

The North Dakota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is a professional organization for driver and traffic safety educators that promotes safe habits, attitudes, knowledge and instructional tools to develop driving skills for teen drivers.

## **Executive Committee Fall Meeting**

The NDDTSEA held an Executive Committee meeting October 22,2015. The committee discussed the ADTSEA Conference that was held in Raleigh, NC. Boyd Westman sent an update of the conference to the membership. The Bylaws/ Constitution was also discussed. There are some suggested changes. Watch you email box as the suggested changes will be coming for your review prior to the annual conference. The membership needs to vote on any changes to the Bylaws/Constitution. The majority of the meeting was the planning of the annual NDDTSEA Conference. Go to the NDDTSEA website often as the conference agenda will be posted as soon as Minot State University approves it. Plus you can view the October minutes for more information on the meeting.

## **Conference Attendees**

The Executive Committee has some concerns about the attendance of the annual conference. It is so important to attend the conference annually in order to stay up-to-date with the latest driver education information. Also for those that do attend it is important to stay the entire conference. A lot of work and dedication goes into bringing presenters to the conference to share their knowledge with the attendees to help you improve your classes for yourself and for your students. We will be giving you a survey to complete on why attendees do not come every year, leave early when you do attend, and what would you like to see and hear to get you to attend the conference or stay.

## Conference

You won't want to miss the conference this year. We have secured some well known national speakers. Tim Hollister, Author of "Not So Fast: Parenting Your Teen Through the Dangers of Driving", Tim lost his 17 year old son to a car crash. He became an advocate for safer teen driving. He has won national awards and has appeared on television.

Another presenter is Blu Santee, Risk Consultant, he has over 17 years of professional experience in Worker's Compensation and Environmental, Health and Safety.

Glenn Jackson, NDDOT Driver License Director, will be discussing updates and changes with driver licensing.

There are also local presenters that will share their knowledge with you.

On Thursday afternoon there will be a preconference workshop for driver educators who want to see how the North Dakota Playbook can work for their driver and traffic safety education course or educators desiring an update prior to the driver education season. Becky Hardy and Brad Webster will be the instructors for the preconference.

Check out the <u>NDDTSEA</u> website for updates on the conference.

Look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Remember, driver and traffic safety is no accident,

Boyd Westman, President