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Dear Membership,

I know all of you are in the middle of your spring semesters but I hope this finds you having an enjoyable end of your year. Convention 2009 is still reeling in my head. Great curriculum, a fabulous exhibit hall and our talented All State dancers refreshed me to come back ready for anything during the final half of my school year. My hopes are you will take some time as this year winds down to relax and rejuvenate yourself by spending time with your family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Lakeisha McGowen and the 2008 Executive Board, our Committee Chairs, Convention Assistants, and everyone involved in making "The Revolution of Dance" come to fruition. A big thank you goes to our generous Exhibitors, workshop presenters, administrators and membership for their contributions to Convention 2009.

The 2009 Executive Board Committee has already begun planning next year's convention. Committee Chairs are being selected and plans are being made. If you have any great ideas, workshop proposals, or suggestions for presenters for convention, please share that information with me and I will pass it along to the rest of the Executive Board. We plan to continue to build on the work of previous boards, specifically in the following areas:

- Improving communication with the membership
- Improving online registration and the website
- Increasing membership
- Increasing scholarship amounts for All State Recipients
- Continuing a professional image
- Addressing our growing membership in this facility

As you all know TDEA along with our administrative members have been working toward a TDEA- sponsored evaluation process. This would NOT be a traditional dance team contest, but an opportunity for educators to have their entire dance program evaluated for a rating against the standard of excellence. The committee has been hard at work and a few districts have volunteered to pilot this evaluation in the fall of 2009. The evaluation process is intended to be optional for those TDEA members who wish to participate. TDEA and the committee recognize this is an ongoing process that will take many years to perfect. We hope in doing this, credibility and validation will be brought to dance programs just as other fine arts programs are in the state of Texas. If you have any suggestions please let me know. We will keep the membership informed of progress.

I am honored to serve as your TDEA President this year. I understand the importance of my position and as a dance educator. I am excited to work with this year's board to make Convention 2010 a time of celebration for the art of dance. If you have any suggestions or would like to be more involved in TDEA, please do not hesitate to call me at (281) 237-5222 or email me at staciezimmerman@katyisd.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Stacie Zimmerman

TDEA Awards Deserving Students with Scholarship

This year, TDEA awarded six students with **\$8,000** worth of scholarships at the 2009 convention. Scholarships were awarded based on the student's extracurricular and community involvement, academic achievement, and dedication to their team.

This year's scholarship recipients include:

- \$2500 Taylor Walling**, Midlothian HS, Director Laura Truett
- \$2000 Clair Vial**, Cinco Ranch, Director Stacie Zimmerman
- \$1500 Erica Brown**, Leander HS, Director Tracey Anderson
- \$1,000 Macy Brocato**, Beaumont Westbrook HS, Director Tisha Smith
- \$500 Xanthe Shirley**, Dickinson HS, Director Tracy Mills
- \$500 Valerie Mayer**, Cy Ridge HS, Director Stephanie Lyle

TDEA would like to congratulate all of these outstanding young ladies on their accomplishments. These scholarships are funded completely through donations from the TDEA membership and it is through your donations that we were able to offer such a large amount of scholarship money this year! Thank you TDEA membership and exhibitors. Let's keep the donations coming!

Scholarship Essay by Taylor Walling, TDEA Scholarship Recipient

To be an influence is to learn about oneself. It is largely impossible to sow without reaping some reward or another just as it is rare that one goes unchanged by any life experience. This I have learned through participation of my high school drill team. I have put much time and effort as well as heart into the work of the team and in return, I have learned life lesson after life lesson.

There are several things in life one is taught through repetition. It is far beyond any of us to avoid hearing all the hackneyed phrases and overused cliches passed from generation to naïve generation: "Attitude is everything," "If you can dream it, you can do it," "Shoot for the moon..." and the list goes on. It is, however, incredibly rare that one learns the true significance of these ever popular inspiring quotes through experience. I have had the opportunity to learn first-hand what hard work and dedication can do for a person as well as those surrounding her. I have shown day in and day out for the past four years what it means to persevere. Consequently, I have experienced success, not only as an individual, but in conjunction and cooperation with those who share my goals and motivations. My drill team experience has instilled in me qualities that will benefit me for the rest of my life. I have learned respect for all those around me and I have learned responsibility. I have learned that leadership cannot exist without integrity and that titles mean nothing when one lacks the legitimacy of character to uphold them. Participating as a team member as well as an officer, I have been shown my own strengths and weaknesses as reflected by my teammates' reaction to me. I was able to measure myself against my own past accomplishments and in doing so, improve upon myself every day.

