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### Message From The President

#### TOAL Members,

It was great to see everyone who was able to attend the annual meeting in Rogers, Arkansas. A special thanks to Linda Fast who chaired the host committee, Mike Ring who hosted the hospitality suite and literally everyone else in Arkansas who assisted in making the meeting a true success. For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed out on a great conference.

Your TOAL officers are currently working on the 60th Anniversary conference in San Marcos, Texas. Alan Phillips located a beautiful, brand spanking new hotel for the event which is very similar to the facilities in Arkansas. Robert Moerke, the 2009 host committee chair, has already sewn up a lot of the details for this year's historic gala event, Patty Winkler is planning the greatest vendor show ever and Roger Fuller is digging through historical documents to showcase some of the greatest moments from Conferences past. A special thanks also to Rob Parker who is

putting together picture collages from past meetings and Melanie Tassone who is instrumental in making our meetings fantastic!

Also a big thank you to Tom Hoffmeyer for assuming the treasurer duties and moving our accounts over in order to keep an eye on them 24/7. Yes our organization is still extremely financially sound despite the tanking economy.

I am excited to be serving as your president this year and will try to do everything in my power to live up to my predecessors. This is not an empty promise as we are looking to honor the past presidents at this year's so the day of reckoning is quickly approaching.

Hope this message finds all of you well. Please let me know if there is anything that we can do to help you.

**Kevin Holmes, C.P.M.**  
**President, TOAL**

## Call for Programs

By now you have heard that the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TOAL will be held in beautiful San Marcos, TX. The hotel and adjacent convention center are brand new and state of the art. The TOAL Board is very excited about the venue and can't wait for you to join us in September.

I would like to invite each TOAL member to send me your thoughts on our program for the 2009 meeting. I have already heard from folks desiring sessions on sustainability, carbon foot printing, green purchasing, Federal funds reporting, RFP's, and more. Please consider topics that interest you or that you would even be willing to present and let me know soon!

If you would like to be a speaker, a moderator or have a topic of interest, please send me a quick e-mail at [alan@uh.edu](mailto:alan@uh.edu)!

**Alan Phillips, CPPB CTPM**  
**TOAL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

## Vendor Expo

We have just completed our planning meeting for the 2009 TOAL meeting in San Marcos and we are very excited. Since we received great reviews from last year's vendor expo, we will mirror the same time slot and format for this year. Our theme this year for the vendor expo will be racing, so start your engines and send me your vendor contacts of who you would like to see this year.

Since 2009 TOAL will be our 60th anniversary, we will be honoring some of our vendors for their continuous support. I have begun to compile a list of our vendors by each year to track the number of years of each vendor's support.

## I'm in need of your help!

I need a list of the vendors in attendance for the

following meetings: 2000 and anything older than 1999. If you have your programs, please just send me the listing of the product exhibitors and I will incorporate them into my spreadsheet. The information may be sent to me either by fax (979-862-5117) or email (listed below).

During our review of the 2008 meeting surveys, it was noted that we needed to include some food and athletic vendors in our mix. Also during our planning meeting, we thought that it would great to incorporate some certified Texas HUB vendors in our mix as well. So, if you have any vendor contacts in these areas, please forward their contact information to me and I will work on getting them to our expo.

We are still working on the registration form, but it will soon be posted to our 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.

Once our website is updated, I will be sending out a note via our listserv, so make sure you have signed up on the listserv so you don't miss any important and exciting details about your up and coming 2009 TOAL Product Expo!

Keep checking the site for updated information. If there are any questions, please contact Patty Winkler @ [p-winkler@tamu.edu](mailto:p-winkler@tamu.edu)

**Patty Winkler, CTP, C.P.M.**  
**TOAL 2nd Vice President**

## TOAL ListServ

Make sure you are on the TOAL ListServ. All important information is distributed through the ListServ.

[http://www.naepnet.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Listserv\\_eGroups](http://www.naepnet.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Listserv_eGroups)

## A Note from the Host Committee...

Welcome to San Marcos, A Texas Natural!

The site of TOAL's fall conference, San Marcos, is considered one of the primary gateways to the Texas Hill Country. The area around San Marcos is thought to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited areas in the United States due to the springs found here. The city is where the headwaters of the San Marcos River gush forth from a spring fed lake. San Marcos is on IH-35, about halfway between Austin and San Antonio. It contains the main campus of Texas State University-San Marcos with its beautiful campus that is bisected by the San Marcos River.

