

INTERFACE

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San Francisco: A Golden Opportunity for PBSN

As I flew into San Francisco, the sun was shining, the water was glistening, and sea gulls were flying over the pier. What a wonderful way to start our conference, which is a time to renew old friendships and create new ones. For the first time ever, the Professional Board Staff Network hosted a meet and greet during the 2009 ACCT Congress, including snacks and door prizes. The conference program was filled with great sessions and special interest roundtable discussions, making it difficult to decide what to attend.

Elections for secretary and five member-at-large positions were conducted at the PBSN business meeting held during the Congress. It is my pleasure to introduce your PBSN Executive Committee for 2010:

- **Terri Grimes**, Highland Community College, Ill., Vice President
- **Brittany Williams Goldstein**, Atlantic Cape Community College, N.J., Secretary
- **Carol Gregory**, Rose State College, Okla., Immediate Past President

In addition, our Regional Members-at-Large are:

- **Joan Tierney**, Joliet Junior College, Ill., Central Region Member-at-Large
- **Maryann Raab**, Orange County Community College, N.Y., Northeast Member-at-Large
- **Robin Lewison**, San Diego Community College District, Calif., Pacific Region Member-at-Large
- **Sherri Bowen**, Forsyth Technical Community College, N.C., Southern Region Member-at-Large
- **Debbie Novak**, Colorado Mountain College, Colo., Western Region Member-at-Large

The PBSN also recognized its regional award winners during the 2009 Congress.

They include:

- Central: **Elaine Benedict**, St. Charles Community College, Mo.
- Southern: **Bridget Megronigle**, Midlands Technical College, S.C.
- Northeast: **Maryann Raab**, Orange County Community College, N.Y.
- Pacific: **Sandra Sheen**, Chaffey College, Calif.
- Western: **Consuelo (Connie) Chavez**, Mesalands Community College, N.M.

The national regional award winner was **Elaine Benedict** of St. Charles Community College in Missouri. See p. 43 for more details about these exceptional professional board staff members and their accomplishments.

On behalf of the PBSN Executive Committee, thank you for your participation in the 2009 Congress. If you were not able to attend this year, I look forward to seeing you next year in Toronto. I am excited about our new message board and will post messages there for you to review at your convenience. To post questions to this group, send an e-mail to pbsn@googlegroups.com. We look forward to serving you throughout the year.

BJ MARCIL
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- Dealing with the media
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“Should be mandatory for all trustees and presidents.”

“Great opportunity for presidents to bond with new trustees.”

“Good opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and identify common issues.”

“Great information for new trustees.”



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Looking Back, Looking Forward

By Terri Grimes, Highland Community College, Ill.



During the 2009 Congress, PBSN members honored past leaders and showcased the accomplishments of its membership with the annual PBSN Staff Awards.

PBSN Past Presidents: (left to right) Linda Peltier (2006), Gregory Carol (2008), Julie Whyte (2005), Pam Perkins (2007), Rebecca Garrison (2004).



Executive Committee: Back: Sherri Bowen, Robin Lewison, Debbie Novak, Joan Tierney, Terri Grimes. Front: Carol Gregory, Brittany Goldstein, BJ Marcil.

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WHILE MEMORIES OF THE 2009 ACCT LEADERSHIP CONGRESS in San Francisco are still fresh in our minds, the Professional Board Staff Network will soon begin planning for next year's congress in Toronto.

As a result of feedback received from PBSN attendees at the 2008 Congress in New York City, the Executive Committee sponsored a late afternoon "meet and greet" this year. Special thanks to Carol Gregory and Rose State College, and Robin Lewison and the San Diego Community College District, for sponsoring the refreshments, as well as Joan Tierney, Sherri Bowen, and Pam Perkins for the great door prizes. If you missed the event this year, you missed a great time!

Mark your calendars now for next year's meet and greet on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, in Toronto. You will need a passport to travel to Toronto, so if you don't already have one, you can find helpful information about obtaining one on the ACCT Web site.

Our PBSN workshop session also reflected feedback received during our New York City meeting. During the workshop, we shared tips for improved writing; how to stay connected to PBSN members through our new message board; and traditional, transitioning, and electronic board packets. We love hearing about what PBSN members would like to learn during the workshop sessions. If you have suggestions for next year, or if you and your colleagues are interested in making a presentation, please email PBSN President BJ Marcil at bjmarcil@northark.edu, or contact any executive committee member (see the masthead on p. 41 for a list of members and e-mail addresses).

Five amazing professional board staff members, representing each of the regions, were also recognized during the Congress.

ELAINE BENEDICT

**Central Region – Professional Board Staff Member Award
National ACCT Professional Board Staff Member Association Award
St. Charles Community College, Missouri**

Her nomination pointed to her integrity, ingenuity, and cooperative, constructive, and cordial spirit as traits that make her an outstanding board/staff member professional. Elaine was described as a team player and a leader who steps forward with new ideas and solutions. She has been recognized by her peers throughout the community college system, and at the gala on Friday evening, Elaine also was honored as the 2009 national PBSN award winner. She humbly accepted the award "on behalf of the four other regional award winners, the PBSN members, and executive assistants who support CEOs and community colleges throughout the nation."

CONSUELO (CONNIE) CHAVEZ

**Western Region – Professional Board Staff Member Award
Mesalands Community College, New Mexico**

Honored for demonstrating a high degree of professionalism, leadership, and service, Connie exemplifies the spirit and mission of the community college in her experiences and performance to all she comes in contact with. A community college graduate, she is now completing her bachelors degree in business administration and appreciates the value of education and the role of community colleges.

BRIDGET MEGRONIGLE

**Southern Region – Professional Board Staff Member Award
Midlands Technical College Commission, South Carolina**

Bridget coordinates the travel arrangements for the college commission's 12-member governing board and keeps its commissioners apprised of college activities through a variety of communications mediums. She was also recognized for supporting her board members as they serve on local, statewide, or national professional associations in conjunction with their role as college commissioners.

MARYANN RAAB

**Northeast Region – Professional Board Staff Member Award
Orange County Community College, New York**

Maryann's active participation in developing or conducting programs that enhance the college is one of the characteristics that was noted in her nomination. She has been instrumental in spearheading several initiatives on her college campus, including overseeing the board's implementation of computer laptops, moving to "paperless" meetings, and implementing a trustee orientation program.

SANDRA SHEEN

**Pacific Region – Professional Board Staff Member Award
Chaffey College, California**

Sandra has been active on several college committees, planned many major college events, and was the search liaison for two national CEO searches. She was previously honored with Chaffey College's Innovator of the Year Award. In addition to continuing her education, she has taught computer software classes and has been active in volunteering for her church.

Photos and videos from the awards ceremonies are posted on ACCT's Web site. Congratulations to all the award winners who put the "professional" in the Professional Board Staff Network.