightmare High School Reunion

Show is scheduled exclusively for TASBO at the Marriot



Presented by:
Vaudeville Café at
138 Market St
Chattanooga,
TN 37402

It's time to go to your high school reunion and see all of those classmates you left behind. The nerd, the prom queen, the class clown... You'll sing with Coach Conroy, dance with your English teacher and find out who had the secret crush on you in high school. Could one of them be a murderer?

www.funnydinner.com

TASBO Service Project- Local Ronald McDonald House

For the fourth year TASBO will have a service project contributing back to communities in the area of the conference location. This year, as was last year, contributions will be made to the local **Ronald McDonald House**. The Chattanooga Ronald McDonald House will provide a canister for your contributions. www.rmhchattanooga.com

In the Board Room-

A brief recap of the March 2, 2008 board meeting. The board met in Nashville for the March meeting and focused an extensive amount of time on reviewing and making recommended changes to the By-Laws. By-Law Chairperson Chris Henson led the board on a detailed presentation of the existing and proposed changes to the By-Laws. Most changes will be editing and clarification changes. The board continued on evaluation of the 2007 conference and survey of conference locations. The board failed to approve support of spring fiscal workshops at \$875 per site but maintained the \$500 per site support. Conference fees were established at \$125 per member, \$115 for certificated members and an "early bird discount" of \$15. Exhibit fees were set at last year's level of \$450 with a \$50 discount for "early birds". A concept was discussed regarding contracting for conference planning services.

A brief recap of the June 18, 2008 board meeting. The board met at the Chattanooga Marriot (2008 conference location) for the June meeting. The board met with Hotel and Convention Center staff to tour the facilities and discuss the logistics of the November conference. President Elect Anderson distributed to the board the proposed program educational schedule, reviewed, and discussed same. President Woody distributed copies of an annual operating budget and the 2008 conference budget. Vice President Mowery distributed copies of the Board Duties and Responsibilities and conducted a

discussion of assignment as related to each position. The board discussed the issue related to sponsorship as noted in this newsletter under the article "TASBO Not in the Tennessee Code".

TASBO – Not in the Tennessee Code Annotated

It was a disappointing year for TASBO as we were denied being included in the Tennessee Code as the official organization representing school business officials. Senate Bill 4040 passed without any fan fair or apparent debate and then when the accompanying House Bill 3967 was submitted the bill never got out of committee. We must ask the question why? There were some rumors that one of the TASBO sponsors was not well received in state circles which could have been the down fall of the bill.

What does it mean for TASBO not to be considered? First, we must examine why we desired to be included. Your board's goals were to gain some recognition for our membership and the educational programs we conduct through our annual conference and drive in bookkeepers workshops. Further, we felt recognition would be the first step in upping our game to link with a university in providing additional educational opportunities along with giving school business officials a more credible voice in financial affairs in state government.

The bill not coming out of committee is a minor set back and we will continue to work trying to understand the reasoning why the bill was not considered. We may submit for consideration next year the bill once again and if so have an organization and individual campaign to our locale legislators on the benefits of the bill. Whether we resubmit the bill or not we will continue to explore linking with a university. We had previously met with the University of Tennessee prior to the bill being killed. We were waiting on the bill passage before we scheduled our follow up meeting. Your board is also exploring whether criteria should be used to select our sponsors. We will continue to express our opinion and lend our support on educational finance related matters in state government.

Members Certificated and Recertificated March and June 2008

The board, on recommendation by the Training & Certification Committee, approved two (2) new certifications: Specialist I – Jill Brunelli-Sullivan County and Debbie Nelson- Sullivan County. The board also approved the following recertifications: Specialist III – Joan Beard- Lauderdale County, Janice Bailey-Lauderdale County, Bobbie Weaver-Lawrence County, Official III - Denise Scott-Milan Special School District, Melanie White-Giles County and Administrator III – Brenda Hawkins-Jackson County and Kaye Tatum-Lewis County.

TASBO.NET Update....

Don't forget to periodically check out TASBO.Net! It's been updated with the new officers and directors, bylaws and corporate sponsors. It's one of the best tools our organization has to keep us informed about the latest news, drive-in workshop dates, state fiscal workshop dates, conference dates and other important information. If you want to become certified or recertified, the program information and forms can be printed off the website. Of course, closer to conference, registration information for members and exhibitors are available online. If you know of a company that wants to become a corporate sponsor, please refer them to the website. There's even a copy of the TASBO Membership Directory at the end of the Membership section. For member access the ID name is "TASBO.Net" and the password is "Member". A new item on the website is Exhibitors, which contains a listing of all conference exhibitors with names, addresses and telephone numbers for your

use during the year. In the future we hope to add a link to exhibitor websites for your convenience. Be sure to take a look at News on the website for photo highlights of the 2007 TASBO Conference in Nashville! Let us know of any suggestions you may have for the website. Remember, it's your website. Thank you Joe Anderson and Shelby County Schools for our website.

Calendar of Events:

TASBO Board Meetings for 2008

September 18, 2008 @ Embassy Suites – Nashville

November 18, 2008 @ Chattanooga Marriott (2008 conference site)

TASBO Annual Conference 2008

November 18-21, 2008 @ Chattanooga Marriott and Convention Center

TASBO Annual Conference 2009

December 1-4, 2009 @ Marriott Memphis and Convention Center

www.tasbo.net

SASBO Conference

October 9-11, 2008 SASBO Leadership Conference @ Charleston, West Virginia

April 27-30, 2009 Annual Conference @ Charleston, West Virginia

www.sasbo.org

ASBO Conference November 7-10, 2008- Denver, Colorado

www.asbointl.org

Newsletter

We encourage your comments and submission of articles or news of interest that can be shared with fellow TASBO members. Should you have information to share, please contact Ron Woody at: rwoody@tennessee.edu

Please contact any of our Officers and/or Board of Directors for suggestions you may have regarding our newsletters, operations, and conferences. Contact information can be found on the website: www.tasbo.net
