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“To Achieve and Succeed” Nationals 2002 - DENVER, CO

by Stephen Blue, Virginia TSA Reporter

“To Achieve and Succeed” was the theme of the 2002 National TSA Conference in Denver, Colorado. And that they did, the conference team and Colorado TSA. More than 3,000 students and advisors attended the 24th annual conference during the week of June 24-28, 2002.

Intense wild fires did not deter the eagerness of TSA members to compete in the national conference. Though the smoke could be smelled at times, everyone was thrilled with the city and grateful for the firefighters who were protecting it.



More than 200 representatives from Virginia TSA attended the conference, making us the second largest delegation in attendance. We proudly made ourselves heard at general sessions, yelling in support of not only our own state, but of our former state president and

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The 2002-2003 Virginia TSA Executive Council Meets

by Stephen Blue, Virginia TSA Reporter

This year, I had the privilege of attending the New Officers' Workshop for the first time in Richmond, Virginia. It was like my first day of high school all over again. I felt excited, scared, anxious, and dismayed all at the same time. In my excitement, the first meeting couldn't have started fast, yet when it did, I was too scared even to walk in the door. I did walk in and when the "smoke cleared", I saw the most down to earth people that one could ever meet. Every face had a ready smile and every hand a warm introduction.

I thought that our first meeting would be this long drawn out forum, yet it wasn't. All of

the officers' sat in a circle on the floor introduced ourselves, and we played a game. By the end of the game, which to my recollection had something to do with a cat in a car and a flamingo in pink feathers, I found myself joking and laughing as if I had known these people for years. When the time came to start the meetings each experienced officer took me under his or her wing and imparted information that would make my bumpy road to the understanding TSA matters just a bit smoother.

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Special thanks to Stephen Blue,
Virginia TSA State Reporter,
for formatting this newsletter.

A Word From the President...



Brittany Stansberry

Greetings Virginia TSA,

I hope everyone is doing well and has had a pleasant and relaxing summer. Since the summer is over, it is time to get back into "School Mode." The Executive Council is also preparing not only for school, but also for our first meeting on September 7 where we will report on our specific committee assignments and begin preparation for regional rallies, regional fairs, and Technosphere '03.

After our New Officers' Workshop held in Richmond during the first part of June, many members traveled to Denver for the National Competition. I was proud to be part of the Virginia TSA delegation that was awarded trophies in many events.

Also, this summer I was honored to greet technology teachers on behalf of TSA at the Virginia Technology Education Association (VTEA) summer conference. Many Technology Education Professionals from across the state attended this conference. I spoke to them about how much TSA means to me and to other students in our organization. I encouraged those teachers not involved in TSA to start TSA chapters in their schools.

As our school year begins, I look forward to visiting the many chapters throughout the state that have invited me to attend some of the special activities they have planned for the year. I encourage you to keep in touch with your local officers and me as much as possible. Communication and interaction are what will keep Virginia TSA strong. As your President, I am here to serve you. Thank you and God Bless!

Brittany R. Stansberry
Virginia TSA President

2002-2003 Virginia Scene Needs Your Support!!!

by Stephen Blue, Virginia TSA Reporter

The year has begun and another volume of the Virginia Scene will be published by Virginia TSA! We're looking to improve upon last year's successful newsletter. In order to provide bigger and better, we need something from you!

We want to hear what you're doing! We want you to write about chapter activities, fundraising ideas, pictures, and whatever else you think of importance. Our article deadlines are listed online at our web site, www.vatsa.org.

South Central Region*by Amanda Ricks, Regional President*

Greetings from the South Central Region, I am your South Central Regional President. I hope you all had a great summer. I am excited and looking forward to the upcoming year, anticipating that it will be a great one.

First off, the South Central Region is looking for people to join regional committees for the 2002-2003 year. With that said, as of now the Region is appointing new officers for the unfilled officer positions. We are also planning for the South Central Fall Rally which will be held at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond, VA on November 2, 2002. The rally will consist of many different "Team Building" activities which will help you meet all of the local chapters in our region. There will also be a guest speaker and a discussion about the South Central Regional Spring Fair which will be held at Virginia State

Blue Ridge Region*by Tyler Martin, Regional President*

The Blue Ridge Region is doing quite well. We have a full region council. We have set dates for all of our region activities. At our next region meeting, we will be working on a budget, program of work, things for the Fall Rally, and the Spring Fair. The Blue Ridge Region will have a successful year.

