

Texas Tidbits—4/22/19

Howdy, Texas!

Round up time!



National Leadership Conference: We are looking forward to the National Leadership Conference, May 1-5, in Anaheim, California. NLC information is posted online at www.bpa.org Specific Texas items will be shared on www.texasbpa.com under the Conference tab.

- ✓ **Texas at NLC**—If you are a first-time attendee or if you are a veteran, you need to know that Texas is a pretty big deal at NLC. We are the loudest, the proudest and the most fun! Join the Texas delegation as we sit together at the Opening Session and Awards. Look for the Texas Officer Team with the Texas flags. Wave them high and show your Texas pride. Keep your flags to bring them again to the Awards Session on Saturday. Throughout the conference, if you see the Texas Officers or anyone from Texas, be sure to give them a big smile and “Howdy!” and watch how people respond. It makes for a fun conference and a great way to encourage all of our Texas members. We are TEXAS! That means showing your Texas charm and being kind and friendly to everyone you meet.
- ✓ **Arrival**—Registration, Headquarters, Finance Desk and the Tour Desk will be setup in the Hilton Anaheim on the 2nd floor. You will register by school. Please take the time to double check the items in your packet. The Hilton Anaheim registration desk will be open as advertised on the conference schedule. There will be a registration desk open at the Marriott but Texas registration is at the Hilton. For chapters that have a balance due, those registration packets will be held at the Hilton Anaheim registration desk. Please visit the Finance Desk to bring your account up-to-date and complete the registration process. Please note that there are many events on Wednesday for your students to attend. Open events, Exhibitor Showcase and BPA University sessions from Adobe, Social Assurity and Certiport are being offered before the Opening Session.
- ✓ **Hotel--Hilton Anaheim**--If paying by credit card, please complete the [Hilton Credit Card Authorization Form](#) and fax directly to the hotel at 714-740-4484. If paying by check, ensure it is sent to Hilton Anaheim, Attn: Finance Department, 777 W Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802. For confirmation numbers, reservation changes and/or cancellations, and other inquiries, please call 714-750-4321.
- ✓ **Texas Notes for NLC**--Texas will be housed at the Hilton Anaheim. Do not stress out if your chapter is bumped to another conference hotel. Keep sharing your photos and posts as you prepare for NLC with your chapter #bpaallday and #txbpa. Don't miss out on the BPA University, Leadership Academy, National Intern program, National Day of Service and all the great photo opportunities during the conference. Look for the the greatest star on the Walk of Fame, the one representing the Lone Star State!
- ✓ **Texas Meeting and Trading Pins**--After the opening session, Texas will meet in the Hilton Pacific Ballroom D. We will be meeting our Texas Officer Team and wishing our National Candidates luck in their campaigns. We will also be passing out our Texas trading pins. Each Texas attendee will get 4 trading pins to trade with the other states at the conference. This is a great way to network and meet new people from across the nation. You may purchase additional trading pins for \$1 each while supplies last at the Texas meeting (cash or checks only). Pins that are not picked up by Thursday at noon will be available for sale. You can also pre-order your pins at this link: <http://bit.ly/2019TXPINS> and pay for them on-site. We will also have some “vintage” pins from prior years if you would like to purchase those as well. If you miss the Texas meeting and need to arrange for pin pickup, please contact Diana Weber via text. 210-386-4983
- ✓ **New Update: NLC 2019 Industry Certification Alignment**--Industry certifications will be provided at the national level competitions in Anaheim, California. This year, in addition to Certiport Certifications aligning with BPA Competitive Events, the National Center has also aligned Precision Exams

Certifications with BPA Competitive Events. The certification testing will count as 100 points of the final score for each of the BPA Competitive Events listed below.

Precision Exams--All competitors in any event aligned with a Precision Exams certification will automatically be pre-registered for their certification test. Advanced registration is not required for Precision Exams certification testing.--The following BPA Competitive Events are aligned to Precision Exams Industry Certifications as noted:

BPA Competitive Event Name	Industry Certification Offered by Precision Exams
(100) Fundamental Accounting	PE Accounting I
(105) College Accounting	PE Accounting I
(125) Payroll Accounting	PE Accounting II
(130) College Payroll Accounting	PE Accounting II
(145) Banking & Finance	PE Banking and Finance
(155) Economic Research Individual	PE Economics
(165) Personal Finance Management	PE Mathematics of Business and Personal Finance
(425) Computer Modeling	PE 3D Graphics
(440) Computer Animation	PE 3D Animation
(420) Digital Media Production	PE Digital Media IA
(430) Video Production Team	PE Video Production I

For full details regarding the Precision Exams Certification alignment, go to:

<https://bpa.org/nlc/precision-exams-certification-lab/>. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Education, Dustin Devers at: ddevers@bpa.org or Director of Technology Integration, Patrick Schultz at: pschultz@bpa.org.

