

TCSEA CONFERENCE BOARD PROGRESS REPORT

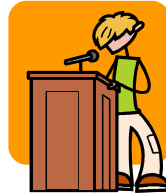
Much progress is being made in all areas as the Conference Board continues to make plans for the Sixth Annual TCSEA Conference. The conference is scheduled at the Russell Hotel in Charlotte from June 14 through June 16.

Conference Board

The Conference Board has met monthly since October. There has been one change in the board's membership. Connie Taylor replaced Janice Pearson. Janice resigned her position as Hospitality Chair because of an illness in her family.

Program

The Program Committee planned the program for the conference. A letter has been sent to all members to see who wants speak on a topic. To date, 15 responses have been received. The topics are being reviewed to see if they meet the members' interests. Within a few weeks, the committee plans to have all speakers confirmed. Two publishing companies have agreed to sponsor the general session speakers. As sponsors, they will pay the speaker's travel and lodging expenses. If they want, they may pay the speaker an honorarium. In return for this support, the publishers will receive public recognition.



Registration

The conference registration form has been designed. It will be printed in the next TCSEA newsletter. In addition, a separate mailing outlining conference highlights and registration fees will be

mailed by May 1. This mailing is for all science teachers in the Tri-County area. Those who register before June 5 will pay a lower registration fee. Teachers who staff the registration tables during the conference also will pay a reduced fee.

Special Events

The golf outing will be held on June 14 at the Twin Lakes Golf Club. Up to 72 golfers can play. A cookout at the golf course will begin at 4:30 p.m. The cost of the outing and cookout has increased only \$5. It will be \$75 this year. The cookout will end in time for the golfers to attend the first general session.



Hospitality

Yvonne Porter will work closely with Connie Taylor. Yvonne will bring Connie up-to-date with what Janice Pearson had done. With that information, Connie will be able to finalize all of the gifts and information we need for those attending.

Conclusion

The Conference Board is an excellent one. The members are responsible and eager to work. They plan to provide an excellent conference at a reasonable price. I will have the final budget for you to review at your next meeting.

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