Being in an environment in which hard work never goes unrewarded, I have developed a sense of self-worth that will never leave me. I hope to be a positive influence on all whom I encounter in the future and I will know that no endeavor which I undertake will go unfinished. My drill team experience will never cease to enrich my life for all that I invested in it. Nothing could have made my high school years more fulfilling.



Congratulations 2009 Convention Award Winners

Director of the Year

*Sally Provenzano
Cy-Springs High School*

Lifetime Achievement Award

*Kay Lynn Renfro
Grapevine High School*

Hall of Fame Inductees

*Ruth Flynn
and
Betty Loter*

Distinguished Service Award

*Nika Carter
and
Sheila Taylor*



TREASURER REPORT

1/07/2009 through 2/24/2009

Prepared by: Amanda LaBorde, TDEA Treasurer

INCOME

DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP

<i>Convention Registration (Wells Fargo)</i>	\$63,072.00
<i>Convention Registration (PayPal)</i>	\$595.96

TOTAL CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP	\$63,667.96
TOTAL INCOME	\$63,667.96

EXPENSES

MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

<i>Reimbursements for supplies</i>	\$3,259.87
<i>Reimbursement for Shuttle (Letisha Kelly)</i>	\$26.00
<i>Convention cancellations and over payments</i>	\$1,750.00
<i>Wells Fargo Fees (Electronic Credit Fee, Cash Deposited Fee)</i>	\$54.90
<i>Returned Checks and Fees</i>	\$202.00
<i>John Doherty, CPA (1096/1099 form preparations)</i>	\$375.00

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS	\$5,667.77
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CONVENTION

<i>Workshop Presenters</i>	\$4,900.00
<i>Public Storage</i>	\$651.00
<i>Ace Flowers (Recognition Dinner Flowers)</i>	\$107.05
<i>Coca-Cola (Exhibit Hall)</i>	\$598.01
<i>Committee Chair Gifts (Kandy Lankford)</i>	\$120.00
<i>Plaques, Plates, Pins, and Name Badges</i>	\$742.45
<i>Hotel Security (Adell Cross)</i>	\$650.00
<i>Refunds for over payment (Showtime, Costume Closet)</i>	\$825.00
<i>Entertainment Night Games (Arcade Games of Houston)</i>	\$700.00
<i>Entertainment Night DJ (Euphone DJ Services)</i>	\$300.00
<i>Entertainment Night Balloons (Balloon Masters)</i>	\$400.00
<i>Entertainment Night Casino Tables (Lone Star Casino Parties)</i>	\$975.00
<i>Exhibit Hall Lighting (Phoenix Design Group)</i>	\$189.00
<i>George Fern Company</i>	\$6356.00
<i>Marriott Westchase (hotel bill)</i>	\$74,164.80
<i>Convention Printing (FedEx Office)</i>	\$3,481.69
<i>Board Luncheon (Jason's Deli)</i>	\$112.30
<i>Starbucks (Committee Chair Gifts-Check Card)</i>	\$150.00
<i>Papa John's (Board Lunch- Check Card)</i>	\$104.39
<i>Balloon Drop (Withdrawal)</i>	\$500.00

TOTAL CONVENTION	\$96,026.69
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ALL STATE

<i>ASDT Lunches (Jason's Deli)</i>	\$927.70
<i>ASDT Choreographers (Jimmy Arguello)</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>ASDT Videographer (Alvin Wright)</i>	\$4150.00
<i>Meredith Watassak (ASDT workshop supplies)</i>	\$730.00

