

President's Report  
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*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*  
~Elizabeth Andrew

On behalf of the entire Executive, I would like to thank everyone for all of the work that has gone into preparation for this year's convention. Once again, we are nearing the eve of a major professional learning event to benefit of almost 4000 teachers, pre-service teachers and retired colleagues. Some notable thanks:

- I would like to thank Jill and Larry for all of their efforts in making sure the venue is ready for our delegates and presenters. Thank you also to Larry for overseeing the planning of our Wednesday night Honorary President's reception.
- I would like to thank Paulette, her Program Selection Committee for taking on the huge task of selecting sessions. In her first year Paulette has seamlessly spent numerous hours scheduling over 200 sessions encompassing a wide array of topics.
- I would like to thank Tara for all her work soliciting and booking displayers to ensure the Exhibits Hall will again provide a variety of offerings to meet teachers' professional and personal interests.
- Thank you to Sherry and Bertha for keeping our finances current, our budget in check ensuring speakers and venues will be paid.
- Thanks also to Bertha for keeping the website up to date with the most recent convention info for our delegates, including populating our mobile Sched site
- Thank you to Jennifer for creating the duties list for board members and ensuring that the Honorary President will receive their recognition.
- Thanks Sue for keeping a thorough record of our board business and correspondence.
- Thank you, Jordan, for overseeing alternate PD requests, our policy handbook changes and for hosting hospitality duties.
- Lastly, but definitely not least, a HUGE thanks to every single board member for participating in each of our meetings, attending the upcoming President's Reception and for signing up for all of the daily tasks to ensure our 2018 convention will be another unqualified success! We are fortunate to have a large, strong team with a diverse array of talents willing to be volunteered.

*"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."*  
~Winston Churchill