





## STATE OFFICER TEAM REPORT

Chao Huang, Nevada DECA State President and Kiara Bass, Nevada DECA State Secretary, presented the State Officer Team report highlighting the key accomplishments of the officer team since the last BOT meeting. The board asked several questions about their DC visit, ACTE, and chapter visits. The Board requested that the officers provide a report on the percentage of chapter visits completed to date and plans for completing additional visits.

The official written state officer report was submitted for review by all board members in attendance.

Some of the highlights from the report were:

- The State Officer Team visited Washington D.C in November to attend the Ultimate Power Trip, a combined regional leadership conference for the Western, Southern and North Atlantic Regions.
- The State Officers also visited the United States Capitol, the White House, and the State Department to learn more about politics and the history of those buildings. Officers were also treated a night tour of Washington D.C. monuments and attractions.
- Prior to the visit to Washington D.C., the State Officers sent professional letters and made follow-up calls seeking to set up visits with the Nevada Congressional delegation after the Ultimate Power Trip concluded.
- The team met with staff members for Senator Harry Reid and Congresswoman Shelly Berkley to talk about the importance of federal funding under the Perkins Act for career and technical education.
- The most exciting part of the trip was when the State Officers were able to hold a face-to-face meeting with Congressmen Dean Heller to discuss Perkins funding.
- Through Senator Harry Reid's office, the State Officer Team received passes admitting them to the gallery of the United States Senate on the day when Vice President Joe Biden swore in two new Senators.
- In December, the Las Vegas-area State Officers attended the ACTE Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo at the Hilton Convention Center.
- Chao Huang was represented Nevada DECA during the business meeting of the Business and Marketing sector. He shared Nevada DECA's Program of Work for the year, as well as the success of the Ultimate Power Trip.
- Dafne Vargas addressed all 3,500 conference attendees during the closing session about the impact of DECA and CTE in her life! As the only student presenter at the conference, she was able to celebrate the benefits of DECA to students as well as express the appreciation all DECA members have for their educators.

## STATE CHAIR REPORT



Melissa Scott delivered the State Chair Report providing the following updates to the Board:

Melissa briefed the Board on current Nevada Department of Education updates and program information. She shared that CTE funding is in the current budget and looks stable, but won't be final until the budget process is complete.

The State Officers will be going to Carson City to participate in the CTSO State Day at the Capitol in February.

Mike Rapponi is now the new director of the office of career technical and adult education.

The department is continuing their efforts to build programs of study. The Marketing area has been somewhat challenging, but the work presses forward.

The state and district are funding several teachers to attend the Business Education For the 21<sup>st</sup> Century student program provided by MBA Research that will be in Las Vegas.

#### **STATE ADVISOR REPORT**

Brycen Woodley delivered the State Advisor Report providing updates and information on the following items:

Plans for the State Conference are coming along well. The conference will be February 15-16, 2011 at the Santa Fe Station. Judge recruitment has already started and is moving along well. For the first year the conference will be an overnight conference. The State Management Team is planning activities for the evening of February 15<sup>th</sup> including a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with Ice Cream and Cookies. Board members were asked to consider volunteering to judge and participate in the conference.

This year's International Career Development Conference will be held in Orlando Florida from April 30 to May 3. Flight costs are considerably higher this year than they have been in years' past. The rest of the costs are relatively in line with what they have been in previous years.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The board reviewed the current year to date financial reports. The management team addressed questions about the financial reports and provided explanation.

Tina Fulks moved and it was seconded that the financials be approved as presented with recommended corrections to the budget categories for WRLC and CTSO summit on the Profit and Loss statement. The updated P&L will be sent out via email to Board Members following the meeting.



## **POLICY DISCUSSION**

The board reviewed proposed policies to comply with new IRS 990 Requirements and general policies that are important for the association to have in place. The policies that were presented and reviewed were: Cash Flow Management Policy, Conflict of Interest, Document Retention, Sexual Harassment/Non Discrimination and, Whistleblower.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Cash Flow Management Policy. It was noted by Melissa Scott that Long term investments would require the formation of a foundation because the State would only allow the investment of funds in FDIC insured accounts. It was decided that a vote on the formation of the Foundation would be postponed until a later date so that more Board members could be involved in the decision.

The Board requested that the Cash Flow Management Policy be updated the last four digits of the account number where applicable and ensure that it is specified that the accounts are to be set up in the name of the Nevada Association of DECA, Inc.

The Board decided to wait on the adoption of the remaining policies until James Kohl is able to review them and provide the Board with his insights.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGY DISCUSSION**

The board briefly reviewed the current status of the 5 key priorities for the year. A few members who were leads for some of the priorities were not present, but a quick update was given on their items. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Membership Recruitment efforts are showing great progress. Current membership is up significantly over last year's totals and chapters are responding well to the effort. Plans are well underway for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations leading up to the State Conference and the activities that will take place at the conference.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Tina Fulks and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, NEVADA DECA, Inc.

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Brycen Woodley, State Advisor (Acting Secretary)

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Date