Certiport--The following BPA Competitive Events are aligned to Certiport Industry Certifications as noted:

BPA Competitive Event Name	Industry Certification Offered by Certiport
(215) Integrated Office Applications	MOS PowerPoint 2016
(235) Advanced Spreadsheet Applications	MOS Excel Exam 2016
(240) Database Applications	MOS Access 2016
*(300) Computer Networking Technology	MTA Networking Fundamentals
*(305) PC Servicing and Troubleshooting	MTA Windows OS Fundamentals
*(310) Network Administration Using Microsoft®	MTA Networking Fundamentals
*(320) Computer Security	MTA Security Fundamentals
*(330) Visual Basic / C# Programming	MTA Software Development Fundamentals – VB OR MTA Software Development Fundamentals – C#
*(405) Fundamentals of Web Design	MTA HTML5 Application Developer Fundamentals

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- ✓ **View NLC Live, Online!** <http://thinkybis.com/bpa-live/> Encourage your friends and family to join us online.
- ✓ **NLC Dress Code Reminder**--We want to continue to stress the importance of the NLC Dress Code and ask that you please take the time to provide information and one last reminder to students, advisors and chaperones about following the NLC Dress Code. The complete description and overview of the NLC Dress Code can be found online at: <http://www.bpa.org/nlc/dresscode>.

****Note:** Remember that while in Texas a nice pair of dress boots are considered dress shoes, at NLC this will not be allowed. Tennis shoes, casual Sperrys and Toms are also not considered dress shoes so please ensure that you have proper dress shoes on hand. Dress shoes are required. Also, ladies, please be aware of your skirt length and be sure that you have dress shoes. You may want to have comfortable shoes to wear to and from your event and change before your presentation. It is important to note that members not dressed in required attire will not be allowed to participate in any session or any competitive event. In addition, members not adhering to the Professional Dress Code will not be allowed on stage. It is never easy to have to turn a student away because they are not following the NLC Dress Code. Please be proactive! Share, discuss and remind NLC attendees of the dress code in advance to ensure that everyone attending NLC has the opportunity to participate in all sessions and competitive events.

- ✓ **NLC Advisor Assignments**—Please take the time to review your NLC assignment. You will be responsible for attending these duty assignments at NLC. If you are having someone substitute for you in your assignment, please have them sign you in and add their own name as well. At the end of the conference, Nationals will send out an attendance report showing those advisors who did not report for their duty. This is your responsibility at the conference and we cannot have a successful conference without your help. I will be following up with those on the list and contacting administrators as required.
- ✓ **Judges Needed**--We are still in need of judges for NLC. If you have chaperones or guests who are available, please have them visit our judges website here: <https://bpa.org/nlc/competitions/judge-at-nlc/>. If you are available to assist as a judge, we would love to have you judge outside of your division and in events where you do not have students. Serving as a judge is a great way for you to see what events are really all about. Register as a judge here: <https://www.registermychapter.com/bpamem/JudgesReg.aspx?COID=1>.
- ✓ **Scheduling**—If you need to reschedule a competition for your students, please stop by HQ located at the Hilton Palisades. You will need State Advisor approval to reschedule any event so you will need to text me to come and approve any change. Valid reasons for a schedule change include: deleting or subbing a team member, cancelling an event, a contest conflict, illness or other personal reasons. Contests take priority over tours and even Disney so rescheduling cannot accommodate your group plans.
- ✓ **Congratulations!** —I would like to congratulate all of those members who are scheduled to be recognized as Ambassador Torch Award recipients and BPA Cares Award winners. Your dedication, leadership and service is commendable and Texas is proud to congratulate you on these accomplishments. Join us as we recognize the National Honor Award Recipients.
- ✓ **Still to come**--They will be posting the NLC seating chart to show where Texas will be seated or just look for the Texas flags. Conference App--They will be using a new conference app at NLC which will be released this week. I'll send out information about it once it has been released. It includes the program and is very interactive.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you with your chapters or if you have any questions. Best of luck to you and your students as you prepare for the National Leadership Conference. I will be working again with the Open Events and in the computer lab. As always, if you need anything, shoot me an email or a text and I'll get back to you.

Sincerely,

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