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Message From The President

TOAL Members,

Greetings, TOAL Membership! All of the planning and arrangements for your 2008 Annual Meeting in Rogers, Evolution to Revolution, continue to go very well. Your board members have been working very hard to make this an extraordinary meeting. The program is filled with a very diverse offering of opportunities for professional and personal growth.

We are already exploring options for your 2009 TOAL Annual Meeting. Locations being considered include Fort Worth and San Marcus. We will keep you posted as we explore each of these sites to determine which would be the best location for TOAL next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to consider volunteering in some capacity in TOAL. There are two board positions that will be vacant this year, and nominating committees are currently exploring options. Being active in this association has been more rewarding than I can describe, and I've made lifelong friends.

Contact anyone on the board if you are interested in serving. Please keep in mind that there are certain travel and time requirements that you should weigh before you volunteer to serve. TOAL is filled with many passionate and enthusiastic people, and we need to continue to get those people into key roles in the organization.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Rogers in what has become, as I am sure that most of you would agree, a reunion of sorts. Our annual meeting each year serves as an opportunity to recharge our batteries and come back to our respective institutions with a renewed vigor and excitement in our roles as difference and decision makers. We, your board members, try to make decisions on programs and offerings each year that meet those needs.

I, again, would like to personally thank each of the board members for all of their time and efforts associated with the meeting and would ask that you do the same if given the opportunity. This is an extraordinary group, and I feel privileged to be a part of it.

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

Vendor Expo

Registration is now open! Please invite all your vendors to visit our website for the link to on-line registration or send them the attached flyer, with your personal note asking them to become a part of TOAL in Rogers, Arkansas.

If there are any questions, please contact Alan Phillips at alan@uh.edu.

Alan Phillips, CPPB, CTP, CTPM

TOAL 2nd Vice President

On-Line Conference Registration

All members, exhibitors and guest(s) may **now** register on-line with either a credit card or purchase order utilizing the on-line registration on your TOAL website:

www.naepnet.org

For security purposes, software has been imbedded that allows all credit card information be forwarded directly to our treasurer, Carol Barnhill.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact any board member.

Save \$50.00 – Register Early!!

Deadline for early registration is August 15, 2008

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We ask that all members register utilizing the on-line process instead of submitting paper registrations. The on-line registration is creating a spreadsheet of all attendees with the required information for the registration desk. We want to make sure we have all members listed correctly for your upcoming conference in Rogers, Arkansas.

If you have any problems or questions with the on-line registration, please do not hesitate to contact one of your board members.

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

2009 TOAL Officer Elections

If you are interested in becoming an officer of TOAL, please contact Carol Barnhill no later than **July 24, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.**

2009 Open Positions:

- Secretary
- Treasurer

Scholarship Results

Please help the Board and Scholarship Committee congratulate the following winners!!

William E. Haas Scholarship of \$1,000

- Rhonda Caton, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith

Sally Donaldson Rawls Memorial Scholarship of \$500

- Mary Williams, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, College Station

TOAL 2008 Scholarship of \$300

- Jacque Allbright, Texas State University
- Patty Allison, Texas A&M University
- Stacy Baker, Texas Engineering Experiment Station
- James Frazier, Louisiana State University and A&M College
- Karen Gross, University of Texas Medical Branch – Galveston
- David Lochala, Arkansas State University – Beebe
- Robert Moerke, Texas State University
- Mike Ring, Arkansas State University,
- Karen Walls, University of Arkansas
- Marla Young, Texas A&M University

Tom Hoffmeyer
Chair, Scholarship Committee

Program Update

The program is coming together and we are very excited to offer great speakers as well as provide you with the opportunity to earn approximately 20 CEU points!! The program committee made a few changes this year that allows us to pack this program with creative and exciting learning opportunities and still provide you time to enjoy the many attractions Rogers, Arkansas has to offer.

Please find below a summary of the program you do not want to miss!

Sunday, September 28th –

- Tailgate Reception

Monday, September 29th –

- Keynote Speaker – Patrick Henry, Emergency Preparedness Session, Team Building Activity and Vendor Expo

Tuesday, September 30th –

- Speaker – Willie Johnson on Customer Service, Concurrent Sessions, **Wal-Mart Tour** and time to enjoy Arkansas prior to evening dinner and dance

Wednesday, October 1st –

- Speaker – TBD

Kevin Holmes, C.P.M.

