

May 30, 2008

Hello Everyone:

Congratulations to all of the advisers and members of the 144 chapters that participated with meaningful meetings and activities for a fulfilling FBLA year! Congratulations to Jill Wright, Adviser of the Year!

For those of you who attended the State Leadership Conference, there were about 1,470 in attendance (approx. 1,300 students, 100 advisers, 70 guests) with almost everyone competing in at least one event—individual, team, or chapter—in the over 50 events provided. Credit goes to almost 300 people—administrators, timers, proctors, judges, and behind the scenes workers—who made it all possible.

This is also a time to reflect and thank all of the donors of the scholarships and travel awards who are investing in the future of the youth of America, and in particular, active FBLA members. Each and every one of you, let's try to get the alumni more involved in the FBLA program. This year, did you notice that several contributed toward the travel awards, making winners in those events the lucky ones?

Thanks to all of your hard work, the membership is 5,628 in 144 chapters, the highest in the past three years. The Professional Division Membership for California set a record for the nation again with 355 members. A summary of the chapters' participation in the California projects is enclosed.

Membership dues for California FBLA starting the 2008-2009 year will be \$11.00. It will remain the same for the entire year, but remember it must be paid by the deadline date of February 3, 2009, in order to compete at the section conferences.

California FBLA is currently advertising for a State Officers' Adviser, a volunteer position, for which the information is enclosed. If you know of a candidate, please let them know, and it will also be posted on www.cafbla.org.

Good luck to the approximately 184 California competitors at nationals from 30 chapters. Remember to attend the California meeting on June 26 at the Hyatt, Hanover C-D, 3:00 – 4:00 pm and the California pictures at 4:30 pm (place to be determined).

I will see all of you at Nationals in Atlanta! Have a great summer!

Sincerely,



Kiki Nakauchi, Chair, Board of Directors

Enclosures