University in Petersburg, VA on March 22, 2003. This is where the Regional Council can get your input to make the Spring Fair better than last years. So come prepared with some great ideas!!! Lunch will be served at the rally.

If you have any questions or concerns about the region or if you would like to join any committees, please contact me at tsa_sc_prez@yahoo.com. Leave your name, message, and phone number and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Tidewater Region*by Lily Smith, Regional President*

The Tidewater Region is getting in gear now that summer is coming to a close. The council first met briefly at Technosphere to introduce each other and vote on several candidates for vacant council positions, and then met again, more formally, on May 15 at Middlesex High School.

During our May meeting, the council discussed the budget, community service, committees, the fall rally, and other pertinent issues. They set several goals and expectations, which they plan to stick by throughout the year, including coming to meetings prepared, turning things in on time, and memorizing their lines and the creed.

The council meets again on Sept. 4 at the Middlesex County School Board Office, where they will balance the budget, develop a program of work, set meeting dates, assemble committees, and plan for the fall rally. The council will also be installing the regional treasurer.

The Tidewater Regional Council hopes to meet about once a month, and they wish to encourage members throughout the region to consider running for a regional office next year. If you wish to get involved with the council or come to regional meetings, feel free to contact any of the officers. Profile information is located on the Virginia TSA website.

interested. We will hopefully have more details at the Fall Rally.

Our officers are working hard to make sure that this is a great year for Virginia TSA in the Valley Region. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us through our emails, which are available on the Virginia TSA website at www.vatsa.org. I'm looking forward to having a great year in the Valley Region!

Valley Region*by Blaire Hawkins, Regional President*

Welcome to a new year of TSA in the Valley Region! We hope everyone has a great year. The valley region officers have already been busy this year. At Technosphere 2002, we appointed officers to fill the vacancies on our council. Genita Metzler will serve as treasurer, TJ Pham is our secretary, and Chris Senger will be parliamentarian in 2002-2003. The Valley Region has a full slate of nine officers ready to serve this year.

On August 14, 2002, the Valley Region officers held their first meeting at Skylark Farm and Conference Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway. At the meeting, we planned activities for the coming year, set up meeting dates, and most importantly, planned for the Fall Rally. The Valley Region Fall Rally will be held on September 28, 2002. The rally will again be at JMU in the ISAT building. Tentatively, registration will begin at 1:00PM, with the general session

beginning at 1:30PM. The officers hope to be able to hold additional workshops this year, giving the members more choices about what to attend and making all of the workshops less crowded. After the closing ceremony, we'll have our traditional pizza dinner and then head down to the football stadium for the game against Villanova beginning at 6:00PM. We encourage everyone to come to the Fall Rally. It promises to be a great time, and a fun way to kickoff the TSA year.

Looking ahead, the officers planned meeting dates for the rest of the year, including the Valley Region Spring Fair, to be held March 1, at the Blue Ridge Community College. The officers also discussed a possibly Valley Region trip to Kings Dominion in the spring. We have not made any concrete plans, but we would like to know who would possibly be

Community Service - Why and How

by Blaire Hawkins, Community Service Co-Chair

One of the most important aspects of the Technology Student Association is our service to the community. We not only represent our organization, but we also help people who truly need us. This year, instead of following National TSA in continued support of the Red Cross, Virginia TSA has chosen to "make a difference" closer to home.

The Community Service Committee is planning to offer Virginia TSA members two ways to help our community. The six regions will be holding fundraisers at each regional fair this spring to raise money for Project ASK. It will be up to the regions to decide what type of fundraiser; we will be discussing possibilities soon. Remember to bring money to your regional fair to support a great cause!

At Technosphere 2003, Virginia TSA will be holding a canned food drive to support food banks in the Hampton Area. Bring canned goods and non-perishables to Technosphere, and we'll make sure they get to the hungry families in the area.

By supporting Project ASK and holding a food drive, we are helping people in Virginia. Project ASK helps child cancer victims in Virginia. Also, by donating to a food drive in Virginia, you may be helping to feed someone you know or someone you see at school. Virginia TSA is truly helping Virginia this year, which makes it more important for all of our members to contribute what they can.

Please help Virginia TSA in these very worthy causes this year! Thanks!

