

# Council #10



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#### MAKE CONNECTIONS

Dan Burkhalter Speaking at  
Leadership Council Meeting  
February 20, 2007

Read Across America  
March 2, 2007

WEAC Winter Conference  
March 2-4, 2007

Retirement Planning  
March 21, 2007

Southeast Pre-RA  
April 2, 2007

WEAC RA April 20-22, 2007



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## WEAC Executive Invited to Council #10

Dan Burkhalter, WEAC Executive Director, will join the Leadership Council at its upcoming meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 5:00 p.m., at the UEPBC Building in Brookfield. All Council #10 members are invited to attend and participate in the conversation.

Dan will also present the program "The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Skills - Broadening our Perspective" which he has previously presented at the NEA Leadership Conference in Chicago last month. It's an in-depth discussion of dynamic leadership concepts through analysis of trend, best practices, tools, and strategies. His message, the best way to predict the future is to create it. Those of us who heard his program in Chicago know you will enjoy it.

It's also a message of timely importance, in light of the WEAC officers' (including the president's) election at the Representative Assembly in Madison, April 20 – 22. As executive director, Dan will work with the new president to shape the direction of our state association. What opportunities are available to us; what will your own role be?

To join this meeting, please RSVP to Shorty Ott, [otts@weac.org](mailto:otts@weac.org), as space will be limited.

## Council #10 Congratulates NBPTS Achievers

Special congratulations to three of Council #10's members who earned the certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Catherine Schulz and Deborah Mitchell both of the Greenfield School District and Robert Kosky of the Greendale School District were among the seventy-three teachers who have earned the highest credential in the teaching profession.

This certification is earned through a rigorous process that can take from one to three years to complete and measures what the most accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. As part of the process, teachers build a portfolio that includes student work samples, assignments, videotapes, a thorough analysis of their classroom teaching, and an assessment of their knowledge of the subjects they teach.

WEAC supports members pursuing certification with grants for workshops. For additional information about the NBPTS, visit the [OnWEAC Resource Page on National Certification](#).

## WEAC Board Representative Election

Both Linda Riesen, WEAC Board Representative and Council #10 Facilitator, and Nancy Koeckenberg, Alternate to both positions, end their terms of office July 31. The election to fill these two critical positions in Council #10 is an **all membership vote by ballot**, to be conducted next month. Both the Representative/Facilitator and the Alternate serve a 3-year term of office. Duties include representing Council #10 at the almost-monthly WEAC Board of Directors meetings and at the occasional UniServ Presidents meetings, as well as facilitating the Council #10 Leadership Council meetings approximately eight times per school year. The position of Alternate is a separate vote on the ballot; it is not filled by the second-place vote-getter for the Representative position. Any member in good standing of a local association within Council #10 is eligible to serve in either elected position.

Members should watch for candidate information in the March newsletter. Voting will take place in your locals after the distribution of the newsletter.

**If you are a candidate for either position**, your candidacy must be *received* by Shorty Ott, [otts@weac.org](mailto:otts@weac.org), by U.S. mail, or by FAX no later than 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8. Please specify which position you are running for and provide any biographical information you would like us to include in the "Candidate Information" newsletter. Feel free to include a statement on your qualifications, why you would like the position, or comments of a similar nature. We reserve the right to edit if necessary for space purposes but we will communicate with you before doing so.

If you have any other questions about the positions or the election, please feel free to call the Council #10 office.

### Tax Time Information Jane Oberdorf, Interim Business Manager

Because Congress was so late in passing the tax-extender legislation (Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006), the IRS did not have time, before mailing out Form 1040, to revise the form to include a line for the educator expense.

To take advantage of the \$250 educator expense deduction:

1. The deduction for educator expenses should be claimed on Form 1040 line 23 (Archer MSA deduction). Enter "E" on the dotted line to the left of that entry if claiming educator expenses.
2. To claim the deduction, educators must file Form 1040, not Form 1040A.
3. Taxpayers are urged to file electronically instead of on paper, to minimize confusion over these late changes.

### Member Ad

Door County A-frame for rent: With 2 housekeeping units. Each sleeps up to 6. Upgraded kitchens and bathrooms. Deck, gas grill, fireplace, satellite TV. Available year round. Call (414) 427-8420.

For Sale: Two bedrooms two baths, 1400 square foot condo. Asking price is \$159,000. Call Dan at (414) 304-8147.

For Sale: Memory Foam Mattress/Tempur-pedic with foundation and mattress cover. Asking price is \$800. Call David at (414) 571-1766

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