



## NASDTEC Communicator - October 2010

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### **President's Comments**

Dr. George Maurer (IA).

As I look outside and at the calendar, I realize that Iowa's longest season "winter & snow" will soon be here. I'm sure that you can tell by my tone it is not my favorite season; however, spring / summer will be just a few days away which brings me to the real issue, the June 2011 conference.

This year the planning committee has elected to reduce the member early registration fee from \$445 to \$415 and the non-member early registration fee from \$465 to \$445. The committee realized the difficult financial condition for all of us and hoped the reduction will be enough to entice more people to attend. Also, the committee realized that some states have placed a moratorium on out-of-state travel. To address this issue the committee has suggested looking into the possibility of webcasting sessions of the conference. We are exploring the cost for production and the cost to receive the transmission. We are hopeful that this will provide those unable to join us in Sacramento with a method by which they can view some of the general sessions without the need to travel.

The Executive Board met after the Professional Practices Conference to discuss goals for the organization. Currently, we have 5 goals, as follows:

1. Strengthen NASDTEC's administrative roles to carry out the Organization's Mission
2. Establish NASDTEC's relationships with other stakeholders interested in quality educator preparation and certification
3. Promote research related to the NASDTEC Mission.
4. Establish a model for professional educator ethics.
5. To improve communication with state affiliates and associate members.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made and approved that during the February board meeting, the Executive Board will develop

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organizational goals to be presented to the members at the June 2011 conference. The purpose of bringing this to your attention now is that during your regional meetings, the members will have an opportunity for input and the regional directors will be able to identify key themes from the regions in helping develop the organizational goals.

It is my hope that whatever goals are established be: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results-oriented and Time-bound (SMART goals). I believe that if the goals do not meet the 'SMART' goal criteria, then the goals serve only as suggestions and would not provide the guidance necessary for the organization to meet its mission.

As stated n the NASDTEC By-laws the Association's mission is: NASDTEC is dedicated to providing leadership and support to those responsible for the preparation, certification or licensure, ethical and professional practice, and continuing professional development of educators.

## Vice President's Comments

**Dr. Victoria Chamberlain (OR)**

The June 2011 Conference agenda is very near completion. The theme for next year's conference is: *Golden Opportunities: Mining Collective Wisdom*. The theme is fitting in this current era of limited resources. We have tapped talent from within the association as well as outside experts to bring you some of the latest trends, successes, and efforts in educator preparation, certification, and professional practices.

The planning committee responsible for last year's successful conference has once again teamed up to bring you some valuable repeat sessions (National Staff Development Council; NCATE/TEAC; U.S. Department of Education) and some exciting new sessions on: On-line standards for teachers; Presenting a high-quality Webinar; Valid student teaching assessments that measure student learning; The latest on the California TPAC efforts with AACTE; and many more.)

Additionally, as part of this theme, during one general session, we are inviting states to share how they are weathering the reduced budget climate and also any pearls of wisdom for others to use while stretching resources in these tight times, - *Mining Collective Wisdom*.

The downtown Sacramento, California area is rich with history and interesting cultural and entertainment opportunities.

Please visit our conference website ([www.nasdtec.com](http://www.nasdtec.com)) for a preliminary agenda for the conference and start planning your trip now. As many of us have learned from attending in the past, the NASDTEC conferences have always provided an opportunity to start or renew professional relationships, have fun, to expand your knowledge and enrich your local endeavors – *Golden Opportunities*.

We hope to see you in Sacramento in June.

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### Northeastern Region

Brian Devine (MA)

On Friday, September 24th the Northeast Region held a conference call to touch base as a region and learn from each other about what is going on in each of the jurisdictions. With six of the nine U.S. jurisdictions receiving a Race to the Top award, each of those states (plus D.C.) is busy implementing that work. In addition, most are involved in developing new regulations or tweaking existing rules while trying to utilize technology as much as possible, either new or enhanced, to streamline their work and receive better data.

The region was reminded by Technology Committee member Barb Seifert of Pennsylvania to make sure that the data in both the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and KnowledgeBase are up to date. Meeting participants also received a quick update on NASDTEC news including a preview of the October Executive Board Meeting agenda in Pittsburgh, the draft of the 2011 Annual Conference in Sacramento next June, and a status report on the 2010-2015 Interstate Agreement.

The region will conduct a similar call on Friday, December 10th from 2-4 P.M EST. If you would like to take part in the meeting please contact Brian Devine in Massachusetts.

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### Executive Director's Report

Roy Einreinhofer

We are just coming off a very successful Professional Practices Institute in Pittsburgh. It was gratifying to hear so many positive comments from attendees about the program, the hotel, and the city of Pittsburgh. Based on the Institute evaluation forms turned in at the end of the 2 1/2 days,

the program was well received with high scores across the board. The Professional Practices Committee is already well into the planning cycle for the 2011 Institute to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, another city that will delight first-time visitors.

And, while it may seem early to be talking about the June 2011 conference, it's not too early to be thinking about getting travel approvals in place to make the trip to Sacramento. As noted in Dr. Chamberlain's article, the plans for the conference are well under way, with many speakers and session titles already confirmed. The program is going to be a strong one, addressing many of the topics that are critical to your success during this time of "doing more with less."

Rather than attaching a copy of the preliminary 2011 agenda here, we would rather have you visit our conference website ([www.nasdtec.com](http://www.nasdtec.com)) where the latest information about the conference, the hotel, the city of Sacramento, and other pertinent details can be found. Because that site gets updated regularly, it will always contain the very latest information about the conference. There is also a link at that site to the Hyatt Hotel's online registration system making it easy for you to book your room online.

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