New 2002-2003 Competitions

by Matt Walton, Virginia TSA Vice President

With the release of the High School Competitive Events Guide for the 2003-2004 school year, four new contests at the high school level made their way into the national spotlight. These events include: Agriculture and Biotechnology Design, CAD Animation, Medical Technology, and Membership Recruitment Challenge. To follow is a little information on each of these new events.

Agriculture and Biotechnology Design is a contest where members choose a topic about an Agriculture or Biotechnology, and demonstrate understanding through research. After the research is completed, the members develop a solution. This information is presented to judges using a multimedia presentation.

CAD Animation is a contest where students use complex computer graphic skills, tools, and processes to develop an animated representation of engineering or architectural subjects. This contest is a good for students that are skilled with solving visual design problems.

Medical Technology is a contest where members chose a contemporary problem related to medical technology, research that topic, and develop a solution. After students develop their documentation, they present it in an effective multimedia presentation.

Membership Recruitment is a contest where members design ways to recruit new members and chapters. This offers members a great chance to get new members involved with TSA. Also, winners may see their entries used by TSA to promote TSA and to increase membership.

Now that you know a little about these new high school contests, I encourage you to submit an entry in these new contests. If you have any questions, refer to the High School Competitive Events Guide for the 2003-2004 school year. The guide can be purchased on your affiliation form or at the National TSA website at www.tsaweb.org. For information about how these new contests will be incorporated into the Virginia TSA competitive events, download the addendum at www.vatsa.org.

Materials available through
National TSA,
Visit www.tsaweb.org
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The 2002-2004 High School Technology Activities, The Official TSA Competitive Events Guide takes your students into the next millennium with competitive events that have been revamped into a new student-friendly format. All events are defined, including specific requirements and judges' rating criteria. Information about TSA awards and recognition programs is also included. \$25 (\$20 plus \$5 shipping and handling). Pay \$20.00 on orders of forty or more!

The 2001-2003 Middle School Technology Activities, The Official TSA Competitive Events Guide is a student-friendly, customized middle school program edition with events and guidelines that can be easily incorporated into middle school technology curricula. \$25 (\$20 plus \$5 shipping and handling). Ordering forty or more? Pay only \$20.00!

The Great Technology Adventure Technology Learning Activities Guide is TSA's new publication for elementary level teachers. It contains twenty-seven technology learning activities (TLAs) and a variety of resource materials that will enhance teaching and learning in the elementary classroom. \$19.95 (\$14.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling)

CHAPTER PROFILE *a series about chapters*

MIDDLESEX TSA - CCS, MHS, SCW

by Stephen Blue, Virginia TSA Reporter and Lily Smith, Tidewater Region President

In the 2001-2002 school year, nearly 100 middle and high school students from rural Middlesex County participated in Technology Student Association events. These 100 students came from three chapters- a middle school and two high schools. In Middlesex County, TSA has proved successful in three different environments, though its roots can be traced back to 1996 when technology teacher, Mr. Jason Perry, began a TSA chapter at the St. Clare Walker Middle School.

Roughly 40 members joined for the first time the first year. For some it would be their only year, and for others, it would be the first of seven years in the organization. St. Clare Walker TSA members first expanded when they graduated to Middlesex High School in the 1998-99 school year, then again when the members helped begin the Christchurch School TSA chapter in 1999-2000. Now all Middlesex schools have thriving chapters, each gaining members and recognition in the county and in TSA.

St. Clare Walker TSA meets each week during “club time.” Once a week, the class schedule is shortened and approximately an hour is set aside for students to participate in various clubs and organizations. While St. Clare Walker’s 50 members may seem small compared to schools with 300 or more members in them, the chapter is actually very dominant in the school scene, as the 50 TSA members make up 1/6th of the schools 300 attendees.

The year always starts off with officer elections, which are talked about school wide. The elected officers conduct official meetings, business is conducted and announcements are made. Several weeks are dedicated to in-house competitions between students in the form of mouse trap race cars, egg drop devices, and other projects. Competition preparation also begins its early stages. By mid-winter, students are in full fledged “TSA Mode”, preparing their competitions for regionals competitions in March. It’s a full year of fun and excitement, and before anyone realizes it, summer has come and the year is over. Of course, without the guidance of the advisor, Mr. Perry, and the support of school officials and numerous parent volunteers, none of it would be possible.

