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Spring Conference is April 17-19

"YES YOU CAN"

In this powerful and inspirational live presentation, Jim Stovall takes you inside one of his arena events and shares the personal story of the loss of his eyesight, and the steps he took to move out of his 9'x12' self imposed prison. He shares the following principles that led him to become a gold medalist weightlifting champion and the president of the Emmy-Award winning Narrative Television Network.

- ⇒ You are one quality decision away from anything you want.
- ⇒ You have the right to choose.
- ⇒ Your life is not a practice game.
- ⇒ You change your life when you change your mind.
- ⇒ Today is the day!



Jim Stovall
Keynote Speaker
April 18, 2013

"Ultimate Productivity"

Whether you run the largest school district, largest corporation, or a sole proprietor, your number 1 cost will always be personnel. Organizations that succeed are those that understand the unique traits, talents, and strengths of each of their people and how to blend all of these individuals into a **"Winning Team"**.

Jim is the best selling author of 15 books including *"The Ultimate Gift"*, *"The Ultimate Life"* and *"The Lamp"* which have been made into major motion pictures.

For his work in making television accessible to our nation's 13 million blind and visually impaired people, the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity selected Jim Stovall as the Entrepreneur of the Year. He was also chosen as the International Humanitarian of the Year, joining Jimmy Carter, Nancy Reagan and Mother Teresa as recipients of this honor.

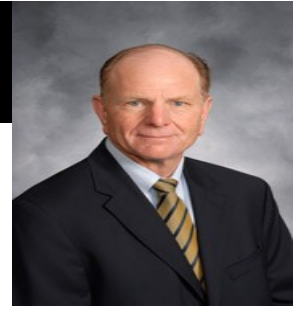
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President's Message



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Happy New Year to all school business officials, your families, and everyone connected to OKASBO.

I hope the new year is off to a great start for you. I am sure everyone is still keeping your new years' resolutions. I am. Mine was to make no new years' resolutions, and so far I have kept it.

I have been having dreams about what a perfect year would look like. Some of the same scenarios keep showing up in these dreams over and over again.

In **2013** school business officials will have more money than they can possibly spend and have to invent ways to not suffer a carryover penalty; in fact the carry over penalty will disappear. All school personnel will receive huge raises and Oklahoma salaries will be competitive with the rest of the nation, settling in the top 10.

In **2013** school personnel will get frequent calls from the SDE wanting to know what they can do to help us and make our lives easier, and to reduce our stress.

In **2013** the Governor will de-promote vouchers and virtual schools, and pledge to do anything she can to help the state's public schools, and mean it.

In **2013** operating costs to open our doors and run our buses will dramatically decrease, leaving us more money for instructional purposes.

In **2013** all students will come to school well rested, well fed, and ready and eager to learn, sent by parents who value education and support the school, no matter what.

In **2013** the entire school staff will come to work every day and do their job while at school, with positive attitudes, and no one on staff will need a reprimand.

In **2013** every school board seat in the state is filled by a member who realizes the role of the school board is to hire the superintendent, and to set policy, and that is it. The day to day operation of the school s taken care of by qualified people.

In **2013** there will be no school shootings, no bus accidents, no assault and batteries on school officials, no social media induced rumors, no bullying of students or school personnel, no charges of any kind filed against school officials for inappropriate relationships with students, and everything in the media about schools will be positive. School administrators will attend ballgames and no one will act like an idiot or cause a scene, all fan participation will be positive and supportive of their team.

In **2013** we will all have excellent health and well-being, and we will not have to say a permanent goodbye to any friend or family member. Not one more American soldier will lose their life or be seriously injured in the line of duty.

It has been said dreams do come true, I say come on.

The OKASBO board of directors has planned an exciting spring conference for April 17-19. You do not want to miss it. Outstanding professional development, vendor exhibits, and high quality entertainment will take place. Of course one of the best parts of the conference will be an opportunity to network with other school business officials from across the state. Don't miss it.

Congratulations to OKASBO Vice President Stacey Butterfield on being named the next Superintendent of Jenks Public School. She will do a great job. It is good to see some boards still get it right.

Be sure and check out our new website for Oklahoma ASBO. It contains valuable information and is user friendly. Also if you are not a member of ASBO International, please join. We have a chance to elect our very own Brenda Burkett as Vice President, but you can only vote if you are a member of International. There are many other perks included with your membership.

