



**H**appy New Year Iowa BPA!

We hope you are having a fantastic school year so far! Speaking of the New Year, the State Leadership Conference is fast approaching, and if you haven't already, you should be getting started preparing for your competitive events. Make sure you and anyone who is going to the State Leadership Conference this year is also getting registration taken care of. We have an exciting conference planned and we hope that all of you can make it!



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## SLC

The State Leadership Conference (2013) will be held February 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>! We have a great conference planned, including a dance! Competition is of course the focal point of the conference. Keep in mind that judged events require placing in the top three, team events require placing in the top two, and graded (open) events require placing in the top five to qualify for nationals, and you do not want to miss nationals this year! We hope that you are all working diligently on your competitive events!

## STATE OFFICER ELECTIONS

It is that time of year again; state officer elections are here! This is a great opportunity to get more involved with BPA.

We highly encourage everyone to run for state office. Your post-secondary officer team can tell you first-hand that we have had a great time planning conferences, making newsletters, and getting more involved with this great organization!

This is something that really looks great on a résumé and is a great experience for anyone wishing to expand their leadership skills!

Please ask your chapter advisor for more information regarding the election process! You can also contact your president (Devin Mabra) at [dnmabra@iastate.edu](mailto:dnmabra@iastate.edu), or your vice-president (Sarah Pimlott) at [sarah-pimlott@student.kirkwood.edu](mailto:sarah-pimlott@student.kirkwood.edu) for any further questions regarding what state officer duties entail, how to run, or just for advice on elections!

## Miracle Minute

Miracle Minute is an exciting opportunity to give back to the Special Olympics through BPA. We had a great minute last year and hope to do even better this year. To do better this year we need everyone to prepare ahead of time. Gather all of the loose change you have lying around and bring it to the State Leadership Conference! Most of our spare change somehow gets lost anyway, so this is a great way to make sure it gets put to good use.

## Nationals

Keep in mind that nationals will be here soon. Make sure that you are getting everything arranged for the big trip. This year we will be going to Orlando, FL; it is a conference you do not want to miss! As mentioned before, it is crucial you make it to state to be able to qualify for nationals.



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