Middlesex High School TSA is a little less formal than St. Clare Walker, but the effort by those involved with the student organization is no less noticeable. Meetings are typically held early in the morning before school starts, and project work takes place on weekends and holidays. While having fewer members than St. Clare, Middlesex TSA still boasts an impressive organization, which has won numerous regional, state, and national awards. Parent and TSA Sponsor, Amy Schacht, assists MHS technology teacher, Mr. Patrick Kelly, in running the program at the high school. The in depth “TSA Mode” strikes about the same time as it does at St. Clare Walker, in the middle of winter, and competitions are prepared with great enthusiasm. In May, when preparations for Nationals are underway, the students band together to fundraise and plan their trip. In addition to help from the school board, the members also organize car washes and other financial endeavors to raise money. Nearly all of the members at MHS are former SCW TSA members, and they know what the TSA experience is all about.

Christchurch TSA, the newest chapter in the county, was first founded in the 1999-2000 school year when former Tidewater Regional Reporter, Stephen Blue, and former Tidewater Regional Vice President, Bailey Hardin, transferred to the private high school from St. Clare Walker and MHS. The first year was a bit choppy, as was the second; however, strong support from his mother, TSA sponsor, Carol Blue, and the CCS administration made the Christchurch chapter a success. In 2001, more than a dozen prior TSA members joined the Christchurch TSA chapter.

Even with seemingly difficult issues such as more than half of CCS students being boarding students and large percentages of these boarders being from other states and countries, the chapter pulled together and made a successful year. Seven members, including an international student from Hong Kong, joined Mrs. Blue and co-advisor and CCS Director of Instructional Technology, Jon Good, in Richmond for Technosphere ‘02, bringing home a state championship trophy among other finalists.

Two students, Stephen Blue, in his 4th national conference, and Brooks Auger, a 1st year member, went on to Denver to compete at the national level, succeeding in bringing back 2nd and 10th place finishes.

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Introducing your

2002-2003 Executive Council



PRESIDENT *Brittany Stansberry*

Hi!, I'm a sixteen year old senior at Fort Defiance High School. This is my seventh year in TSA. I have been a Chapter and Regional Officer for each of the seven years I have been a member. I enjoy staying active in a variety of activities. I maintain a 4.0 GPA. As a member of the National Honor Society, I was recently elected President. I am also a member of the Varsity Soccer and Indoor Track teams. Some other extracurricular activities I am involved in include: Forensics, Latin Club, and FFA. I am a strong Christian and am very active in my church. I am looking forward to a great year with the help of each of you!



VICE-PRESIDENT *Matt Walton*

I am a 17-year-old Junior and I attend Turner Ashby High School, "TA", in Rockingham County. I have been in TSA for 5 years and last year I was the Virginia TSA State Parliamentarian. I enjoy watching and playing basketball. I also enjoy running and watching track and field, and cross-country. I also swim on my local swim team, the Ashby Anacondas. I am also heavily involved in my church. I help out with my church whenever possible, and I am a devout Christian. I also play a big role in my Youth group at BUMC. TSA has played an important part in my life. Without TSA I would not be able to become the leader that I am today. TSA is an organization that has something for everyone, whether it is problem solving, public speaking, electronics, or leadership TSA has it all.



SECRETARY *Whitney Hawkins*

Hello Virginia TSA! I'm 14 years old, and my birthday's on November 27, 2002. My hometown is Waynesboro. This fall, I'll be a rising 9th grader at Fort Defiance High School in Ft. Defiance Virginia. I play soccer as a goalkeeper/forward for my high school team and participate on the volleyball team. I'm also a member of a travel soccer team-the Waynesboro Jazz. In my free time, I mountain bike, sing in my church's choir, and hang out with my youth group. I look forward to seeing you and working with you all this year!



TREASURER *Mary Mocsary*

Hello, I am 14 years old and attend Stafford High School. I have been in TSA for 3 years and plan to be in it for much longer. My goal for the future is to eventually become a national officer. I have held several offices in my early years including numerous chapter and regional offices. I am currently Chapter President, Regional Vice- President, and State Treasurer. During these past three years, I have won many awards at Regional, State, and National competitions.



REPORTER *Stephen Blue*

Hello Virginia TSA! I'm 18 years old and a senior at Christchurch School in Middlesex County. Other than TSA, my activities include baseball, fishing, web site design, cruising around, and hanging out. I'm looking forward to making my 7th and final year a fun and exciting one.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS *Savannah Neece*

Age-15 Grade-Sophomore School-Ervinton High School Offices-Southwestern Region Vice President, Virginia TSA Sergeant-At-Arms Hobbies/Interests-TSA, basketball, softball, reading, Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search. Favorite Saying-"Chuck"



HISTORIAN *Carmen Cabrero*

I am thirteen years old, fourteen in October, and I am a freshman at Stafford Senior High School. This is my third year in TSA and I am planning to be a member through high school.



