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2009 Pacific Regional Leadership Conference

By Charlene Neville, Association Rep, Silver Stage Middle School

I would like to thank LCEA Members for allowing me the opportunity to go to the Pacific Regional Leadership Conference. I attend some very informative sessions. The session I attended were The Impact of the Reauthorization Higher Education Act, Making Higher Ed More Relevant to K-12, ESEA Update, and NEA's Read Across America. These classes helped me understand more about the changes happening to education.

2009 Pacific Regional Leadership Conference

By Cindy Darden, Association Rep, Dayton Elementary School

Fun was had by all attending the conference in Seattle. It is truly a beautiful green state and a nice break from the desert! It didn't even rain until the day we left. One of the fabulous sessions I attended was B Teams: A Way to Reorganize and Revitalize Your Local. The best idea that came out of this session was giving credit for attending union meetings. One credit was available to anyone that participated in every meeting, and a few outside requirements also had to be met. I feel that if we could do this, more members would want to attend meetings. The negotiations team will be working on seeing if this is a possibility for our district. Once again, thanks for sending me to this spectacular event!

WEA Invites Members and Neighboring Locals to Join in Legislative Rally

It's time to walk-the-walk! That's the message from the Washoe Education Association. WEA invites all members and neighboring local affiliates to join them to demonstrate to elected officials that teachers and support professionals **will** stand up for education.

The rally is set for Monday, April 13th in Carson City. They will gather at the "old" capitol building at 11:30 a.m., then rally in front of the legislative building at noon. For more information, please visit www.weatoday.org.

Have a Good Idea? Apply for a grant today!

NSEA is pleased to offer grants of up to \$1,000 to Association members with innovative ideas to help improve education in the state of Nevada. The NSEA "Good Idea" Grants allow members to make their good ideas a reality, and may be utilized in many ways. Association members may use the funding to develop a special unit or project for use with students in the classroom, present a workshop or class for educators, or to create materials or lesson plans for individual or widespread use.

Education reform issues such as standards-based teaching, testing, and other forms of assessment and technology in the classroom are receiving a lot of attention right now and would all make ideal proposal topics. Keep in mind, however, that NSEA encourages members to submit any type of proposals that can help them meet their specific educational needs. **Please note: Grants will not be awarded for personal professional development, i.e. tuition.**

Grant proposals must be submitted by Friday, May 1, 2009, without exception. Submissions must be post-marked, fax dated, or hand-delivered on or before May 1, 2009. All applications received in the NSEA office after the above-noted date will be rejected. The NSEA Awards Committee will review the proposals and make final recommendations to NSEA President Lynn Warne. Recipients will receive the grant money in June 2009.

[Click here: http://www.nsea-nv.org/documents/2009GIGapplication.pdf](http://www.nsea-nv.org/documents/2009GIGapplication.pdf) to print an application. Should you or any interested members have questions or need further assistance, please contact Claudia Briggs in NSEA's Las Vegas office – 1.800.248.6732, ext. 5015 or claudia.briggs@nsea-nv.org.

Important: All winners will need to provide documentation to demonstrate how the grant money was used.

Know Your Negotiated Agreement (Turn In Your Credits to the District Office ASAP!)

By Steve Fargan, LCEA President

Remember to turn in your credits to the District Office as soon as they are earned. The following is language from the LCEA Negotiated Agreement regarding credits and moving on the pay scale.

21-2-1 Salary adjustments for additional credits are made annually. Official sealed transcripts from accredited institutions and official notices of completion of District approved workshop/in-service classes completed on or before May 30th of the current year must be submitted by June 30th of the current year to be counted toward salary adjustment for the upcoming school year. Coursework completed after May 30th through September 1st must be received by September 15th of the current year.

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