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With a new academic year, it is time once again to focus on our ongoing mission of making NYSOBBA the most beneficial tool for our current and potential new members.

Our goal is to continue to make advancements and within the last two years, we have made great strides on improving our technology. We now offer online membership renewal and conference registration with the convenience of online payments. We've worked extremely hard to improve our pre and post-conference communications through e-mails and the posting of important information and documents on the NYSOBBA website.

For the purpose of strengthening our conference planning and to increase our conference location options we have combined some of our regions. Regions working together for conference planning and location will be New York City and Long Island, Mid-Hudson and Northeast, Central and Genesee Valley and the Western region will remain independent. Details pertaining to the 2009 conference can be found on our website at www.nysobba.org as well as within this newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to remind our institutional members about the John G. Karrer scholarship. Each region has two \$600yr scholarships to award, so please look for eligible recipients at your institution. The criteria and application is on the website and send completed applications to your regional director.

As always, if you have any suggestions or would like to get involved with NYSOBBA, please contact your regional director or email me at smithk@canisius.edu. On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, have a healthy and successful year!

Best regards,

Kevin Smith

President



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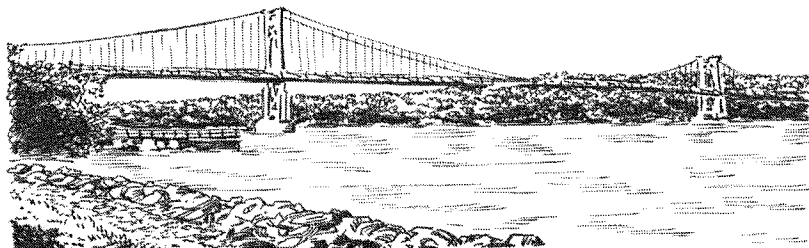
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SENSATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SCENIC MID-HUDSON VALLEY!

The 31st Annual Conference was held in Poughkeepsie, New York. Our Committee did a fabulous job bringing back some of our traditional topics such as TAP and HESC updates and offered new sessions on subject matters including NYS Slate Law.

Our Entertainment Committee left some of our members "hypnotized" while others participated in not just lip-synching, not just karaoke, but Dance Heads! This event superimposed participants' heads on professional dancers' bodies while they sang along to some of the greatest pop hits of all time. The outrageous effect was completed with fully animated backgrounds.

Our June 2008 conference also introduced us to our newly appointed Board Members. We are pleased to welcome the following:

Secretary: Gina Santiamo, *The Culinary Institute of America*

Co-Treasurer: Christopher Errington, *Niagara University*

Assoc. Member Rep: John Cartwright, *Higher One*

Co-Regional Director-NYC: Dana Marrone, *Yeshiva University*

Regional Director-Central: Ed Lewandrowski, *Utica College*

Many thanks to Kathie Owens, Patricia Gammalo and Barbara Smith for their service and dedication while serving on the board.

Please visit www.nysobba.org for more information regarding the conference including award recipients and session presentations.

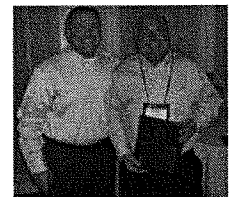
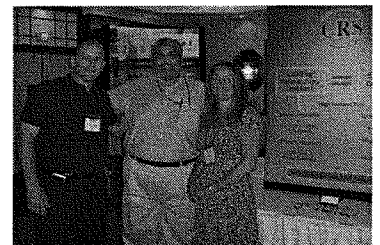
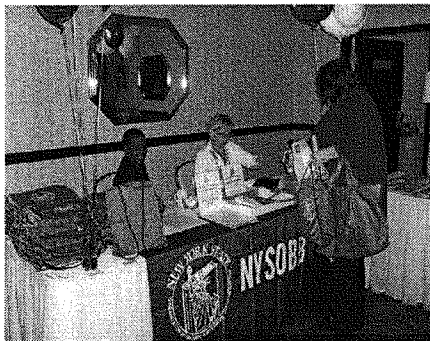
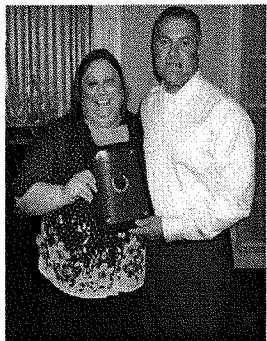


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Have You Renewed Your Membership Yet?