PALIAMENTARIAN *Marlayna Robinson*

I attend Heritage High School in Newport News and have been involved with TSA going on three years now. My school time hobbies are soccer, field hockey, and track. I also enjoy reading novels and playing football outside with my friends.

Introducing your

Regional Presidents



BLUE RIDGE *Tyler Martin*

Hello. I am 17 years old. I attend Covington High School in Covington, Virginia. I have played football for two years and have been an active member in TSA for three years. I am also my Chapter's President. I enjoy playing video games, and surfing the Internet. I also enjoy talking and doing things with my friends.



NORTHERN *Kyle Carter*

Hi, I am a ninth grader at Potomac Senior High School in Dumfries Virginia. At my school, I am active in the chorus, gospel choir, TSA, the tennis team, and I sang "Love Potion #9" at our school talent show. My hobbies include singing, designing and drawing cars, building car models, working at a local mechanic shop helping to work on cars, and playing tennis. I am glad to be active in the TSA and you can look forward to seeing me at many TSA functions.



SOUTH CENTRAL *Amanda Ricks*

I am a rising sophomore in The Engineering Center at Highland Springs High School. I have been in TSA going on two years. I was your regional parliamentarian and my chapter's Sergeant-at-Arms. My favorite subjects are engineering and math. I tutor students in math to prepare them for SOL's, and work at the Apple Help Desk for Henrico County. I enjoy being in TSA, playing soccer for my school's team, "the Lady Springer", aggressive skating, and working on computers in my free time.



SOUTHWESTERN *Eddie Neece*

My name is Eddie Neece and I am your Southwestern Regional President. I am a senior at Ervinton High School. Outside of TSA, I am involved with Upward Bound and tech prep camps. I am a junior fire fighter for the Dante Volunteer Fire Department. I enjoy rock music, supernatural books and movies, and being on my church softball team. I'd really like to thank my parents, advisor, and all of my friends who have supported me in TSA!



TIDEWATER *Lily Smith*

Hi, I'm Virginia's Tidewater Regional President and I am a rising junior at Middlesex High School. I've been a member of TSA since 7th grade, and in the past, have served as a chapter president, regional reporter, and now, regional president. I hope to stay with the Executive Council for the remainder of my high school career. In addition to attending the TSA national conference this summer, I went to the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities for four weeks at the University of Richmond. I will also be a part of the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School as a junior and senior. I hope to take what I have learned from my years in TSA and apply it to my term as Regional President. I am really looking forward to working hard and hopefully making a difference in Virginia TSA.



VALLEY *Blaire Hawkins*

Hello Virginia TSA! My name is Blaire Hawkins and I am serving as Valley Region President. I am a sophomore at Rockbridge County High School in Lexington. This is my fifth year as a member of TSA, and I'm looking forward to being a member throughout high school. I also hope to serve on your Virginia TSA executive council until I graduate. At school, I'm involved in many other activities, including varsity softball, forensics, Interact, and band. I also serve on a committee of teachers at my school to promote technology programs and education. When I graduate, I'm looking forward to attending college for business or engineering. Some of my favorite leisure time activities include hanging out with friends and listening to music. I'm looking forward to working this year on the Executive council, and I can't wait to see everyone at Technosphere 2003!



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *JaPrince Carter*

I am a Senior at Louisa County High School. I attend church in Orange where I'm the Church Musician. Some of my hobbies include singing, swimming, skating, biking, and lots more. This year on the Executive Council, I'm the Chairperson of the Membership Committee and the Alumni Liaison Committee. I'm involved in other committees as well. I plan to work diligently and efficiently to get my duties done on time. I say this in my closing, it has been a pleasure serving you for all my years on the TSA State Council.

Leadership Development

By Lily Smith, Tidewater Region President

The Leadership Development Committee, dedicated to the development and spread of leadership skills throughout Virginia TSA, has met to form a program to emphasize chapter awards, scholarships, the importance of running for chapter, regional, and state office, and the overall need for leadership within and beyond TSA.

