



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.

### **North Dakota Education Association**

The NDEA Drivers Education Fall Sectional was held at Century High School, Bismarck, ND. They did not have sectional meetings this year. The fall conference pertained to Common Core.

### **Executive Committee Fall Meeting**

The NDDTSEA held an Executive Committee meeting. I reported on the ADTSEA Conference in Maine and there was discussion about attending the next ADTSEA Conference in Kansas this coming year. Since the conference is close to ND it was decided to send a few of the Executive Committee members to this conference. It would be good to have the national conference held in ND and the Executive Committee members would need to volunteer to assist at the conference.

Boyd Westman and Becky Hardy attended the Oregon Conference. NDDOT paid the travel costs & registration fees to attend. The conference consisted of the new Interface and Playbook they developed. This is the information that Rich Hanson discussed at the NDDTSEA Annual Conference in April. Boyd and Becky came back very excited about the Interface and Playbook and stated it will be so much easier to teach and it will keep the students engaged. It is not "Death by Powerpoint" any longer. The planning stages has started to revise our curriculum delivery to resemble Oregon's and to present it at the annual conference. The curriculum team consists of:

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Dale Ludwig, Bob Green, Brad Webster, Becky Hardy, Boyd Westman, Tom Johnson, and Howard Theige.

So new things are happening with the curriculum that will make it easier to deliver and keep your students actively involved in learning. You will need to attend the annual NDDTSEA conference this spring. Mark your calendars for March 27-29, 2014 at the Seven Seas in Mandan.

### **Train the Trainer Program**

I will have a conference call with Bill Warner and Rich Hanson and make arrangements for them to come to ND to do a Train the Trainer program to those that have volunteered to become trainers. The trainers will have a training session for the membership in their regions so that Driver Education teachers can get behind-the-wheel training. The trainers will try to get this to the membership prior to the summer season. The trainers are: Jim Keller-Elgin, Melissa Young-Parshall, Jason New, Sawyer, Peg Johnson-Carrington, Jean Baird-Devils Lake, Boyd Westman-Litchville/Marion, and myself. It is still in the planning stages. I will keep the membership informed.

Drive Safe,

**Tom Johnson, President**



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