Please visit www.NYSOBBA.org to renew or join NYSOBBA ONLINE!!!

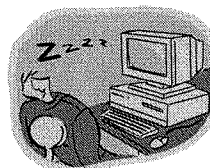
Click on "How To Join" on the left to get started!

Annual (September - August) Membership Fees:	
Individual Institution/Associate Membership	\$60
Institution/Associate Group Membership (3-5 members)	\$175
NYSOBBA Alumni/Retiree	\$10

Just Can't Say Goodbye!

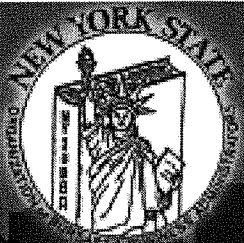
Not only does the NYSOBBA organization give us useful tools for communicating with peers, obtaining updates to regulations and processes and face-to-face contact with NYS officials, it also introduces us to people who often become lifelong friends.

Some of those friends, who have retired and become NYSOBBA Alumni have requested that they be able to continue their NYSOBBA membership. The Board has decided to allow alums to renew at \$10 a year and to register for conferences at half the registration fee. This will not only allow old friends to get together once a year, but will also allow the organization to continue to benefit from their knowledge, experience and expertise. Everybody wins!



10 Things to say When Caught Sleeping at Your Desk:

1. They told me at the Blood Bank that this might happen.
2. This is just the 15-minute power nap they raved about in the time management workshop you just sent me to.
3. Whew! Guess I left the top off the Wite-Out. You probably got here just in time.
4. I wasn't sleeping. I was meditating on our school's mission statement and envisioning a new business strategy.
5. I was testing my keyboard for drool resistance.
6. I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work-related stress. Are you discriminatory towards people who practice Yoga?
7. Darn. Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out how to handle that big accounting problem. Now I've lost my train of thought.
8. Did you ever notice sound coming out of these keyboards when you put your ear down real close?
9. Who put decaf in the wrong pot?
10. ...Amen.



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Changes to the NYSOBBA Treasurer Position

As those who attended the June Conference know, there is now a co-treasurer to share the financial responsibilities with Larry Brennan, our long-time treasurer and friend. His name is Chris Errington and he is a Programmer/Analyst at Niagara University. He will be assisting with all of the tasks involved with membership renewal, processing payments and conference registration. He can be reached at 716-286-8048 or cae@niagara.edu and his address is:

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We are delighted to have Chris onboard and look forward to working with him in this capacity.

Larry will continue to maintain the NYSOBBA financial records, provide quarterly reports and his expertise for conference planning and funding and all the other "behind-the-scenes" support to all of us that he does so well.

Life



Celebrations Health Lifestyle News Golden Years

We would like to include a section of this newsletter devoted to fun personal news about our members – things like weddings, new babies, "landmark" years of service – maybe even "landmark" birthdays!!

Please send any tidbits of information to Peg_Ehmann@urmc.rochester.edu and we will publish them in subsequent newsletters. It would also be a nice enhancement if we could publish articles occasionally highlighting some of our members. There are some very interesting stories out there! We will rely on you to send in information so we can include those.



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2009 Conference News

The 2009 NYSOBBA Conference will be held from June 14 to June 17, 2009, at the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa . Fairport, NY.



Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, Fairport, NY

For the 2009 conference, we will unite Genesee Valley and the Central region to create a powerhouse conference committee. We have chosen Woodcliff Hotel & Spa which is a premier conference center and spa located close to the scenic Finger Lakes region of upstate New York.

