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BPA NEWSLETTER

Iowa Meeting

What would you do if you heard the announcer say “You’ve Got a Minute to Win it!”? Figure it out, because this year’s Iowa meeting is a competition to see who can do the most ridiculous, most outlandish, and most difficult tasks! This will be happening Wednesday at 5:00 PM before general sessions. The games we are planning are:

- 1-A Bit Dicey
- 2-Hanky Panky
- 3-Get Forked
- 4-Noodling Around
- 5-Coffee Topper
- 6-Bucket Head
- 7-Bite Me
- 8-Baby Blocks
- 9-Paper Scraper
- 10-Face the Cookie
- 11-Pop Top
- 12-Keep it up

Stephanie Beckman
2010-2011 Secondary Reporter



Nationals Helpful Hints



With Nationals only a few weeks away, here are some helpful hints for our trip to Washington D.C.!

- The dress code for the opening session is a BPA shirt and khakis.
- Opening session will be held at the Washington Monument.
- A metro stop is located a half a block away from the hotel.
- The National Zoo is located within walking distance to the hotel and is FREE!
- There is also a neighborhood grocery store one and a half miles away from the hotel.
- Shuttles will run between hotels, and will allow plenty of time to get to your events.

Jocelyn Perryman
2010-2011 Secondary Marketing Vice-President

Message from the President

Hello fellow Iowa BPA members. I am Rachel Gean your 2010-2011 State BPA President and I would like to thank you for all your participation in BPA this year. We started off the year with a new and exciting Fall Leadership Conference and it only got better with State. Our state Officer team would like to thank you for all your hard work and effort to make our conferences better than ever this year. We are going to miss all the great times in BPA. We hope you are all able to join us with one last conference in Washington, D.C., in a few weeks. Thanks for an awesome year!

Rachel Gean
2010-2011 Secondary President



A Little Change Never Hurt Anybody

This year BPA is breaking out of our routine, Fall Leadership Conference and branching out to converse with DECA and FBLA. We will be making Marriott our home in downtown Des Moines for an exciting weekend full of activities and learning experiences. Plan on meeting a ton of new people since this conference is expected to accommodate over 800 people. Debatably, the most notorious guests at the conference will be the two speakers. As for as the rest of the weekend goes, there is still a lot to be decided by our State Officers just installed. Bring any ideas, questions, and concerns to them before time is up. We are all looking forward to this trial, we guarantee that this new conference structure will make for a memorable and worth while event!

Ellen Vaassen
2010-2011 Secondary Vice President



State Leadership Conference

State Conference might be over, but the memories still remain. We had a great weekend filled with fun-packed activities and successful events. Congratulations to everyone who placed in their contests and especially our new state officers! The placements are as follows:

President— Merra Ajam—Iowa City West
 Vice President— Chad Norris—Ankeny
 Executive Marketing Vice President— Ashley Trentz—Maquoketa
 Secretary— Bailey Johnson—Ankeny
 Reporter- Lexi Marek—Washington
 Parliamentarian- Breanna Hyder—Bedford

At SLC other than just competing, we had tons of fun putting these candidates under pressure with a variety of questions from singing and dancing, to making up stories. We also had schools compete in the miracle minute. We gave schools a container and during the opening session we gave them a minute to collect change from their members. Columbus High School won that competition and we raised over \$300. Thanks to everyone who participated. Sunday night we had a pool party and everyone was given a lei for the pool party. Monday night we had a dance for all the members and this year there was a dance off between two mystery BPA members in colored body suits. We had so many great memories at state, and I hope the same memories can be made at D.C.!

Nicole Hebl— 2010-2011 Secondary Secretary