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Message from the President Happy Holidays!

Greetings and Salutations,

Let me be one of the first to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. This is always one of my favorite times of the year for lots of reasons, but most especially because of the time with friends and family. Please enjoy your time away from the office and with those you hold dear.

TOAL Conference 2009 in San Marcos, TX was a huge “smashing” success. Our speakers, session leaders and moderators were a great hit. What a line-up! The vendor exposition was beyond comprehension with over 70 fabulous providers who were willing to share their experience and good fun with our attendees. All of the Host Committee events were, without question, some of the best experiences our attendees and vendors enjoyed. Oh, and did I mention the Embassy Suites hotel...what a remarkable place to have a conference!

As we planned for TOAL '09, we took lots of things into consideration, namely the tight budgets throughout our region. We budgeted on the low side, so that we would not over-expense our conference. And, guess what we came out ahead and still made a little money for next year! Thanks to all of the great volunteers for the hard work and especially to the TOAL Board and Host Committee for a great event.

Board news: During our conference, Roger Fuller our Secretary announced that he had to resign from the TOAL Board for personal reasons. During an executive meeting, we decided that we would go back to the nominee base

submitted last summer. It is my honor and privilege to announce that Linda Fast is now our Second Vice-President and Dee Ann Schneider is our Secretary. I want to thank Roger for his service to the Board and his loyalty and commitment to TOAL. Further, I want to welcome our new Board members and I look forward to a great year.

TOAL 2010 is slowly shaping up. We are negotiating with the hotel and hope to have more news for you after the New Year. We have chosen College Station, TX as the host city for 2010. Patty Winkler and her outstanding volunteers in the College Station area promise us another “over the top” conference next September. Speaking of future meetings, the TOAL Board also agreed to have TOAL in Norman/Oklahoma City, OK in 2011 and our friends at Texas Tech have agreed to host 2012 TOAL in Lubbock. So, start making plans now!

I would like to close this letter by thanking Kevin Holmes, immediate Past-President for his insightful and outstanding leadership for the last several years and helping make TOAL the hugely successful organization that it has become. Thanks Kevin!

I would also be remiss if I did not extend the entire TOAL organizations deepest gratitude to Melanie Tassone of E&I for her remarkable willingness to go so far above and beyond in aiding us during our most recent meeting. All of us are so grateful for her knowledge, desire to help and lead and most importantly, for being a true friend to TOAL.

Alan A. Phillips, CPPB CTPM
President, TOAL 2010

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TOAL 2010 Annual Meeting

Call for Programs

The TOAL region has a long standing history of providing great programs and this year will be no exception. We are working on some topics this year that are sure to provide quality information to our members of all levels of purchasing experience. Some topics that are in the works are Collegiate Licensing, Contract Management, Sole Source Justifications, Developing an RFP Scoring Matrix, Electronic Records Retention, Email - Is it Out of Control, etc., If you don't see something in the list above that you want to see at your 2010 TOAL, please do not hesitate to contact me. This is your TOAL Program, help me to make it what you need to better assist you in your daily professional career. Also, if you are aware of a presenter that would be great for TOAL, please send their contact information to me.

Additional information will be coming soon once the program committee begins to firm up the program, so make sure you are signed up for the TOAL listserv to receive all the information about your 2010 TOAL in College Station.

Patty Winkler, CTP, C.P.M.
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Treasurer's Report

I want to thank you all for the outstanding financial performance at our Annual Meeting in San Marcos. We were able to recognize a sizeable net surplus from our event. This is in large part because of our excellent attendance numbers from you, our valued members. I would also like to thank Mary Sue Goldwater, Barbara Amosson, and Patty Winkler for bringing in an overwhelming response from our supplier community in attendance at our Supplier Expo. Finally, a huge thanks to Melanie Tassone, Kevin Holmes, and the rest of the TOAL board for great stewardship of TOAL funds in creating a budget and sticking to it! These surplus funds help give us a cushion for future meetings, and provide scholarship funds for our membership.

The TOAL Treasury is in great shape for the year with total net assets of approximately \$95,000 at November 30, 2009. I hope that you all have a blessed Christmas season and happy new year!

Tom Hoffmeyer, C.P.M, CPA
TOAL Treasurer

Membership Assistance

Hello TOAL Members,

I hope everyone is planning a safe and happy holiday season! The board is already hard at work planning your TOAL regional meeting and we hope to have some very special events for you next year that you won't want to miss!

We need your help! If you have a preferred vendor that you would like to see at our conference, please send me their contact information so I may contact them, acquaint them with our organization, and extend a personal invitation. Any help would be greatly appreciated!!!

TOAL region is growing! Did you know that TOAL is tied with New England for the largest number of active members 152 with 77 institutions that have paid their dues for 2010. I would also appreciate assistance in recruiting and or retaining current members. Please join me in welcoming our new members .hoff

In case you have not heard, NAEP is thrilled to be able to provide Members with the opportunity to save some money by submitting their 2010 dues by December 31st. Pay via credit card or date and postmark your check payment by December 31st and your institution will be eligible to save up to \$200 on two Annual Meeting full registrations for 2010! Our 89th Annual Meeting will be held March 21st - 24th in Denver, Colorado and by renewing your Membership by December 31st, you can save \$100 off of up to two FULL conference registrations for a total savings of \$200.

Enjoy the holidays! See you next year!

Linda K. Fast, APO, CPPO, CPPB
2nd Vice President,
Membership



A Note from the Host Committee...

The Host Committee has been working very hard with the board to firm up the hotel contract and to begin brainstorming on planning the best TOAL meet ever. Last year was a great event so us Aggies's here in College Station have our work cut out for us, but we are up to the challenge. We would just like to take a few moments to share with the members some exciting new and/or remodeled attractions that are here in Bryan/College Station.

- * George Bush Presidential Library and Museum
- * The Brazos Valley African American Museum
- * Historical Downtown Bryan
- * Unique Specialty Shops which include Benjamin Knox Gallery, Earth Art, James Avery Craftsman, Living Water Pottery plus more. . .
- * Messina Hof Winery & Resort
- * Traditions Golf & Country Club
- * Dixie Chicken
- * Halo Bar
- * Plus much more. . . .

The Host Committee is working on incorporating some of these great attractions into your 2010 TOAL conference in College Station so everyone is sure to go home with a little piece of our Aggie Spirit. Please make sure that you are signed up for the TOAL Listserv so you don't miss any details on the 2010 TOAL Conference. We hope to see everyone in Aggieland - Whoop!

Patty Winkler, CTP, C.P.M. Host Committee Chair

Your Board held a post 2009 conference and pre 2010 meeting November 5, 2009. Dates were confirmed for the 2010 conference September 19-22, 2010 will be held in College Station, Texas. Venue and host events and program planning is still under development. It is time to mark your calendar.

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