

# TBA News

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I hope you had a successful year and have plans for a wonderful summer vacation! Quality time spent with family and friends throughout the summer will help you recharge and allow you to begin with more energy next fall.

Make plans now to attend the TBA Convention/Clinic Sunday-Wednesday, July 21-24. Pre-register before July 1 and take advantage of the lower fees. After July 1, register on-site at the convention. Be sure to reserve your hotel room before June 28 using the link on the TBA website. Because TBA, TCDA, and TODA are meeting at the same time, I would recommend reserving your hotel as soon as possible.

I would like to thank TBA President Alfredo Vélez, the Board of Directors, and office staff Robin Tovar and Justin Young for their diligent work in preparing this year's outstanding convention! Upon reviewing the schedule printed in this program, you will see this is one year you cannot afford to miss! With TBA dates falling early, you will be able to attend the convention and still have plenty of time to return home for your summer band program.

The TBA Academy for New Teachers will be offered on

Sunday, July 21. This is the perfect opportunity for those who are beginning their teaching career in the fall of 2013 to make sure they are ready for the start of the school year. Don't forget about the TBA Student Day on Sunday and Booster Training on Monday. More information on these programs can be found on page 36.

Allow me to draw your attention to some changes for this year's convention.

- You will find a larger exhibit hall and increased number of product showcases. Be sure to express your appreciation to our exhibitors who support TBA in many ways year in and year out!

- Due to renovation of the Roundhouse in LaVillita, this year's Barbeque Dinner will be held in the convention center. Food will be served in CC Room 004. Seating will be in the Lonesome Dove Room and other air conditioned areas.

- The TBA Game Room has been discontinued due to rising costs and space limitations.

If you are interested in serving in some type of leadership role with TBA, I would encourage you to visit with one of our TBA board

members. There are opportunities to serve as a Region Representative, help with the convention, or serve as a TBA board member. At the annual business luncheon, a nominating committee

recommends a proposed slate of officers including a Sergeant-at-Arms, the newest addition to the Board. The slate is voted upon by the membership and after being approved, the current President Elect assumes the role of President and the current President moves to Immediate Past President. Other board members move up to the next position on the board. This system has provided great continuity and outstanding leadership for TBA allowing our organization to grow and flourish throughout the years

I look forward to seeing you at the TBA Convention/Clinic in San Antonio July 21-24. Have a great summer!