I hope to see you in April at our spring conference. Thank you for supporting OKASBO.

By Tom Linihan

Encumbrance Clerks & Treasurer Workshops

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

We will begin our spring conference with general session presentations on “Ethics for the Workplace” presented by Jo Pettigrew, Chairperson, Oklahoma State Ethics Commission, and “Getting the Most out of the State Aid Formula” presented by Steven Crawford, Executive Director, CCOSA.

After the provided lunch, the afternoon will be spent in breakout type sessions where you can choose to attend three of the five topics presented. Each session last 55 minutes and you can change rooms to a different topic and continue with the process until 3:55 p.m. when certificates will be distributed. The topics offered are:



Say what? Get your answers...Register Now

1. “Roles and Responsibilities of School District Treasurers” presented by Darrel Johnston, CPA, Angel Johnston, and Blasingame, PC.
2. “Roles and Responsibilities of Encumbrance Clerks” presented by Beth Buchanan, CFO, Meridian Technology Center
3. “Investment Policies & Strategies” presented by Tim Green, Executive Director of Finance, Bartlesville Schools
4. “Internal Controls—Can That Happen Here?” presented by Jeff Hewett, CPA, Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewett, Certified Public Accountants, LLP
5. “The Estimate of Needs” presented by Brenda Burkett, CFO, SFO, CSBA, , Norman Schools and Roger Adair, Director of Finance, Moore Norman Technology Center

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Encumbrance Clerks/Treasurer Workshops

April 17, 2013
Meridian Convention Center
737 S. Meridian, OKC

This Pre-Conference day can be used to meet the requirements of the training for Encumbrance Clerks and Treasurers or to simply gain additional knowledge to perform your school job. You can receive 6 hours for the complete day.

8:00 a.m. - **Registration Begins**

9:00 a.m. — **Welcome/Introductions**
*Ann Wade, Executive Director
Oklahoma ASBO*

9:05 a.m. — **Ethics for the Workplace**
*Ms. Jo Pettigrew, Chairperson
Oklahoma Ethics Commission*

10:30 a.m. — **Refreshment Break**

10:45 a.m.— **Getting the Most Out of the State Aid Formula**
*Steven Crawford, Executive Director
CCOSA*

11:45 a.m. — **Morning Wrap-up**
Ann Wade, Executive Director

12:00 p.m. – **Lunch (Provided)**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.- Break out sessions begin at 1:00 p.m., and registrants may join any room to listen to the presentation. Each session is scheduled for 55 minutes. Registrants may then change to another room. Three rotations are scheduled.

Break Out Topics

Roles & Responsibilities for School District Treasurers

*Presenter: Darrel Johnston, CPA
Angel, Johnston and Blasingame, LLC*

Roles & Responsibilities for Encumbrance Clerks

*Presenter: Beth Buchanan, CFO
Meridian Technology Center,
OkASBO Board Director*

Investment Policies & Strategies

*Presenter: Tim Green, Executive Director of
Finance, Bartlesville Schools*

Internal Controls—Can That Happen To Me?

*Presenter: Jeff Hewett, CPA
Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewett,
Certified Public Accountants, LLP*

Estimate of Needs

Presenter(s) Roger Adair, Director of Finance, Moore Norman Technology Center, OkASBO Committee Chair and Brenda Burkett, CFO, SFO, CSBA, Norman Schools. OkASBO Committee Member, ASBO International Board Director

4:00 p.m. – **Summary & Certificate Presentation**

*Ann Wade, Executive Director
Oklahoma ASBO*

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April 18-19, Spring Conference Program

Thursday, April 18, 2013
Meridian Convention Center, OKC

- 8:00 a.m. **Vendor Showcase Opens**
- 8:00 a.m. **Registration Begins (located in the Vendor Showcase room - includes Continental Breakfast)**
- 8:45 a.m. **First General Session**
Moderator: *President Tom Linihan Superintendent, Adair Schools*
- Flag Salute/Opening Entertainment**
- 9:00 a.m. **Health Care Reform—What You Need to Know to Comply Today and Plan for the Future**

