



Happy July!

Here we are with less than 30 days until conference. I can hardly believe it!

Did you sign up for conference?

This year, with the conference being out of state in Nevada, we have had to hurdle some new obstacles. As a result, the planning is not as fluid this year. The Executive Board has been meeting monthly and communicating daily by phone and email to coordinate and plan your annual conference. It has been a challenge! But we have a great team in place and there is nothing we can't do as a team! If you have an opportunity to do so, say thanks to a board member. Board members are members too!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support the last 2 years. My term is just about up and I am very appreciative of the confidence placed in me 2 years ago; I see now that I had the least amount of confidence in my ability. I have met and worked alongside fabulous, hard-working, committed people and I will always be grateful for this opportunity.

I encourage all of you to become more involved. It's fun to be a member and experience the meetings, the parties, and conference. And it is great to network with people who understand what we do. But it's more fun – and very satisfying - to get the whole picture by volunteering with the Executive Board. It brings this whole thing full-circle. Just for the record, volunteering does not mean attending *every* meeting, or even to committing to 2 years. Volunteering means making yourself available when you have the time. Maybe you can help by contacting some of your peers on our behalf, or by sending some emails, or maybe creating a spreadsheet to help keep track of various information. Any help is help. And all help is welcome. Please talk to a board member for more information. We need volunteers. This organization is volunteer-led and needs your help today.

I look forward to seeing you all at conference. It will be a whole lot of fun. "A Jackpot of Education Awaits You". See you soon.

Peace Always,

Jackie Baker
President

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