This committee's work has become more and more important every year. In many elections, both regional and state, the majority of candidates run unopposed. Also, valuable scholarships are virtually ignored, with only one or two applicants a year. Advisor, member, chapter, and community service awards are to be given again this year; however, in the past, applicants for this honor have been few. While Virginia TSA is a thriving organization, it cannot grow without valuable leaders. The Leadership Development Committee hopes to revamp enthusiasm for this facet of TSA.

The main focuses of the committee are the fall leadership rallies, as this is an ideal time to spread the work about leadership. Each Regional President will be given comprehensive packets including directions on how to conduct a leadership workshop, applications for awards and scholarships, and PowerPoint presentations to show to their respective region.

Each Regional Council will receive a letter with suggestions about how to spread and promote leadership. Also, various flyers and publications will circulate throughout the state encouraging and advertising leadership opportunities.

A major portion of the committee's work will be found online; they hope to make all applications and information easily accessible via the Virginia TSA website. Many members are not even aware of the valuable scholarships and prestigious awards available in TSA, and the committee hopes that they can reach this people and offer them the chance to apply.

The committee hopes that by making applications and information easier to find and understand that more members will take an active interest in leadership both in and out of TSA. The committee entreats you to go online and look over the applications and attend your leadership rally; you are the future leaders of TSA.

Middlesex TSA

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Not only has Middlesex County excelled in competitions, but they have also contributed greatly to the leadership councils in Virginia TSA. Beginning the 2002-2003 school year, the county will have the state reporter, the regional president, and the regional reporter. All together, the county has been home of officers in 11 regional and state office terms.

Over the past six years, TSA in Middlesex County has expanded and thrived. Now going into its seventh year. The three chapters have amounted dozens of regional, state, and national trophies, including three national championships. The students involved have gained invaluable and unforgettable experiences. Thus, another tale of the impact and success of TSA chapters comes to an end — well, for now.

Denver 2002

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national vice-presidential candidate, Doug O'Reagan. Facing four other opponents for the office, Doug was successful in his bid for the office, obviously much to the satisfaction of a roaring Virginia delegation.

The 16th Street Mall right outside of our Adams Mark Hotel Complex made the conference even better. For more than a mile stretched eateries, stores and shops. Quick and easy (and even better, free!) transportation was provided by the natural gas powered transit busses which were the only traffic to worry about on the mall.

Denver also saw the creation of some new Virginia TSA cheers, including "Why are you so Blue", "Who we are", and sarcastic early morning answers to "TSA, How do you feel?"

"Denver was a great experience," said graduating senior Meghan Phillips of West Virginia TSA. "I couldn't have asked for a better nationals to be my last one as a student member."

Obviously, Denver will not be a national conference soon forgotten. Makes me already look forward to Orlando in 2003.

Get the latest on regional and state competitions! The Addendum provides information on which contests are to be held at regionals, which contests you must qualify to compete at States, Virginia only competitions, and much more!

Download the Addendum today from www.vatsa.org.

PLEASE NOTE: The Addendum was revised on September 18, 2002.

Pictures from DENVER!

Special thanks to Harrisonburg High School for these pictures!



Tips for Recording Minutes

By Whitney Hawkins, Virginia TSA Secretary

For two years now, I've served as Virginia TSA State Secretary. When I was asked to write about how to take minutes, I figured it would be no problem. As part of the secretary's job, you have to take minutes (and if you are a secretary, and didn't know this, stop reading NOW and go talk to your advisor.) I admit to the rest of you, though, that this article is harder than I thought it would be, because taking minutes is a job that often varies by the circumstances of the meeting. There are some things that you always should include.

At the start of the meeting, make sure to always include:

1. the time the meeting opened
2. officers present
3. officers absent
4. the guests that were present, if any.

Reports

Through the course of the meeting, be sure to write down information pertaining to the treasurer's report, the minutes and any corrections added to them, and the status of the officer reports.

As far as officer and committee reports go, you are only responsible for writing which reports were read. Also, if anyone makes any commitments, be sure to write that down. Your advisor may forget (gasp!) and use your minutes to remind them.