Presenter: Susan Relland, JD American Fidelity Assurance Company
- 10:00-10:45 a.m. **“Yes You Can”**
Jim Stovall, Keynote Speaker
- 10:45 –11:00 a.m. **Refreshment break**
- 11:00—12:00 p.m. **“Ultimate Productivity”**
Jim Stovall, Keynote Speaker
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon**

Recognition of :
“SDE Outstanding Schools in Financial Reporting”
“School Business Official of the Year”
“OkASBO Senior Scholarship Recipient”

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1:00 p.m.- 3:45 p.m. - At this time, the breakout sessions will begin. Registrants may choose any room to listen to the presentation and discussion. Each session is scheduled for 45 minutes. Registrants may then change to another room. There will be three rotations scheduled. There is a 15 minute break between breakout sessions to allow you time to visit the vendor showcase.

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. **Breakout Session A**

- √ **OCAS Updates**
Presenter: *Nancy Hughes, OkASBO Board Director Executive Director of Financial Accounting, Auditing Oklahoma State Department of Education*
Moderator: *Cindy Shiever, OkASBO President Elect Administrative Assistant, Crescent Schools*

- √ **State Wave for Business Officials**
Presenter: *Matt Singleton, Office of Management & Enterprise Services*
Moderator: *Bill Casey, Director of Technology, Jenks Schools, OkASBO Committee Chair*

- √ **HSA**
Presenter: *Kacey Booth and Wayne Ryan American Fidelity Assurance Co.*
Moderator: *Donna Campo, Superintendent, Liberty Schools. OkASBO Committee Chair*

- √ **Social Media—Legal Ramification**
Presenter: *Stephanie Mather, Attorney, OSSBA*
Moderator: *Stacey Butterfield, Superintendent, Jenks Schools, OkASBO Vice President*

- √ **Tax Preference Bonds & Federal Compliance Requirements**
Presenter Sandee Stallings, Managing Director, BLX
Moderator: *Roger Adair, Director of Finance, Moore Norman Technology Center, OkASBO Committee Chair*

1:45- 2:00 p.m. Vendor Showcase/Break

2:00 - 2:45 **Breakout Session B**

- Make Your Life Easier - Time Clocks**
Presenter: *Keith Coley, Applied Computer Resources*
Moderator: *Dr. Penny Haynes, OkASBO Board Director Superintendent, Allen Bowden Schools*

- √ **State Wave for Business Officials**
Presenter: *Matt Singleton Office of Management & Enterprise Services*
Moderator: *Steve Shiever, OkASBO Education Liaison*

- √ **Social Media—Legal Ramification**
Presenter: *Stephanie Mather, Attorney, OSSBA*
Moderator: *Marilyn Vann, Accounting Director, Norman Schools, OkASBO Committee Chair*

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Moderator: *Beth Buchanan, CFO, Meridian Technology Center, OkASBO Board Director*

April 18-19, Spring Conference Program

Thursday, April 18, 2013
Meridian Convention Center, OKC

NEW: 2 hour session

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. ***Everything You Need to Know About School Finance***

(Especially designed for Superintendents)

Presenter: *Vernon Florence, Education Consultant*

Moderator: *Bill Denton, Superintendent,*

Yukon Schools, OkASBO Past President

2:45 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Vendor Showcase/Break

3:00 p.m.– 3:45 p.m. **Breakout Session C**

Make Your Life Easier—Time Clocks

Presenter: *Keith Coley,*

Applied Computer Resources

Moderator: *Bill Casey, Director of Technology, Jenks*

Schools, OkASBO Committee Chair

✓ **Social Media—Legal Ramifications**

Presenter: *Stephanie Mather, Attorney, OSSBA*

Moderator: *Sara Frye, Director of Finance, Bowlegs*
Schools, OkASBO Committee member

✓ **Tax Preference Bonds & Federal Compliance Requirements**

Presenter *Sandee Stallings, Managing Director, BLX*

Moderator: *Roger Adair, Director of Finance, Moore*
Norman Technology Center, OkASBO Comm. Chair

Career Tech Updates

Moderator: *Madonna Tidwell, CSBA, Director of*
Finance, Pontotoc Technology Center

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Visit Vendor Showcase and The Money Machine

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. OPENING NIGHT MIXER:

5:00—6:00 p.m. **All-American Buffet**

6:00—7:00 p.m. **Lee Cole's Magicomedy**

One of the finest comedy magicians in the business. A terrific mix of magic, comedy and audience participation.

