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President's Message

The speed at which time passes never ceases to amaze me. **Welcome to August 2010!** Hopefully, each of you has enjoyed some sort of rest and recreation this summer although I believe, for Trustees, it can be the busiest time of a school year.

With the weight of deficit budgets, decreasing property tax values, accountability ratings, and the countless other pressures of public education in Texas, Trustees may have to dig deep to re-energize for the coming school year. A great start is to mark your calendars and plan to attend **"Creating a New Vision for Public Education in Texas"** on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Region 4.

Active participation in the GCAASB is an opportunity to communicate (and, yes, even commiserate) with other area Trustees experiencing similar concerns. It is also an opportunity to stay current on what is happening in Austin that directly impacts our schools. The benefits of **GCAASB membership enhances** Trustees in their abilities to perform their roles and responsibilities on their local boards **and participation offers** continuing education hours required of all Trustees.

Thank you to those districts that have already joined for 2010-2011! As you prepare for the upcoming school year, do not forget our focus. As Trustees our mission is to see to the education of each individual child in our districts. Therefore, we need to remain both diligent and vigilant. **GCAASB can help!**

Hope to see you on Aug. 25!



Kathy Green, President

'New Vision' focus of Aug. 25 membership meeting

A panel presentation on **"Creating a New Vision for Public Education in Texas"** will kick-off the 2010-2011 school year for the **Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards** on **Wednesday, August 25** at **Region 4 ESC**.

Dr. John Horn of the **TASA Visioning Institute** will lead the panel of area Superintendents for the membership meeting, which will begin with a **6:30 p.m. dinner** co-sponsored by **Associate Members Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P.**, and **Joiner Partnership, Inc.** Also expected to be in attendance are **Texas Association of School Administrators** Executive Director **Dr. Johnny Veselka**, TASA Associate Executive Director **Susan Holley**,

Area **Superintendents** who have participated in the **TASA Visioning Institute** and may participate on the panel include **Dr. Greg Smith** of **Clear Creek ISD**, **Dr. David Anthony** of **Cypress-Fairbanks ISD**, **Leland Williams** of **Dickinson ISD**, **Alton Frailey** of **Katy ISD**, **Dr. Thomas Randle** of **Lamar Consolidated ISD**, **Dr. Ralph Draper** of **Spring ISD**, and **Dr. Duncan Klussmann** of **Spring Branch ISD**.

In addition to the program that will provide **1.5 hours of Board Training credit**, **four \$500 student scholarships** will be awarded by drawings during the business meeting.

Reservations for the Aug. 25 dinner meeting must be made by **10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20** by e-mailing GCSchoolBoards@aol.com or by calling **Tommye Wolverton** at Region 4 at 713-744-6534 to provide a guaranteed count for **AC Catering**.

Districts, businesses joining GCAASB

As of July 29, **19 school districts** and **seven education-related businesses** had **paid dues** to support the GCAASB's mission of improving the quality of education for students in the Gulf Coast area.

In recognition of the funding challenges facing school districts and supportive education-related companies and individuals, the GCAASB Executive Board is **maintaining for 2010-2011 the lower dues implemented last year**. **Dues notices** were mailed in early June and are **payable by no later than September 15**.

Aldine, Alief, Anahuac, Clear Creek, Cypress-Fairbanks, Dayton, Dickinson, Fort Bend, Friendswood, Goose Creek, Houston, Hempstead, Lamar Consolidated, La Porte, Pasadena, Spring, Spring Branch, and **Texas City** school districts, as well as **Region 4 ESC**, have **renewed** their membership.

The law firm of **Ogden, Gibson, Broocks & Longoria, LLP** has joined the GCAASB as an **Associate Member**, while architectural firms **Bay, cre8, Joiner Partnership,** and **PBK**, tax collection firm **Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott**, and attorney **Richard A. Peebles** have renewed as Associate Members.

The dues, plus funds from membership dinner sponsors and interest earnings, will enable the GCAASB to provide state-required training for Trustees and Administrators; provide publication and e-mail distribution of a regular newsletter; enable Trustees and Administrators to enjoy a no-cost meal at each of the membership meetings; enable the GCAASB to have a positive presence at the TASB/TASA Convention in Houston; and allow Trustees in attendance at the annual meeting to vote for the Officer and Director positions elected annually.

Regional honorees named

The **Humble ISD Board of Trustees** and **Katy ISD Supt. Alton Frailey** have been named recipients of **Region 4 honors** in the annual **State School Board of the Year** and **State Superintendent of the Year** competition. They will be recognized by the GCAASB at the Aug. 25 meeting.

Members of the **Humble ISD Board** include **President Dan Huberty, Vice President Keith Lapeze, Secretary Dr. Bonnie Longnion, Parliamentarian Charles Cunningham,** and members **Brent Engelege, Dave Martin,** and **Robert Scarfo**. They were nominated by **Supt. Dr. Guy Sconzo**.


Katy ISD President Judith Snyder, Vice President Rebecca Fox, Secretary Chris Crockett, Treasurer Robert Show, Sergeant at Arms Joe Adams, and members **Eric Duhon** and **Neal Howard** nominated Supt. Frailey.

**First Meeting Registration Deadline
is 10:00 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20!**

**Register by e-mailing
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<p>President Kathy Green, La Porte ISD 1st Vice President Becky Streetman, Huffman ISD 2nd Vice President Sarah Winkler, Alief ISD Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Schaper, Sr., Spring Branch ISD Past President Marine Jones, Aldine ISD</p>	<p>Directors Pete Vincent, Alvin ISD Linda Huebner, Columbia-Brazoria ISD J. T. Floyd, Dickinson ISD Carl Burg, Goose Creek CISD Charles Cunningham, Humble ISD Joe Adams, Katy ISD Georgan Reitmeier, Klein ISD Kim Janke, Needville ISD Jeffrey Mitchell, Spring ISD Kathy Hanson, Tomball ISD</p>	<p>Executive Secretary Jerry Smith, APR</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards</p> </div>