

MBEA All the Way!

I first want to thank all those who attended, presented, or helped out with the MBEA conference this year. What we lacked in quantity, I definitely felt like we made up in quality. We had phenomenal workshops, speakers, and networking in Great Falls and you all are to thank for that!

The conference was very exciting for many reasons. Mitzi Richards was selected at our Montana ACTE Teacher of the Year and will be representing us at the Region 5 conference in Jackson Hole. Mitzi is very deserving of this recognition and we know she will do great. We also have a few new officers – Doug Andersen is our new Vice President and Bertha Kirschten is our new treasurer. Thank you to those leaders who step up and continue to make MBEA such a valuable resource to our business teachers.

I also want to remind you of a couple of upcoming events that you won't want to miss. The Western Business Educators Association (WBEA) conference is just around the corner in February in Newport Beach, CA. Make sure to register by January 15<sup>th</sup> to get the early bird rate. There are many business educators from around the state attending so come join the fun! We also have two teachers participating in the Professional Development Institute while in Newport Beach. Elaine Stedman and Doug Andersen will be representing Montana and honing their leadership skills while at the WBEA conference. Also mark your calendars for the MIET summer update conference in Great Falls. It will be held June 18-22. This is a wonderful opportunity to fine-tune those technology skills with a plethora of offerings. If you have not been to this conference, you are missing out!

I want to thank you all for your belief in and dedication to MBEA. Please encourage other business teachers to join and find out what this great organization has to offer. Scott Andersen will take over the reins in a few weeks and I look forward to continuing to work with this great leadership team. Happy Holidays and good luck at all your Regional BPA Conferences!

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