



President's Message

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Special Edition, Convention in St. Pete Beach, Florida
BRIGHT Future ... Shades Needed!



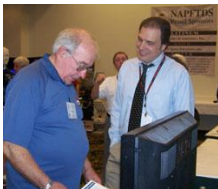
What an amazing annual convention in St. Pete Beach, Florida filled with so many great relationships both new and old. I hope that all had a relaxing convention with plenty of time to network. As the incoming President, please let me begin by saying thank you to our members-at-large.



Our sponsors who continue their support for the Association - new and old - as we continue to grow - your support is a



necessity for our continued success and is greatly appreciated. Those sponsors who shared their products through convention booth - your time, effort and value



that you add to the Association and convention and ultimately the offerings that you bring to our



classrooms is truly appreciated.



Thank you to our industry representatives for their dedication in the Association's values and mission, allowing our students quality career choices for their future. These choices could not be offered



to our students without your dedication in a professional industry.

And to our presenters, **WOW** what amazing discussions. I cannot tell you how much your time and talents are valued. What the Association's



membership take back to their administration and classroom is simply part of the quality curriculum that is expected of our programs.



And finally, a very big thanks to the convention committee and everyone who made this such a seamless convention. From Crissie Moffet and her

commitment - to Traci Behnke and Sarah Williams, who volunteer their time in set up and

detail at the front table making sure everything is 'ready to go' to our Board members who steer the Association. Because of all of you and your combined efforts, this year's convention was



simply one for the recordbooks!

Before going further, I need to say thank you to Martin Garsee for two years of quality leadership. I meant what I said; Martin is genuine in both his

leadership and friendship. We do have a short leash on Martin so I do not think he will be going too far anytime soon.

Thank you Martin for a job well done!



For those of you who were not at this year's convention, I would like to announce that Laura Kingsland is our newly elected Vice President, who brings a level of passion and commitment and I look forward to working closely with her and the entire Board.



Speaking of the Board - the Association would like to welcome new Board member, Michael



Hall, Central Community College from Hastings, Nebraska as well as the re-election of Mary Beth McCollum, College of Southern Maryland, La Plata, Maryland and Maury Tiehen, San Juan

College/School of Energy, Farmington,

New Mexico. **Congratulations!**



Also the Board welcomes Latasha Neal with U.S. Xpress and Betty Weiland from J.J. Keller & Associates as new carrier and vendor Board members replacing their predecessors. Our Board members are talented, dedicated and passionate in leading the way. Please make sure you contact any Board member with any questions or comments.

Over the next two years it is my hope that as President, your goals within the industry will be met. Together, I am convinced that we can continue to provide quality support, education and career choices



for our students and customers in our industry.

I plan on representing our Association at both state and national levels in accordance to your

guidance and our mission of the Association. As

President, it is my responsibility to provide resources for all our members and I can assure you I am committed fully to all of you and the Association.



The Association would like to thank Laura Kingsland, Pinellas Technical Education Center, for furnishing the banquet music as it was very enjoyable and added to the evening.

The Association would also like to thank Tommy Thomas, Florida Trucking Association, for his presentation at this year's banquet. Recognition was also given to Martin Garsee, for his service to the



Association as immediate Past President; also recognizing Tina Frindt in her service as the Association's Treasurer and longtime Board



member. Prizes awarded at this year's banquet were Don Hunt, Chattanooga State winning a Kindle Fire given by Mike Stricek, Doron Precision, and Kenny Rogers, Cecil College won



a 1:64 die cast

NAPFTDS truck. Congratulations to all!



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I hope to see all of you again very soon! Here's to a great 2013

- after all, the future is going to be **BRIGHT ... remember to wear your shades!**

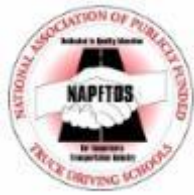


A special thanks to Florian Guillet and Sirata Staff ..

For those that didn't make it to the convention, NAPFTDS has apparel and miscellaneous items for sale from polo shirts to jackets to t-shirts to 1:64 trucks.

Items can be viewed on our website, www.napftds.org

if interested before then, email cmoffet@napftds.org!



Important notice to prospective new NAPFTDS members!

If you are not a member of the Association and you would like to continue receiving the **Learning Curve** and other benefits of membership, please complete the membership application at our website, www.napftds.org or **CLICK** on the above logo. While we have generous supporters, member dues are the backbone of our Association.

Region Meeting Dates for Fall 2013

Region 1 & 2

To Be Determined (TBD)

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Des Moines Area Community College, Des Moines, IA

Sponsored by TMC Transportation, Des Moines, IA

Contact: Dave Pfiffner

Dates: October 8-9, 2013

Region 4

TBD

Region 5

Southern State Community College, Hillsboro, OH

Contact: Eddie Mullins

Dates: TBD

Region 6

Hosted by Tennessee Tech Ctr at Chattanooga State

& Albany Technical College, Albany, Georgia

Sponsored by U.S. Xpress, Chattanooga Tennessee

Contact: Don Hunt & Kenny Rogers

Dates: October 21-22, 2013

Region 7

Cecil College, Elkton, Maryland

Contact: Kenny Rogers

Dates: September 26-27, 2013

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working together is success."
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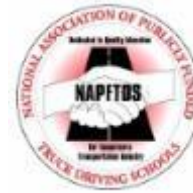
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