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Message From The President

TOAL Members,

It's been an exciting couple of months for your board and TOAL! Last month, we had our site visit at the host hotel in Rogers, AR in anticipation of the Annual Meeting in September! We were all very excited after touring the facilities and discussing the possibilities for the meeting. The Rogers/Bentonville area is also full of great restaurants and shopping opportunities that you can take advantage of during downtime and "on your own" time at the meeting. However, based on the great program that Kevin Holmes and the Program Committee are putting together, you're not going to want to miss anything! Based on feedback that we've received from past meetings, we have focused on packing as many continuing education hours into the meeting as possible. We are also exploring some registration tools to make your registration process as automated and seamless as possible, and, for the first time, we are also utilizing E&I's Melanie Tassone as a resource for meeting planning and coordination. Melanie joined us at the site visit and planning meeting in March,

and has already made a huge impact on the meeting with her experience and suggestions.

As some of you may have heard, TOAL has a new website, www.naep.toal.org. Thanks to everyone that played a part in this new and professional representation of the region! TOAL was represented very well at the NAEP Annual Meeting in Austin. The host committee, led by Karen Gross and Alan Phillips, fresh off their host committee duties in Galveston at the 2007 TOAL Annual Meeting, did an incredible job and represented our region extremely well, as did all of the other volunteers that played a role in the success of the meeting. Thanks to everyone from the TOAL region that volunteered and attended.

As most of you know, our Treasurer, Carol Barnhill, was elected to the National Board as 2nd Vice President. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Carol as well as my sincere thanks for her continued dedication and service to TOAL and NAEP. As a consequence of Carol's election, the TOAL Board will have two positions, Treasurer and Secretary, that will need to be filled this year.

I am establishing nominating committees now, so please contact anyone on the current board if you are interested in serving in these capacities or in any other capacity for the upcoming year. As you can see, your TOAL board has been hard at work to continue to bring you the highest quality educational, developmental, and networking opportunities, continuing our own Evolution to Revolution to make our region the best in the association! Thanks for your continued and future support!

Rob Parker, C.P.M., C.P.I.M.
TOAL President 2007-2008



Vendor Expo

We have some changes planned for you this year with the vendor expo. We are going to host the vendor show on Monday, September 29th from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with horsd'oeuvres being served at 5:00 p.m.

We are still working on the registration form, but it will soon be posted to our "NEW" TOAL website, <http://www.NAEPTOAL.org> for you to distribute to your vendors. Pricing for vendors will remain the same as last year as well as the sponsorship opportunities.

Keep checking the site for updated information. If there are any questions, please contact Alan Phillips at alan@uh.edu.

Alan Phillips, CPPB, CTP, CTPM

TOAL 2nd Vice President

"NEW" TOAL Website

Please take the time to view our new TOAL website at the following web address –

<http://www.NAEPTOAL.org>

If you see something that is missing, incorrect or would like to make a suggestion, please drop an email to any of your TOAL officers.



TOAL ListServ

Make sure you are on the TOAL ListServ. All important information is distributed through the ListServ. We do not want you to miss any exciting news in reference to our up coming Annual TOAL meeting in Rogers, Arkansas!

http://www.naepnet.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Listserv_eGroups

Scholarship Opportunities

This year, there are many scholarship opportunities for those TOAL members seeking financial assistance.

- 1) The TOAL board voted to again award ten \$300 scholarships.
- 2) TOAL will provide a \$500 Sally Donaldson Rawls Memorial scholarship.
- 3) NAEP will provide a \$1,000 William E. Hass scholarship.

Scholarship applications are available on the TOAL website, and all applications are due by May 16, 2008. These scholarships may be used to attend an upcoming TOAL or NAEP annual meeting, or other educational opportunity provided through TOAL or NAEP.

A special thank you for your contributions to the Sally Donaldson Rawls scholarship. Sally departed from this life on September 10, 2007, but leaves behind a wonderful legacy of serving higher education procurement. To honor Sally, we are pleased to provide a \$500 scholarship to a TOAL member in Sally's name.

TOAL and NAEP offer some wonderful educational events, and this is an excellent way to obtain some financial assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Tom Hoffmeyer
Chair, Scholarship Committee

Program Update

The program for the upcoming conference is coming along extremely well. After carefully examining the evaluations from last year, we decided to increase the number of program credit hours that are available next year.

We have contracted with Patrick Henrey to provide some teamwork training and music at the opening reception. He will also provide the keynote speech at the opening session.

Some of the other sessions that we working on include a couple of legal sessions with Tom Pennington, J.D., who spoke at the Hot Springs conference a few years ago, and some sessions from local corporate executives on Customer Service and Leadership.

All of this in addition to the GREAT speakers who step up from the TOAL region should make this year's conference a must. Please don't get left out if you want to present, contact me as soon as possible at Kevin.holmes@okstate.edu.

Kevin Holmes, C.P.M.

