



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.

## Conference Summary

The annual NDDTSEA Conference continues to improve each year. The conference started out on Thursday morning, going through the ND Driver Risk Prevention Curriculum for those that are just implementing the curriculum, and for those that wanted a refresher prior to the start of Drivers Education. Thursday evening was the start of the conference with a presentation from Howard Theige, "Evaluating Driver and Traffic Safety Instruction." Rich Hanson, DTS Consulting, presented "The New Oregon Interface." Friday & Saturday was busy with an assortment of sessions which included the following:

- Building Student Success Through Teaching Excellence, Perfecting Partnerships for Excellence in Driving & DVR In-Car Camera—Rich Hanson
- Caution: Sleepy Teen Behind the Wheel—Karla Smith
- Cognitive, Affective & Electronics Distractions, & Curricular Activities—Dr Shari Willis-Genise
- Teacher Demonstrations—Howard Theige
- NDDRPC Survey—Andrew Kubas
- ESPB Update—Janet Welk
- National Standards Compared to ND—Brad Webster & Carol Thurn
- Alive at 25—Don Moseman

## Business Meeting

Business Meeting—the positions of President & President-Elect were up for election. Joe Bren, President-Elect choose not to serve as President. Tom Johnson was elected to another term as President and Boyd Westman for President-Elect. Dale Ludwig & Darin Bardal were appointed to Regional Representatives. Carol Gure will audit the association financial records. Another volunteer would be appreciated. During the meeting two committees were also established; "Legislative" with: Jim Keller, Wayne Hample, Melissa Young, Bob Green, Becky Hardy & Carol Thurn; "Train-the-Trainers" with: Jim Keller-Elgin, Melissa Young-Parshall, Jason New-Sawyer, Tom Johnson-Mandan, Peg Johnson-Carrington, & Jean Baird-Devils Lake. We would like more volunteers for this committee. We need to reach all regions in the state to reduce the travel for the teachers, when we do in-car training. Contact me if you are interested in assisting the organization.

## ADTSEA

The ADTSEA Conference theme is "Adopting and Implementing Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards" in Portland, MA July 14-17. Carol Thurn & I will be attending this year.

Drive Safe,

Tom Johnson, President

Dennis Brusven, Ft Totten, was chosen as the 2012 NDDTSEA Teacher of the Year.

Tyler Mack was selected for the Cal Lundberg Scholarship Award.

Check out our website for a summary of the conference at: <http://www.minotstateu.edu/drivered/nddtsea/>