7:00—9:00 p.m. **Robin and Jerry**

Great music to sing by, and dance by.....

An excellent opportunity to make new friends, visit with your peers and just have fun!

Please join us for a night filled with laughter!

Friday, April 19, 2013
Meridian Convention Center, OKC

8:00 a.m. **Registration**
Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **Second General Session:**
Moderator: *Cindy Shiever, OkASBO President Elect,*
Administrative Assistant, Crescent Schools

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **SDE Updates**
Presenter: *Dr. Janet Barresi, State Superintendent*
Of Public Instruction

✓ 9:00– 9:45 a.m. **Internal Controls—Preventing Fraud**
Presenter: *Gary Jones, CPA,*
Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector

✓ 9:45– 10:30 a.m. **Education Technology**
Presenter: *Dawn Pearce, CIO, Yukon Schools*

10:30– 10:45 a.m. **Break**

✓ 10:45—11:45 a.m. **Legislative Updates**
Panel: TBA
Moderator: *Steve Shiever, OkASBO Educ. Liaison*

11:45 – 12:00 p.m. **Business Meeting**
Moderator: *Ann Wade, Executive Director*
A) *Nomination/Approve New Board Member*
B) *New Website*

12:00 p.m. **Adjourn /Door Prizes**

12:15 - 2:15 p.m. **OkASBO Board Meeting**
Light lunch will be provided

* Sessions marked by the check mark on Thursday and Friday are approved for additional continuing education requirements for Encumbrance Clerks and Treasurers. To receive the credit, you must sign the "Sign-In Form" for each session attended. A certificate will be emailed to you.

** All conference sponsors will be included the agenda and recognized throughout the conference. If you want to become a sponsor, please complete the registration form and/or conference sponsor form provided on-line at www.okasbo.org.

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Pre-registration Form (or pre-register on-line at www.okasbo.org)
OkASBO Spring Conference , April 18-19, 2013 Meridian Convention Center

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Registration for: _____
Title: _____
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Email: _____

The Vendor /Member Dinner will be on Thursday, April 18th 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The Vendor/Member Entertainment will be on April 18th 6:00 - 9 p.m.

I will ___ will not ___ attend. I will bring ___ guest(s) with me. (\$25.00 each)
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Encumbrance Clerk & Treasurer Workshops
Pre-Conference Registration Form

Registration fee: \$75.00 OkASBO member; \$125.00 non member
This fee is due, whether you attend or not, if not cancelled by April 1, 2013

April 17, 2013 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Meridian Convention Center, OKC

Enroll me for: ___ Encumbrance Clerk ___ Treasurer
(If above is not marked, no certificate will be prepared)

Name: _____
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Title: _____
School/Business: _____
Email: _____

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April 18th, Opening Night Mixer, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Ultimately, the show is not about tricks, it is more about people. Volunteers who are brought on stage to be a part of the act, are always treated with respect. The comedy magic routines are designed so you can relax, laugh, and have a great time too.

You will have a positive experience as his act demonstrates the benefits of maintaining a sense of humor in the face of adversity.

If you like magic, you will like this show, if you don't like magic, you'll love it. When asked for his formula for success, Lee Cole says, "An audience just wants to have fun, it doesn't matter what type it is, if it moves them to a state of play, they're happy. Everything I say and do involves the audience and nudges them toward having fun!" You will love this show because YOU will be the star!



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April 18th Opening Night Mixer, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.



Jerry Putnam traveled with his band in a converted school bus throughout Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and Wisconsin during his hippie days. Though almost completely consumed by his love of music and life on the road, Jerry stays disguised by day as a mild-mannered certified public accountant and attorney. Yes, it's Putnam (not "Putman")--strange visitor from another planet who came to Earth with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men. Jerry has performed on keyboards with several national acts including the Coasters, the Drifters, the Marvellettes and the Platters. Today his talents are also used to create and develop the music that accompanies the vocals and guitars of Robin and Jerry