TOAL 1st Vice President

HOST COMMITTEE

Rogers, Arkansas Area Attractions

Located in beautiful Northwest Arkansas, Rogers is a great weekend getaway. Surrounded by stunning outdoor recreation areas like [Beaver Lake](#), Devil's Den State Park, Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park and Pea Ridge National Military Park, the region is also home to more than 20 golf courses.

The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and Northwest Arkansas Community College is nearby, as are the national headquarters of Wal-Mart, J.B. Hunt and Tyson Foods. Upscale shopping can be found in the [Pinnacle Hills Promenade](#) and no matter which direction, you're sure to find one of the area's numerous museums and historical sites.

Rogers, Arkansas Travel Information:

Airport:

Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport
– Fly XNA
One Airport Blvd. Suite 100
Bentonville, AR 72712
479-205-1000, Fax: 479-205-1001
<http://www.nwara.com/>

Service the following airlines:

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Continental Express
Delta
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Dynasty Transportation – 800-521-0097
Pinnacle Limousine & Car Service – 479-205-0505

Rental Car Service

AVIS – 888-897-8448
Budget – 800-527-0700
Hertz – 800-654-3131
Enterprise – 800-RENTACAR
National Car Rental – 800-CARRENT
Thrifty – 800-THRIFTY

Make Your Reservations Now!

For members eager to make their room reservations for TOAL '08', the block of rooms are available. When making your reservations, please use the CODE NAME: TO1. That is a letter O not a zero. We look forward to seeing you there!

Embassy Suites Hotel
Rogers, Arkansas

<http://www.embassysuitesnwa.com/home.aspx>

Professional Academy

It is with our deepest regrets that TOAL will not be able to provide the NAEP Professional Academy this year due to space restrictions at the hotel. The TOAL Board is looking into offering this great academy for 2009 TOAL. We will have more information in future newsletters.

Please help us send out a **BIG CONGRATULATION** to Carol Barnhill in her recent professional accomplishment. Carol is now the 2nd Vice President on the NAEP 2008 Board of Directors. The next time you see or speak to Carol, remember to give her a BIG CONGRADULATIONS!!!



Call for Moderators

If you are interested in volunteering to be a moderator for TOAL '08, please contact Kevin Holmes @ Kevin.Holmes@okstate.edu

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TOAL Members at NAEP National Meeting Austin, TX



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Purchasing: Evolution to Revolution.



TOAL 2008 Regional Meeting & Product Show
September 28th – October 1st, 2008

Embassy Suites
Rogers, Arkansas

<http://www.embassysuitesnwa.com/home.aspx>

Room Rates: \$99.00 for King and Double

Hotel Code Name: TO1 (*letter O*)

Continue checking the TOAL website for updates: <http://www.NAEPTOAL.org>

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2008 TOAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROCUREMENT

The TOAL Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to members for professional development. The TOAL Officers and Past Presidents agreed to award ten \$300 scholarships in 2008. The scholarship may be used to attend an NAEP Procurement Academy, National Annual Meeting, or TOAL Regional Meeting. Please encourage employees at your university to submit an application. Scholarships will be awarded by June 30, 2008.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Certification(s): _____

Name of Institution: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Have you been a recipient of a TOAL or NAEP scholarship within the past two years?

- No Yes If so, please indicate which scholarship and amount:

Number of years in purchasing: _____

Please indicate purchasing experience: _____

Please list involvement with purchasing associations (i.e. ISM, NIGP, NAEP) such as committee membership, etc.

Are you currently working on a purchasing certification? No Yes

Attach a letter explaining the goals you hope to achieve if you were awarded the \$285 scholarship. Indicate how you intend to use the scholarship if awarded.

Please return application and letter **no later** than May 16, 2008 to:

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2008 TOAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROCUREMENT

Sally Donaldson Rawls Memorial Scholarship

Sally Rawls had a love of higher education procurement like few others in our profession. She became acclimated to procurement at an early age, as her father, Wesley Donaldson served as the Director of Purchasing at Texas A&M for over 20 years. Sally began her purchasing career while employed as a laboratory stores procurement officer with the Chemistry Dept at Texas A&M. In addition to her various procurement roles at Texas A&M, Sally faithfully served as HUB Coordinator with Texas Cooperative Extension and Contract Administrator at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Sally received her C.P.M. and CTPM certifications. She gave tirelessly to TOAL, NAEP, and to the local chapter of the Brazos Valley Purchasing Association, where she served every position as officer.

Sally departed from this life on September 10, 2007, but leaves behind a wonderful legacy of serving higher education procurement. To honor Sally, we are pleased to provide a \$500 scholarship to a TOAL member to attend a TOAL educational event.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Certification(s): _____

Name of Institution: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of years in purchasing: _____

Please indicate purchasing experience: _____

Please list involvement with purchasing associations (i.e. ISM, NIGP, NAEP) such as committee membership, etc.

Are you currently working on a purchasing certification? No Yes

In a separate letter, please indicate what goals you plan to achieve with the \$500 award and list a memory, story, or other fond recollection of your interaction with Sally Rawls.

Please return application and letter **no later** than May 16, 2008 to:

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