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Vice President District and Local Association
Report to the FSMTA Executive Board

June 10, 2009

State Conference

Double Tree Hotel, Tallahassee

Activities since the Winter FSMTA Executive Board Meeting:

- ✚ Electronically communicated the decision to change the length and format of the 2009 FSMTA Conference Council of District and Local Association Presidents to districts and locals
 1. The Vice President of District and Local Associations will collect, copy and collate reports for distribution during the 1 ½ hour luncheon.
 2. No speaker is provided, in order to provide and initiate more discussion and sharing of ideas among the attendees.
 3. Each representative will share 1-2 profitable activities or events on which to report during the lunch.
- ✚ Requested Annual Summary of District and Local Associations from respective presidents and lists of incoming officers for the term 2009-2011
- ✚ Provided an electronic list of updated officers to FSMTA Webmaster and included a written list in the 2009 VP District and Local Association Executive Board Meeting Report.
- ✚ Review of this list of update officers disclosed the following:
 1. Two local presidents are also serving as treasurer for the local. When the duties of these two offices are executed by the same person, a conflict of interest is indicated, especially from a financial viewpoint.
 2. Filling district and local offices is becoming more difficult, particularly in those areas where membership numbers are smaller, geographical location is a concern, membership is getting older, and culture dictates busy lives.
 3. The nomination process as stated in FMSTA By-laws, Article X District Organization may not be observed in all districts.
 4. Questions from districts and locals on what to do in those instances where members cannot be recruited to fill the offices, particularly president or vice-president?

Review of FSMTA By-laws and electronic communication with FSMTA President Paulette Kilts, President-Elect Marc Hebda, and former presidents Millicent Callobre, Martha Stubbs, and Charles Turon resulted in the following discussions:

1. Should offices of president and treasurer should be two separate persons? If so, how does FSMTA communicate and work with locals in a way that will not discourage members who *are* willing to do more than their share to keep the organization functioning?
 2. The process of preparing and selecting members for leadership and/or officer positions is a point of concern that should be discussed at both the Executive Board and the Council of District and Local Association Lunch meetings – especially since FSMTA relies on these individuals to vote for the membership of that district he or she is representing.
 3. Leadership development and mentoring are areas for suggested workshops at the district level and/or state level.
 4. Offices that are vacant as of this June 10, 2009, Executive Board Meeting will become an item of resolution with the incoming 2009-2011 FSMTA VP District and Local Association President.
- ✚ Requested written reports from Arts Awareness and Advocacy Chair, FSMTA Teacher Awards, and, Taxation and Licensing.
 - ✚ Turned in reimbursement form with receipt for items purchased to organize and transfer office files to incoming 2009-2011 FMSTA VP of District and Local Associations
 - ✚ Revised filing process for the VP District and Local Association. This will result in a more organized and an easier system for locating, monitoring, and reviewing past and current activities for the responsibilities of this office: FSMTA districts and locals, Arts Advocacy and Awareness, Taxation and Licensing, FSMTA Collegiate Chapters, and other duties as assigned.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this office for the 2007-2009 term. Observing the dedication of those who work diligently behind the scenes for FSMTA has been priceless and encouraging. Best wishes for continued success to the 2009-2011 FSMTA Officers!

Respectfully submitted,

Sheron White