



January 2010 Newsletter

From your NATPL President

Diana Glosser (IL)

Dear Friends of NATPL,

Each day, we face undeniable changes and concerns about the about our future. This uncertainly also brings great opportunity. As seasoned practitioners implementing Tech Prep, we have knowledge and skills that can help expand the Tech Prep concept to programs of study and all students. Programs of study appear to be on the horizon as an integral part of reauthorization legislation for Perkins, CTE, Adult Ed, and WIA as well as educational reform frameworks, such as High Schools that Work.

NATPL's commitment to Tech Prep is unwavering, and we will continue to serve as your voice and advocate providing Tech Prep information, support, and professional development - as we have for ten plus years! We also welcome the opportunity to expand our reach and will continue to provide support and resources for Tech Prep, Career Pathways, Career Clusters, Programs of Study, CTE, and more.

Did you know?

For over ten years the central Pennsylvania Tech Prep Consortium has offered technical update summer courses to CTE teachers at member schools. This ensures students transitioning from high school to postsecondary education and training are well prepared. It also enhances program articulation, dual credit and industry certification opportunities.

This example of tried and true strategies meets the requirements of the Perkins IV legislation. Although this example is an excerpt from the first Best Practices, [Tech Prep Across The United States](#), you can get more solutions and details from the new NATPL best practices publication, [Cultivating Success, Tech Prep Across The United States](#). Order information is on our website: www.natpl.org.

Note: This can help you meet the Perkins IV requirement of disseminating best practices in your region.

Professional Development /Forum Update

Dr. Janet M. Jaworski (TX)

Greetings in the New Year! We're excited about planning the October 2010 NATPL Forum. The theme that we've proposed is : **“Connections Affecting the Future”**. This theme blends the 2010 NCPN Conference theme, “Achieve Success: Connecting Education and Employment” with last year's NATPL Forum theme, “The Future is Here, Where are you now?” Based on the NATPL membership survey that asked for your input, it appears that members would like to stay with the current Forum format: business meeting & breakfast, keynote speaker, lunch, breakouts, wrap-up. Your committee will be working to plan planning a Forum developed along those lines. Members were also supportive of having a web based alternative which the committee is exploring.

As the committee chair I have the opportunity to serve on the NCPN conference planning committee. We met at the Sheraton in Dallas before the holiday and were able to tour the hotel's facilities and take a look at the location for our Forum. It appears that the Forum will be located in the ballroom situated on the same floor as the exhibit hall. The ballroom will be segmented into breakout rooms according to our needs. The entire hotel has undergone a facelift, and looks so classy and elegant. You can view the NCPN conference flier and presenter proposal forms at: http://www.cordonline.net/2010-Dallas-NCPN-Conference/NCPN_2010_flier_Jan14.pdf, and <http://www.cordonline.net/NCPN/presenter/>.

The NATPL Professional Development committee will be busy at work over the next several weeks. We're web-conferencing and also attending the Winter Strategy session in Dallas at the end of the month. We're remaining open to your ideas and suggestions (jjaworski@collin.edu) because we want the next NATPL Forum to fulfill your professional development needs.

JOIN US AT THE 2010 NATPL FORUM – October 20, 2010 at the Sheraton Downtown Dallas, TX. This is a professional development opportunity you don't want to miss. Visit us at www.natpl.org for more information.

NATPL/NCPN: Still a Great Partnership

NATPL members have always been good about sharing their expertise and best practices at the NCPN conference. If you are interested in submitting a presentation proposal for the conference, please go to <http://www.cordonline.net/NCPN/presenter/> and submit the online form by March 31. Instructions and criteria are provided on the form.

Marketing/Member Services Update

Dr. Jeraline M. Marsh (FL)

Get those pens ready! It's about that time for nominations to be submitted for the 2010 NATPL Awards. That's right, start thinking of all those wonderful business partners, community leaders, students, and other colleagues who are doing great things in the name of Tech Prep/Career Pathways. Applications will be available in the near future for the National Employer Partnership Recognition Award, National Promotion of Tech Prep/Career Pathways Award, and the National Innovation in Tech Prep/Career Pathways Award. We will also be featuring an award that will recognize Tech Prep/Career Pathways students as well. Applications will be available via the NATPL website at www.natpl.org. Take this opportunity to showcase the great accomplishments of your Tech Prep/Career Pathways consortium by submitting a nomination. For more information, you may also contact Dr. Jeraline M. Marsh, NATPL Marketing/Member Service Committee Chair at marshj@palmbeach.k12.fl.us or 561.434.8880.

Each One, Bring One – “EOBO”!

The Marketing/Member Services Committee would like to encourage all of its current members to assist with increasing our NATPL membership. Membership in the National Association for Tech-Prep Leadership is for individuals who are professionally engaged in Tech-Prep/Career Pathways leadership positions in all levels of education, business/industry, community organizations and government. Applications for membership are available on the NATPL website at www.natpl.org. Join as an individual or as a consortium.



Have you ordered your copy of ***“Cultivating Success: Tech Prep Best Practices Across the United States”***? Less than 300 copies remain. Don't miss out! Contact our Executive Director at bemisd@lakeareatech.edu.