TOAL 1st Vice President

Call for Moderators

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

HOST COMMITTEE

Haven't decided if you are joining us for **TOAL in Rogers, Arkansas**? If the packed full program has not convinced you to process your on-line registration hopefully the following will be the final push you need to not want to miss this years TOAL! I know, the question is – What is in Rogers, Arkansas? The following are just a few of the attractions and entertainment that Arkansas has to offer:

Botanical Garden of the Ozarks
 Arkansas Air Museum
 Rogers Historical Museum
 Walton Arts Center
 Daisy Airgun Museum
 Crystal Bridges at the Massey
 And many, many more!

Don't miss out on touring **Walton's Five and Dime** located in Bentonville, which is only a very short distance from the hotel. Don't miss this little piece of history – you will not regret it!

Also don't miss **War Eagle Mill**, which is a working water-powered grist mill on The War Eagle River. It is the only grist mill in Arkansas with the only under hot waterwheel in the U.S.
info@wareaglemill.com

When you are on “**your own**” Monday evening for dinner, we know that one of the following restaurants will provide great hospitality!

Ruth's Chris Steak House
 Carrabba's Italian Grill
 Baker Bros American Deli
 O'Charley's
 Mimis Café
 Boat Dock Café
 Catfish John's

Please take a few minutes and visit the following websites for a complete list of area restaurants and additional attractions available for your enjoyment!

www.NWArestaurants.com
www.nwatourism.org

Suggested Dress For TOAL 2008 Rogers, Arkansas		
Sunday	Business Casual – A relaxed atmosphere will be the order of the day. For the Tailgate Party, please wear your school jerseys, caps, etc., in your school colors Let's show our school spirit!	
Monday	Day:	Afternoon/Evening
	Business Casual	Business Casual
Tuesday	Day:	Evening:
	Business Casual	Let's go back to the 70's! Dig deep in your closet....Search high and low.... <i>Let's "Feel Tha Funk"</i>
Wednesday	Business Casual	

Catch You on the Flip-Side in Rogers Arkansas!!

Can you dig it? Plan to get down with this totally far out band . . .

Ultra Suede

At Tuesday's Host Event

2008 TOAL will be totally to the Max!!

Hotel Reservations

Don't forget the Embassy Suite Northwest Arkansas has developed our very own link to help make your hotel reservations easier. Just click on the link below and you will be directed to our TOAL 2008 hotel site.

Remember to use our Group Code: TO1 (letter o) in order to get the \$99.00 for King or Double.

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/XNAESES-TO1-20080925/index.jhtml>

**Hotel Reservation Deadline:
September 5, 2008**

Directions to Hotel

From Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport - stay in the right lane until you exit the airport and come to a Stop Sign. Take a left onto Hwy 264 and stay on it for until you come to another Stop Sign. Take a right and then a left to stay on Hwy 264, for approximately another 5 miles until you get to I-540. Go over the overpass and take a left onto I-540. Go approximately 4 miles and exit to your right on Exit 83. You will see the hotel on the left way before you get to Exit 83. Take a left after you take Exit 83, go under the overpass and take a left at the stop light and head toward the Embassy Suites Hotel. Take a left to get into the Hotel entrance, hotel is on left.

From North - Take Interstate 540 (old Hwy 71) south and exit Pinnacle Hills Parkway, exit 83. Turn left at Pinnacle Hills Parkway. The hotel is ahead on the left, ¼ miles.

From South - Take Interstate 540 (old Hwy 71) north and exit Pinnacle Hills Parkway, exit 83. Turn left under bridge to Pinnacle Hills Parkway. Turn left on Pinnacle Hills Parkway. The hotel is ahead on the left, ¼ miles.

Directions Cont'd

From East - Take Highway 412 traveling west to Interstate 540 (old Hwy 71). Take Interstate 540 (old Hwy 71) north and exit Pinnacle Hills Parkway, exit 83. Turn left under bridge to Pinnacle Hills Parkway. Turn left on Pinnacle Hills Parkway. The hotel is ahead on the left, ¼ miles.

From West- Take Highway 412 traveling east to Interstate 540 (old Hwy 71). Take Interstate 540 (old Hwy 71) north and exit Pinnacle Hills Parkway, exit 83. Turn left under bridge to Pinnacle Hills Parkway. Turn left on Pinnacle Hills Parkway. The hotel is ahead on the left, ¼ miles.