Robin Brooks has enjoyed a versatile career as a singer, actor, television reporter and producer. She has performed all over the United States and abroad, from the Desert Inn in Las Vegas to the World Trade Market in London. Most recently, she performed at Joe's Pub and Danny's Skylight Room in New York City. In 2003, she also joined her family for a performance at Carnegie Hall. She has reported for ESPN's *American Horse*, the Outdoor Channel's *Outdoor Guide*, and the *Remington Park Update*. She earned the AQHA "Sprint Award" in 1998 and 2000 as producer of the Best Feature Video. Robin has had roles on TV's *Walker, Texas Ranger*, the five-part mini-series *Oklahoma Passages* as well as the feature films *G. Whiliker* and *Lethal Justice*. Robin takes listeners to new & diverse levels from bluesy rock, peppered with a little funk, to jazz standards to contemporary pop.

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OkASBO /Oklahoma State Department of Education 2013 Financial Workshop Agenda

8:30 am **REGISTRATION**

9:00 am **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

9:05 am *Oklahoma Cost Accounting*
Introduction
Laws/Rules/Regulations concerning OCAS
Purpose
Proper Use of Codes

BREAK

Child Nutrition Programs
Introduction
Financial Management of Child Nutrition Programs
Proper Use of Codes in Child Nutrition

12:00 Noon LUNCH

12:40 pm *Special Education Programs*
Introduction
Student Count
Financial Management of Special Education Programs
Proper Use of Codes in Special Education
Maintenance of Effort

Federal Programs
Introduction
Financial Management of Federal Programs
Proper Use of Codes in Federal Programs
Maintenance of Effort

BREAK

Financial Accounting
Introduction
End of Year Processing of Revenue and Expenditures
End of Year Processing Reports
Administrative Cost
OCAS Deadline Submission
Financial Accounting Penalties
Financial Statement
Estimate of Needs
Audit Process

3:30 pm **Q & A** Certificates of Attendance

OkASBO & Oklahoma State Department of Education 2013 Financial Workshop Registration

OkASBO and Oklahoma State Department of Education 2013 Financial Accounting Workshops

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. (Class size limit is 100 for each workshop) Registrations will be taken on first come- first served basis)

Workshops: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)

Cost: \$85.00 – Payable to: OkASBO
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Please check the workshop you wish to attend.

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_____	February 19, 2013	McAlester	Kiamichi Technology Center 301 Kiamichi Drive
_____	February 25, 2013	Oklahoma City	Metro Technology Center 1900 Spring Lake Drive, Economic Development Center, Room 114
_____	March 5, 2013	Lawton	Lawton City Hall 212 S.W. 9 th Street Banquet Room
_____	March 12, 2013	Woodward	High Plains Technology Center 3921 34 th Street

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Since 1892, Security Benefit, a Guggenheim Partners Company, has been helping people prepare for the future. We’re a leading provider of retirement plan services throughout the nation, primarily in the education marketplace. We have teamed up with the Oklahoma Association of School Business Officials (OkASBO) to help a worthy Oklahoma graduating high school senior fund his or her college education through the Security Benefit “Strength in Education Scholarship” program, presented by OkASBO.

Scholarship Program

The Security Benefit ‘Strength in Education’ Scholarship program is designed to promote and foster the importance of a strong education system in that can only be supported by the individual strength, courage and leadership of educators. We are proud to partner with OkASBO to present this unique scholarship opportunity. OkASBO has proven to be a network that helps each member as they work hard for their school

district, faculty and students. The future of Oklahoma schools is brighter because of each of you. We want to continue this legacy of support of colleagues and education through the Security Benefit ‘Strength in Education’ Scholarship program.

Scholarship Details and Qualifications

We will grant a one-time \$1,500 per year (\$750 per academic semester) scholarship to a graduating high school senior who plans to pursue a certified degree in education or in an occupation that directly supports the educational system. The student must be from a school district that is a member of OkASBO.

The OkASBO board of directors and a Security Benefit associate will choose the honoree based on their application, accompanying letter and a letter of recommendation. We will award the scholarship during an April OkASBO event, to be announced.

Key Dates

Dec. 1, 2012

Strength in Education Scholarship application and complete details available at www.okasbo.org.

March 1, 2013

Deadline for submitting all required materials

April 2013

Scholarship announced during an OkASBO event



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OkASBO Scholarships to OCSBM



Oklahoma ASBO and the Oklahoma Center for School Business Management are committing \$1,500 for scholarships to Oklahoma ASBO members who desire to enroll in courses of the OCSBM for Level I, Level II and Level III courses effective July 2013.

