

**Maryland FBLA
Board of Directors Update #1
September 14, 2014**

Dear Maryland FBLA Advisors:

The Maryland FBLA-PBL Board of Directors is geared up for another exciting year for Maryland FBLA-PBL and is looking forward to working with each of you again this year. With your help and involvement, we are sure to experience our most rewarding year yet. In that regard, I would like to make you aware of a few important announcements regarding Maryland FBLA-PBL. I will be sending out Board of Directors Updates throughout the year and will keep them sequentially numbered so they are easier to keep track of. For this Board of Directors Update #1, please note the following:

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Membership dues processing procedures

Dues for 2014-2015 have increased from \$10 per student to \$12 per student (\$6 national and \$6 state). Just like last year, ALL dues payments (both state and national) are to be remitted directly to National FBLA. No dues payments are to be sent to Maryland FBLA. Details on how to submit dues are in the attached document entitled “Maryland FBLA dues and membership procedures.” Please take a moment to review this two page document before submitting your membership dues.

National Fall Leadership Conference – Washington, DC – November 7-8, 2014

The National Fall Leadership Conference is in Washington, DC November 7-8! Because the NFLC is in Washington, DC, Maryland FBLA will not sponsor our own Fall conference in 2014. We encourage you and your students to participate in the Washington, DC NFLC.

This is an excellent opportunity for your students to experience a National conference with minimal travel costs. There will be exciting motivational speakers, leadership workshops, business tours, networking, and social events. Plus, there are many fabulous restaurants and attractions in Washington, DC. All details you will need to get registered for the NFLC can be found at: http://www.fbla-pbl.org/web/module/nflc2014/page_interior.asp

The conference registration rates are per person and the hotel rates are per room. For example, if you book a quad room for one night, the cost should be a total of \$165 + sales/occupancy tax (14.5% per National FBLA website). You would divide the hotel room total by four (the number of people in the room) to get the per person cost. You would then need to add to the per person hotel cost the registration fee, which is a per person rate (for example, if you register by October 10, the rate is \$60 per person).

The registration fee is paid directly to National FBLA through their website and the hotel arrangements are booked directly with the hotel. There is a hotel reservation form on National FBLA’s website. Below is a summary of the rates from the National FBLA website. While we encourage staying overnight to get the full conference experience and for safety reasons, staying at a hotel overnight is not required by National FBLA for

this conference. This will be a decision that you will need to make with your students and in conjunction with your local school system.

Reservations and hotel information

Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20009
P 202.483.3000
F 202.939.3293

Sales/Occupancy Tax Rate 14.5%
(subject to change)

\$160 Single/Double
\$165 Triple/Quad

Reservation Deadline
October 10, 2014

Registration rates

Early bird - \$60 – Until Oct. 10
Regular - \$70 – Oct. 10–Oct. 29
On-site - \$80 – Oct. 30–on-site

There will not be a Maryland FBLA State Delegation Meeting during the NFLC.

Maryland FBLA Important Dates (2011-2012)

Please review the attached document with Maryland FBLA important dates for the 2010-2011 school year. The most important dates are highlighted in yellow, however, please review each item on the list. Regional conference dates are being finalized and we will have more information on these items as soon as it is available.

Competitive Events Update

The Maryland State Handbook – Competitive Events Guide will be distributed to all advisors and posted on the Maryland FBLA website soon. The e-mail that will include the Competitive Events Guide will also include other important information regarding competitive events, including information on new and retired events, deadlines, and other updates. In the meantime, you can review the National FBLA Competitive Events Guide and other competitive event information at the following address: <http://www.fbla-pbl.org/web/page/589/sectionid/587/pagelevel/2/fbla.asp>

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Men's Wearhouse Dress for Success chapter presentations

Our national partner, Men's Wearhouse, is once again offering to visit any chapter in the state to give their Dress for Success presentation. This presentation is energetic, interactive, and very informative. All chapters who have taken Men's Wearhouse up on their offer have been very pleased and I highly encourage you to contact them to schedule a free presentation for your chapter. Details can be found in the attached document "Mens Wearhouse Dress for Success chapter presentation information (6-14)."

Washington Wizards Sports Career Day

Friday, December 5, 2014

Verizon Center - Washington, DC

The Washington Wizards are preparing for another season and that also means the return of the annual ***Wizards Sports Career Day***. This year's event will be held on **Friday, December 5, 2014** at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC. An informational flyer, which includes a schedule of the day, is attached for your reference. A ticket order form is also attached.

If your FBLA chapter is interested in attending, now is the time to begin planning your trip. More than 3,200 students, teachers, advisors, and parents attended last year's event.

Please e-mail Steve Zarick, Washington Wizards' Event Coordinator, at szarick@monumentalsports.com if you have any questions.

State Officer chapter visits

One of the items in the State Officer Team's Program of Work is to complete chapter visits. Throughout the next several months you may be contacted by one of our state officers to ask to visit your chapter during one of your upcoming meetings. They would like a few minutes on the agenda to speak to your chapter to talk to them about the exciting opportunities Maryland FBLA will offer this school year. It is very important to the state officer team that they are successful in visiting as many chapters as possible this year. Please help our very ambitious and energetic team meet this goal by allowing them to attend one of your upcoming chapter meetings.

We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication and know that Maryland FBLA-PBL would not be as successful without you. Best wishes for the 2014-2015 school year! I look forward to seeing each of you throughout the year at our conferences and other events.

Sincerely,

David Jones
Chairman
Maryland FBLA-PBL Board of Directors