

President's Message - Winter 2005 (3/4/2005)

Greetings Connecticut business educators, I sincerely hope you're having a wonderful school year. The Executive Board hasn't communicated with you for some time; therefore, we are sending you this brief newsletter. Our hope was to distribute an electronic newsletter via our website, www.cbea.info; however due to continuing technological difficulties, we just can't do that at this time. We anticipate that in the next couple of months our web administrator will have the capability to update our website. Then we will be able to keep you informed about important announcements and newsworthy articles.

The Executive Board discussed and agreed on a change in venue for our Annual Conference. As membership and the number of conference attendees declines, the cost of putting on a conference at the Aqua Turf remains the same; reeking havoc on our budget. The date for this year's conference is Wednesday, October 19, 2005 and it will be held at the Radisson in Cromwell, Connecticut.

The theme for our 102nd Annual Conference is "Keep Business Education Alive in 2005". Our executive board is busy organizing and setting up sessions. We have wonderful topics and are now in the process of recruiting outstanding presenters. I invite you all to our Annual Conference in October, where I am confident you will walk away with vital information that you can take back to your students.

A final note about the conference, I really don't want to let the cat out of the bag, but we have two outstanding prospects for our Keynote Speaker. Our first choice is a high-ranking State government official, who is trying to schedule in our Conference date, but has not yet confirmed. Our alternative choice is a celebrated author and television personality, who has agreed to host one of our sessions, but would also welcome the opportunity to be our Keynote Speaker.

If you have any concerns or questions about CBEA, please feel free to contact any executive board member; my email address is b11jroy@ci.manchester.ct.us. Visit our website, www.cbea.info, for the latest news and conference updates (I really hope it will be working fine shortly).