OkASBO also uses the programs of OCSBM to complement its Voluntary Certification Program for members who are making an effort to improve and expand their knowledge base.

If you are interested in obtaining a scholarship, please contact the Oklahoma ASBO office for an application or download it from our website at www.okasbo.org. If you received a scholarship last year, you are not eligible for another one this year, but a different OkASBO member at your school district is eligible. Check it out.

You may contact Dr. Stephoni Case at 405-744-8501 for a complete course listing and the tuition for each.

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**Brenda R. Burkett, CPA, SFO
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Brenda Burkett, CPA is the Chief Financial Officer for Norman Public Schools in Norman, OK. She has been in education for over 20 years, and has been very active in her state associations. Brenda served as the President of Oklahoma ASBO in 2008-09, is one of Oklahoma ASBO's Certified School Business Administrators, and currently serves the OASBO Board of Directors as the liaison to ASBO Int'l. She also serves on the Advisory Board for the Oklahoma Center for School Business Management, and is a frequent presenter at workshops and conferences held by both of these organizations.

Brenda has been awarded the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) certification by ASBO International. This certification is granted to highly qualified individuals who fulfill multiple requirements, including demonstrating eligibility (through work experience and education), and passing a comprehensive 2-part exam that tests competency in accounting and school business management topics.

Brenda has been a member of ASBO International since 1992, serving the association in various capacities. Brenda is currently a Director on the ASBO Int'l Board of Directors. She was a participant of the ASBO Economic Crisis Summit, and Brenda received The Pinnacle of Achievement Award in 2008. Brenda also served on the educational panel for the Town Hall meeting with U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education at the 2009 Annual meeting.

Brenda's vision for ASBO is for the association to continue being the most comprehensive collection of resources for our members to turn to. ASBO has great ideas and great people, all working together to find creative ways to make the most of our limited school funding. As we embark on one of the most difficult financial times ever seen in public education, let us remember we owe a great deal to the public schools and teachers who instilled in us the intellectual foundation for our futures. Public education is the greatest success story of our nation and holds the promise for our nation's future successes. As we navigate the daunting task of maintaining quality education with scarce resources, ASBO continues to provide the professional development and network opportunities school business officials can count on in these challenging times.



Just Sayin!

by Ann Wade

Mark your calendar now to attend the Spring Conference on April 17-19, 2013, for 3-full days of excellent professional development opportunities needed to grow as a district and department leader, networking opportunities and have a little fun to boot! We are offering more **breakout topics, a vendor expo** that will provide you the opportunity to meet with vendor's eager to share how they can help improve district operations with the ultimate goal of enhancing students' academic success, and an opening night mixer on Thursday, April 18th, with **Lee Cole's Magicomedy** and music provided by **Jerry & Robin**.

We also will be awarding our **FIRST** student scholarship, sponsored by Security Benefit Solutions, during our luncheon on Thursday.

The committee members and the Board of Directors have crafted an excellent schedule of programming that is designed to peak your interest, inspire you to be your best and support you in your work. Given the trying economic times that we are facing, now more than ever I encourage you to network with your peers, discuss best practices with your colleagues and take this opportunity to rejuvenate your spirit, so that you can return to your district as an even more valuable leader. Many times I have come to this conference with a question to be answered or a problem to be solved. Each time I have found someone at the conference with the answer or solution. Please **ASK** the question because someone at this conference knows the answer.

Our districts continue to rely on our leadership and expertise. Together, helping each other through our participation in OkASBO, we will continue to move our districts forward.

I encourage you to take advantage of the numerous professional and networking activities that have been planned to support you in your work.

Don't be left out—**Make your reservations now!**

In closing OkASBO is partnering with the SDE offering 5-regional financial workshops (detail information on pages 14-15). Class-size and parking is limited so register early!

Whew, the OkASBO board has been busy since our fall conference and it doesn't stop there; additional workshops will be provided during the 2013-2014 school year. More information to come in the near future.

If you haven't looked at our new website design and structure—do it now. Please let the board members know if you like what you saw and any suggested revisions. Your comments are important to us.

See You there....

Just sayin ...



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