There is much to do in and about San Marcos. The outlet malls are within a mile of the Embassy Suites-San Marcos where TOAL will be held. The San Marcos malls have been voted one of the top 10 outlet malls in the United States. In addition, a new retail shopping center just recently opened just across the interstate from the Embassy Suites. Cheatham Street Warehouse in San Marcos hosts a variety of bands which play almost nightly. On the weekends several pubs and bars have bands playing. There are several new restaurants and cafés, and some old standbys that Texas State alumni will recall from their college days here. A classic car museum is currently under construction and should be open by September. On a warm fall weekend, tubes may be rented for a leisurely float down the river, ending at the recently renovated Rio Vista Park. The San Marcos River near the head waters is a constant 72 degrees F, refreshing in the summer and comfortable in the fall. New Braunfels, a unique tourist destination, is only 17 miles south of San Marcos. Schlitterbahn voted the #1 water park in the country is located there.

Near New Braunfels is the town of Greune, a town comprised of shops, restaurants and Greune Hall, the oldest dance hall in Texas, where many a famous musician, including George Strait, got their start. The third weekend of September is "Greune Market Days" where over 100 vendors set up their tents to sell their wares. Also in Greune are several antique stores, a wine tasting shop and an old soda fountain where sweet treats may be bought

Another short drive almost due West of San Marcos takes one to the town of Wimberley. Wimberley hosts a variety of unique shops. In addition, right outside Wimberley is one of the longest "zip lines" in Texas. This will take an adventurous type over canyons and creeks with a breath-taking 15 mile view of the Wimberley Valley.

About 1 ½ to 2 hours away is the town of Fredericksburg, home to the Nimitz "War of Pacific" museum, Fort Mason, several wineries and a host of German restaurants. It is known for its craft stores and antique shops. On the way to Fredericksburg is the LBJ Ranch National Park which was owned by former President Lyndon Baines Johnson until his death.

If you are planning to attend this year's TOAL conference in San Marcos, we, the host committee hope you will be able to take the time to explore the area and see what makes San Marcos such a great place to live.

**Rob Moerke**  
**TOAL – 2009 Host Committee Chair**

### Call for Moderators

If you are interested in volunteering to be a moderator for TOAL '09, please contact Alan Phillips @

[AAPhillips@central.UH.EDU](mailto:AAPhillips@central.UH.EDU)

## TOAL Scholarship Winners

The following are the two winners of the first NAEP Annual Meeting Scholarship.

- Teresa O'Brien, Texas A&M Research Foundation
- Mike Ring, Arkansas State-Jonesboro

Additional scholarship opportunities will be available in the near future. Make sure you have signed up on the TOAL Listserv, so you will not miss the deadline for our next scholarship opportunity.

## Hotel Information

This year's conference will be held at the wonderful Embassy Suites in San Marcos, Texas. The hotel has once again developed our very own link to help assist in your hotel reservations. Just click on the link below and you will be directed to our TOAL 2009 hotel site.

Remember to use our Group Code: TOA in order to get the \$115.00 rate for King or Double.

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/SNMESES-TOA-20090920/index.jhtml>

**Hotel Reservation Deadline:  
August 14, 2009**

## New TOAL Members

A special welcome to the following new member institutions:

Member Institution Name	City	State
<b>Ursuline Academy of Dallas</b>	Dallas	TX
<b>Odessa College</b>	Odessa	TX
<b>Rose State College</b>	Midwest City	OK
<b>Episcopal School of Dallas</b>	Dallas	TX

## Treasurer's Report

For the fiscal year ending December, 31, 2008, we had income of \$59,786.59 and expenses of \$71,415.60 for a loss of \$11,629.01. While expenses were in line with budgeted amounts, attendance at the Rogers meeting was lower than anticipated. At 12/31/2008, we had a balance in our treasury of \$72,488.72 which includes a CD of \$62,293.45.

During the 2008 fiscal year, Carol Barnhill submitted all monthly treasurer's reports, bank statements, and other required documentation to the national office for the annual audit.

In March 2009, we made our annual \$1,000 donation to the NAEP scholarship fund.

I would like to thank Carol Barnhill for her excellent work during the past year as Treasurer.

As you all know, Carol is dedicating her time to serving on the NAEP National Board, and continues to be a very good representative for the TOAL region. Thanks again to Carol!

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

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**TOAL 2009**

Annual Meeting & Exposition

September 20 – September 23

Embassy Suites San Marcos

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San Marcos, TX 78666

[www.sanmarcos.embassysuites.com](http://www.sanmarcos.embassysuites.com)

Reservations: 1-800-EMBASSY

On-line Reservation Webpage:

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/SNMESES-TOA-20090920/index.jhtml>

Hotel Rate: \$115

Group Code: TOA

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Please visit the TOAL website

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More Details Coming Soon...