Archives Book Update

By Carmen Cabrero, Virginia TSA Historian

The Archives Record Book is coming along great. I am happy to report that I have just received news articles from our previous Historian. I look forward to presenting the Archives Record Book in a PowerPoint presentation at the Technosphere '03. If you have any materials, such as pictures, newspaper clippings, etc. please contact Mrs. Stansbury, State TSA Advisor, at tsa@vatsa.org or by mail at:

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New Officers' Workshop

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Going to the New Officers' Workshop taught me leadership, patience, improved my communication skills, and above all stressed just how important teamwork really is to keep our organization running smoothly. I dare say that if I ever get the privilege to do it all over again I would, hoping that I could bestow all that I learned to another eager student.

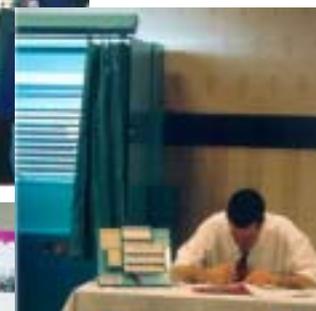
Motions

During the meeting, many things need to be recorded. When someone makes a motion, be sure to record who made the motion, the ENTIRE text of the motion, and whether or not it was seconded. Don't be shy to ask someone to repeat a motion. The presiding officer at the meeting should state the motion a second time before opening discussion, so be sure to pay close attention. It is not necessary to write down all the points brought up during the discussion, but you may want to summarize some larger points made. Any outside actions (amendments, etc.) done to the motion should be recorded in full. Any votes taken, amendments, changes, or anything pertaining to the motion should be recorded. Make sure to record, of course, whether or not the final motion passed or failed!

If the meeting recesses for any reason,

1. tell what time it recessed
2. what time it was called back to order
3. (if applicable) reason for the adjournment.
4. At the end of the meeting, write down what time it adjourned.

Taking minutes is hard work, and does require you to pay close attention to the meeting's progression. I hope these points help you with your minutes ☺. Take care, and if you have any questions, feel free to contact my advisor or me.



*Examples of pictures needed
courtesy of Imaging Technology
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*Katie Higgins from Potomac High
School and Stephen Sims from
Brookville High School*

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Back to School Gadgets

As we head back to school, there are many different gadgets from which to choose. I am here to give my opinion of the latest gadgets by recommending the latest and, in my opinion, greatest, and hopefully providing a reasonable price for all of the neat features you will receive.

First off, let's discuss a laptop. With people always on the move, a laptop is very helpful. If you are looking for the Mac format, you can purchase an Apple iBook G3 for about \$1,200. In this 5lb machine you have Mac OS X, a 700MHz, G3 processor, 30GB HD, CD/DVD/CD-RW Combo Drive, 56K modem and Air Port card for wireless connection, an AV plug so you can present all of your school presentations plus much more.

Now if you prefer the Windows format, the Toshiba Satellite Notebook 1405-S151 is a great notebook for schoolwork. This 6 pound notebook has an Intel Celeron processor with Windows XP Home Edition 1.2GHz, 30GB HD, DVD-ROM/CD-RW Combo Drive, 10/100 Ethernet LAN slot for wireless connection and the list just goes on and on.

Tired of taking notes by hand or copying a whole page just for 1 paragraph? Well, the C-Pen 800 lets you read, write, translate, e-mail, fax, store, transfer and display all sorts of information.

This five-ounce pen is the perfect tool for gathering information anywhere at anytime. Simply by moving the C-Pen over printed text in any kind of book, it's like highlighting. The information is then scanned through a digital camera. The scanned images are then transformed into text by an Optical Character Recognition system, which stores the information as a text file in C-Pen.

Last on my list of what's hot. A camera, remember your school year not just with a school yearbook but with your own Memory Book. The best way to create a memory book is to buy a digital camera with a smart media card or compact flash card and an LCD screen. You can keep or delete the pictures you want and easily print and arrange them. The Hewlett-Packard Photo Smart 1.0-Megapixel Digital Camera is a great kick around camera. For \$129, this camera is a good deal. It has a LCD Screen, 2x digital zoom, USB connection for PC and Mac, self-timer and other cool little features.

For more information on these gadgets, other Back to School Gadgets and supplies, visit www.hp.com, www.apple.com, www.toshiba.com, www.c-pen.com, and www.bestbuy.com.

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By Brittany Stansberry, Virginia TSA President

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Through TSA, students have the opportunity to travel all over the country, from the rugged mountains of Colorado in 2002 to sunny

Orlando, Florida in 2003 for our National Conference. TSA gives you the opportunity to meet lots of new people from around the United States and the World. It is really great to be able to develop lasting friendships with people from other regions and cultures who have similar interests.

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