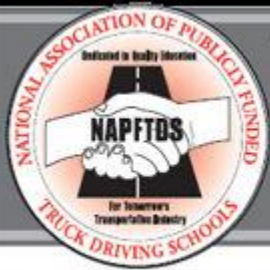


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## President's Message

*Rob Behnke*



Special Edition, Convention in Charleston, South Carolina

Hello NAPFTDS Member:



“Bridging the Gap” is quite an understatement for this year’s National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

I hope this finds everyone well and gearing up for your spring and summer activities. While some of you may be planning summer vacations others might be preparing course curriculum.

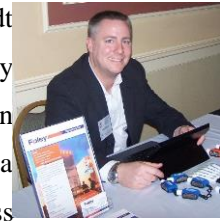


I want to personally thank all of you for one of our greatest annual conferences in a long time. From the attendance to hospitality, presenters and vendors, sponsors to partners this type of conference is simply not possible without all of these items coming together seamlessly. On a side note, I’m not sure if everyone knew this but we had our best apparel sales year ever due to the help of our volunteers-thank you. Thanks to our board members for their professional guidance and to our convention committee members who once again stepped up to the plate and drove this one home. Talk about “Bridging the Gap” – simply incredible.





Speaking of Board members we thank Tina Frindt for continuing as our Treasurer, we welcome Mary Beth McCollum as our new Secretary, Mark Brown and John Cavey as new members, and Len Mash as a returning Board member. I also appointed Mark Huss on the Board to finish a vacated term of one year.



Welcome to all and thank you for your dedication to the Association. I look forward to working with all of



you this coming year. I want to recognize Roy Williams for his many years of leadership within our association, Roy has decided to step down from his Secretary position as his leadership role within the Georgia schools continues to grow-we'll miss you Roy and thanks for all you have done for the Association and industry. Please be sure to check

out the Association's website (<http://www.napftds.org/about-us/board-members.html>) for a complete listing of your Board members!



As President I promise to continue to lead according to our member's needs and wishes. Our industry has not been in this position in quite some time, in fact it is most likely safe to say, we have never been in this position whether it is regulations, technology, or skill and mind sets. We have a choice to view this through glasses



of opportunity or despair. I am convinced that NAPFTDS and many other organizations are only focused on the opportunities at hand. In 2014, we look forward to working more closely with industry, creating a carrier committee to



keep the dialogue transparent for all our schools to be able to grasp and adapt as



quickly as possible. We look forward to many more relationships with our vendors, again discussing the urgent needs and planning of our budgets with the professionals who can help us swing curriculum and resources at a much faster rate to meet the needs of our constituents. We

plan on working closely with other associations, reviewing and engaging in regulatory discussions as well as laying the ground work for best practices to lead our industry through the urgency of our



driver's shortage while maintaining only the highest standards of training and education. And of course continue to improve our networking and marketing processes through our website and other technical aspects. Even though we span the entire United States, it is vital we grow through these opportunities together, keeping safety and integrity in the forefront. As I reflect

back on the history of our Association I can't help but see one common thread; networking to provide high quality economical driver education.



In closing, I want to confirm that the direction of our Association is strong and as committed as we have ever been to assuring integrity in our educational processes for an outcome that will exceed the industry needs through safety. I ask all of you to continue to strive for only the best standards and best practices, committing yourselves to always choosing opportunity in your lives and the lives of others.



I encourage all of you to bring your suggestions and comments to me or any of our Board members so that together we can thrive in 2014 and beyond.

Thank you

*Robert J. Belenko*

**24th Convention  
Bridging the Gap'  
Charleston, South Carolina**



*'Top notch. Great Job!'*



*'Outstanding people ... I felt so welcome, fantastic location, food was very good and the overall atmosphere - Superb!!'*

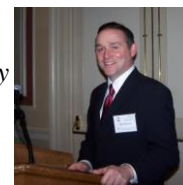


*'Great meeting, Great location, Great Hotel,  
Great Company and GREAT FOOD!'*



*'Certainly glad we joined NAPFTDS. The conference was great, the schedule was very efficient and provided a good amount of time for interaction with other participants.*

*Next year's conference goes just as good as this year!'*





*'Very nice, well conducted conference. Thank you for an informative and fun event!'*



*'You all did an awesome job with a great line up of sessions.'*



*'One of the best conference in overall topics.'*



*'This was an excellent convention packed with great information and presentations. Great location and hotel.'*



*Happy Birthday Faye Weining!*



*'Overall great presenters - great teamwork - very successful - better every year!'*

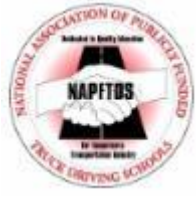


The Board would like to thank U.S. Xpress for loaning Jake Hixon to NAPFTDS. Jake makes everything run smoothly behind the scenes. Thank you U.S. Xpress and a special thanks to Jake Hixon for being a big part in the success of the convention in Charleston!

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**'Laissez les bons temps rouler'**  
*(Let the Good Times Roll)*



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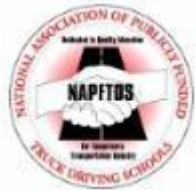
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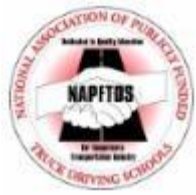
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Dates TBD**

**Region 2**

**To Be Determined**

**Region 3**

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