Located atop wooded hills in Fairport, just off I-90, Woodcliff Hotel and Spa is only 20 minutes from downtown Rochester, and offers spectacular views of the Rochester Skyline, Rochester Bristol Hills and Finger Lakes region.

Also offered at the hotel are full service Spa Elan and a Fitness Center encouraging health and wellness programs to benefit mind and body.

This year's Annual John G. Karrer Golf Tournament has been scheduled at Eagle Vale Golf Course. This beautiful, scenic championship course is designed for all skill levels and we greatly encourage our members to participate.

Our Conference Committee is working hard on creating an exciting new agenda that will definitely offer something new to both our first time attendees as well as our dedicated members that have attended past conferences.

More information and registration materials will be available soon! **Save the date** and definitely make plans to join us for the 2009 NYSOBBA Conference in Fairport, NY from June 14th through the 17th, 2009 at the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa located at 199 Woodcliff Drive, Fairport, NY 14450.



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Quick Review of Changes to Cash Management Regs

There are a few changes to the cash management regulations that became effective July 1, 2008. For those of you who can not take the time to wade through all the verbiage, here is a quick synopsis:

- We can only hold a refund check for a student pickup for 21 days. Then the check must either be mailed to the student/parent, EFT'd to the student's bank or the funds must be returned to the lender.
- Schools can now establish a policy requiring all students to provide banking information for EFT deposits - however, if the student doesn't provide the information, the refund cannot be held up. The 14 day rule, and 21 day pick up rule still apply.
- Prior-year charges can now be covered up to \$200, but the ability to use "professional judgment" in authorizing higher amounts is gone.
- Late disbursements can now be processed up to 180 days after the loan period, but there are no longer any exceptions.
- Undeliverable credit balance payments (uncashed checks, returned checks, rejected EFTs) must be returned to the Title IV agency in 240 days - no exceptions.
- The time frame for notices and authorizations for loan disbursements has changed a bit. With "affirmative confirmation" (written acceptance of loan), notice to the borrower cannot be sooner than 30 days before disbursement, nor later than 30s after disbursement. And the borrower has until the later of the first day of the payment period or 14 days after the disbursement to cancel the loan. Without "affirmative confirmation", the notice must be given no earlier than 30 days before or seven days after the disbursement. In this case, the borrower has up to 30 days to cancel the loan.
- Excess cash can now be held for up to seven days, if the amount does not exceed one percent of the prior year's draw downs. This will have the biggest impact on small schools.



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2008-09 TAP & Grant Application Processing

- As of mid-August, over 468,000 applications have been processed. 89% of these have been processed electronically.
- Almost 100,000 student corrections have been received. 83% of these have been processed electronically using HESC's secure, on-line system.

2008-2009 Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Update

During the first week of August, HESC began processing awards for 2008-09 for the Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Scholarship. Almost 4,000 records were updated with scholarship program identifying information.

The new program codes for LOT are:

- 41 (\$1,000 annually for students awarded prior to the 2007-08 academic year)
- 42 (\$1,250 annually for students awarded in the 2007-08 academic year or after).

Students holding this scholarship appear on a 200 series roster which is non-prepay. Students who hold the Scholarship for Academic Excellence (SAE) as well as the LOT will have their SAE awards appear on a Consolidated Scholarship Roster.

2008-2009 NYS Veterans Award Update

All NYS Veterans Award recipients who have applied for payment for 2008-09 have been recalculated to reflect the increased award amounts (98% of tuition or \$4,287.50 whichever is less for full time students; part-time awards prorated by credit hour).

The certification of part-time awards for this program will change in 2008-09 and be similar to the process used in the Part-Time TAP program; using credits instead of a simple PT indicator in the certification transaction.

EFAN ID Agreements

As a reminder, schools and lenders can view or update EFAN agreements via HESCweb. You may change your password, your own or your institution's e-mail only recipients' contact information or change your challenge question. Authorizing officials can also view or update staff access to HESCweb or revoke a users access. This feature can be found under the General Functions tab within Transaction Processing in the College Administrators or Lenders portion of www.hesc.org.