TOTAL ALL STATE	\$7,307.70
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$109,002.16
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Balance brought forward on January 7th, 2009 - \$83,251.59

Balance on hand as of February 24th, 2009 - \$37,917.39

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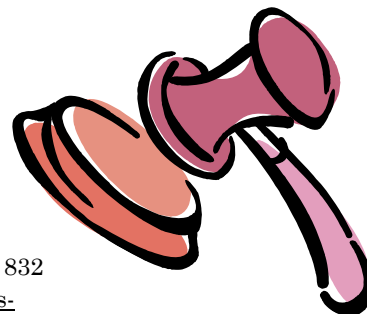
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**If you have any ideas for the
upcoming year in TDEA, please
contact any board member.**

**TDEA
2009
Board Meetings**

All board meetings will be held at the Marriott West-chase Hotel and will begin at 6:00 p.m. *Denotes meetings at which all committee chairs should be in attendance.

May 13

July 15-16

*September 9

October 14

November 11

*December 9

Fine Arts Summit X

By Tom H. Waggoner, Director of Fine Arts, Texas Education Agency

TEXAS FINE ARTS SUMMIT X

The Texas Fine Arts Summit X, hosted by the Center for Educator Development in Fine Arts (CEDFA), will be held Thursday-Friday, June 11-12, 2009 at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Austin. Registration fee discounts will be available for groups from the same organization, school, or district, and all attendees will receive Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit. Registration forms and other related information are posted on the CEDFA website at <http://www.cedfa.org>.

The Fine Arts Summit is the only major venue in Texas that brings together educators from each of the four fine arts content areas of dance, art, music, and theatre. The topic of this year's Fine Arts Summit and the ensuing three Summits is *Assessment in the Arts*. The four-year plan is to provide Summit participants with professional development training on assessment strategies in each of the four fine arts content areas, one strand of the Fine Arts Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) per year:

Perception - 2009

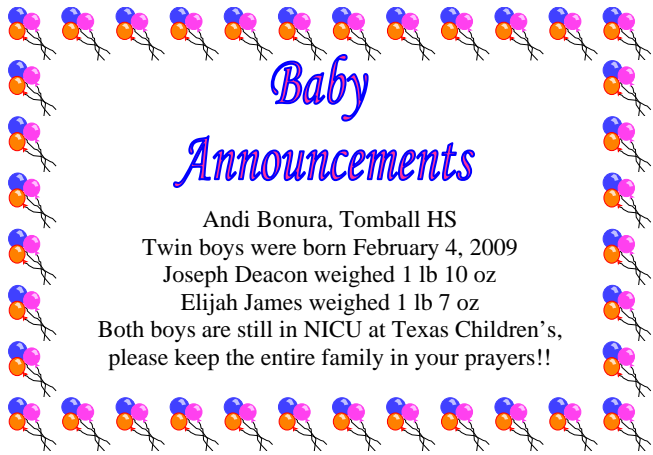
Historical/Cultural Heritage - 2010

Response/Evaluation - 2011

Creative Expression/Performance - 2012

GOT IDEAS?

For workshop ideas for the 2010 convention, please email
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Baby Announcements

Andi Bonura, Tomball HS
Twin boys were born February 4, 2009
Joseph Deacon weighed 1 lb 10 oz
Elijah James weighed 1 lb 7 oz
Both boys are still in NICU at Texas Children's,
please keep the entire family in your prayers!!

Membership Updates Director Assignments

Terri Hernandez
Summer Creek HS (Humble ISD)

Rebecca Freeman
Santa Fe High School

Ashley Caterina
Friendswood High School, Assistant

Mark your calendars!
TDEA Convention
January 7-10, 2010
Marriott Westchase Hotel
Houston, Texas

VENDORS ONLY:
Early Bird Registration will be
July 15-August 15, 2009

Recent Engagements

Stacy Jennings
Cy-Creek High School, Director
Melissa Jones
Friendswood High School, Asst.
Stacy Miller
Cy-Creek High School, Asst.
Katie Troquet
Cy- Woods High School, Asst.

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share with TDEA, please email
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Jersey Village High School, part time dance
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