Helpful Traveling Tips

The TOAL Board is very sensitive to both the unusual location of our meeting this year and the potential difficulty getting there and also the cost of travel. Can we recommend "**buddying-up**" with other members and traveling together? For example, we know of a group from Texas and Oklahoma meeting at the Tulsa airport, renting a car and driving over to Rogers. Another group from the Houston area are renting a car and driving up! So, be creative, talk to your manager and let's have a great meeting in Arkansas!

Also, although the board does not project a serious problem with the hotel room count, we can only encourage you to make hotel reservations now. Why? Well, there is a large conference on women's issues also meeting at the Embassy Suites and Conference Center at the same time we are in town! So, even if you aren't sure of your entire plans for attendance, we encourage you to make a reservation at the hotel!

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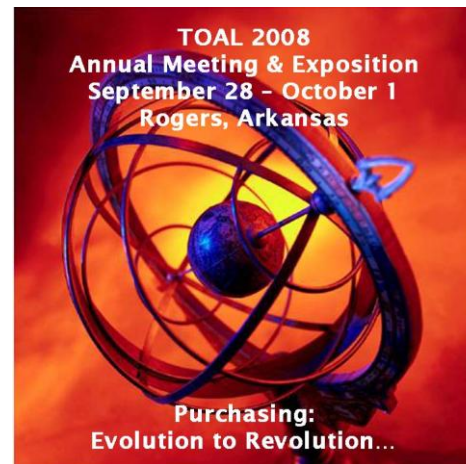
TOAL 2008 Fall Regional Meeting

Product Exhibit

Monday, September 29, 2008

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

***Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas
Rogers, AR***



On-Line Exhibitor/Sponsorship registration is now available on our new TOAL website: www.naep.toal.org

You are invited to exhibit your products and services to purchasing professionals serving higher education from the four state areas. In addition to the 125-140 purchasing professionals attending the annual Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana (TOAL) regional meeting of the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), you will also have the opportunity to exhibit your products and services to the purchasing professionals from local educational and other governmental entities.

What **BENEFITS** do I receive by participating as an Exhibitor?

- A direct line to a large group of your target audience. The majority of attendees are either decision makers or consensus makers in their organizations.
- An opportunity to interface with institutions of which you may not be aware.
- An opportunity to share ideas, approaches, products, and services that have applicability to NAEP member institutions.

Booth Package ***\$ 650***

- (1) 8'x10' Booth Space with electrical and wireless internet
- (2) Tickets for Sunday, September 28 Welcome Reception and Monday Lunch

Sponsorship Opportunities

Silver Package ***\$ 900***

- (1) 8'x10 (Approx.) Deluxe Booth Space in Desirable Location with electrical and wireless internet
- (3) tickets for Sunday, September 28 Welcome Reception and Monday Lunch
- Narrative Published in the TOAL Program (125 words or less)

Platinum Package \$1200 (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

- (1) 8'x10' (Approx.) Deluxe Booth Space in Premium Location with electrical and wireless internet
- (4) Tickets for Welcome Reception (get up close and personal with your customers!) and Monday Lunch
- Approved promotional material included in attendee packets
- (1) Speaker Presentation Sponsorship of choice
- Narrative Published in the TOAL Program (125 words or less)
- Recognition on on-site signage

Hospitality Room \$ 500 (in addition to booth or sponsorship) (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

- Private meeting room space concurrent and post to exposition hours
 - Opportunity to exclusively present your products/services to the TOAL Membership
 - Arrangements for food and beverage made separately with hotel

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

Welcome Reception	Supplier Expo Decorations/Entertainment
Welcome Reception Band/Entertainment	Hospitality Suite (Monday)
Hospitality Suite (Sunday)	Tuesday Break (snacks/drinks)
Monday Keynote Speaker	Tuesday Host Event
Monday Break (snacks/drinks)	Hospitality Suite (Tuesday)
Supplier Expo Door Prizes/Cash	Wednesday Closing Speaker
Supplier Expo Reception	

Note: If you are interested in sole sponsorship on any of the above events, please contact Alan Phillips (University of Houston) alan@uh.edu or (713) 743-5671. These opportunities are limited and available on a first come/first honored basis.

Register Today On-line at the following website:

www.naeptoal.org

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