



NEBRASKA FBLA E-NEWS

May 2009

New Board Members—Congratulations to Pat Hinkle, Bellevue West, and Jan Went, Columbus Lakeview, for being elected to serve a three-year term on the Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors. The Board will meet July 15-17 to plan for next year.

LB 476—We are hopeful that Governor Heineman will sign LB 476! Thanks to all of you who asked your FBLA members and community members to write letters of support for the bill. It has been a wonderful grassroots effort that has made an impact!

Tally It Up—Nebraska FBLA members contributed 29,342 hours of community service this year. Congratulations on these important contributions to your communities!

Membership Kudos—Nebraska FBLA's final membership figure is up 244 members over last year. We have 5,373 members from 139 chapters plus 16 middle school members from 1 chapter for a grand total of 5,389!

Reactivated Chapters—Seven chapters were reactivated this year!

FBLA Dues—Membership dues for 2009-10 will continue to be \$4 for state dues and \$6 for national dues for a total of \$10.

State and National Theme—Your state and national theme for next year is *FBLA: Simply the Best!*

FBLA Foundation Update—Thanks for your outstanding support of the Nebraska FBLA Foundation! Chapters raised \$8,290.37; SLC t-shirt sales provided \$2,845; the SLC dance yielded \$879.25. The grand total from our members and chapters is \$12,014.62! From the interest earned on the funds the past year, the Foundation supported six national competitors (Accounting I and Business Calculations) with \$50 stipends.

In addition, new projects are planned for this summer and fall. The Marketing Committee, under the leadership of Dave Long, Aurora, is hosting a golf tournament in York as an effort to provide an avenue for alumni members and business professionals to support the Foundation. Next fall a project on Facebook will be unveiled to tap alumni members across the country.

Congratulations Retirees—We wish Cyndie Schwartz, Gering FBLA Adviser, a happy retirement!

State Goals in Review—Please check out the review of this year's state goals to see the accomplishments of your members and the state officers.

Competitive Events—The national association is proposing a few changes in the competitive events program for next year. For example, Desktop Application Programming will evolve into a gaming programming event. Watch for more details next fall.

Local Chapter Officer Training—If you have not implemented a summer training programming for your officers, please consider organizing one for this summer. A one-day retreat offers your officers the opportunity to engage in team work, learn leadership skills and set goals for the upcoming year. Chapter Officer Leadership Academy (COLA) is a training program held by the chapter adviser for the officers. Summer planning allows your chapter to provide meaningful activities early in the school year while the members are enthusiastic and eager to participate! You can find training materials on the Nebraska FBLA web site under Resources. <http://www.nebraskafbla.org/resources.htm>

State Officer Visits—State officers are available to visit your chapters in the summer. If you would like a state officer to attend your summer chapter officer training session to provide a short message, please email them to see if it may work in their schedules to attend.

2009 Fall Leadership Conference

FLC: September 29 & 30—Mark your calendars for the annual Fall Leadership Conference held September 29 in Kearney and September 30 in Omaha. Chapter officers and 4 members from each chapter are invited to attend this one-day leadership training session.

2009 National Leadership Conference

NLC Chapters—Nebraska has 43 chapters and 261 members, advisers and guests attending this year's National Leadership Conference! You can join in the excitement of the Awards Program by watching it live on the national website at www.fbla-pbl.org!

National Officer—Justin Schultis concludes his year as the Mountain Plains Vice President at the NLC. We look forward to supporting Justin as he helps lead the general sessions and completes his term of office.

2009 National Fall Leadership Conference

Denver NFLC—Don't miss this opportunity to attend a National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) when Denver hosts one of the three national conferences. Mark your calendars for November 12-15. All FBLA members and advisers are welcome to attend this leadership conference. Nebraska will travel to Denver the evening of Thursday, November 12, with tours on Friday morning.

The conference begins Friday afternoon with workshops followed by the opening session. Saturday offers a full day of workshops, the closing session and a social activity. The return trip starts after the social activity on Saturday evening. Plan now for an exciting national conference experience!

Thanks for a Great Year!—Nebraska FBLA, you accomplished so much this year! The strength in our organization comes from its active chapters and membership. You are a remarkable group of advisers! Thanks for all you do to help your students shine!

Attachment: State Goals in Review