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Upcoming Events:

**June 23-25, 2012: NASC
 Conference, Oklahoma City, OK**

**June 23, 2012: NASSCED
 Membership Meeting & Lunch**

Dear Esteemed NASSCED Members,

"One day, some great opportunity will stand before you and call you to stand up for some great principle, some great truth. And you will refuse to do it because you are afraid. You may go on and live until you are 90, but you're only alive until the day when fear dictated your choice."

— *Martin Luther King Jr.* .

Welcome to the month of April dedicated to **Officer Training**. I will begin with one of the key elements needed by elected officers that we often speak about, but seldom model; that is conflict resolution! Conflict - some of us welcome it, most of us fear it, and a handful of us attract it like bees on honey. Regardless of where you are on the spectrum, we all have to deal with it, and some of us, as King eludes to, will choose the path of least resistance based on our fears. We might takes hours, days, even years to make painful decisions to address the conflict in our lives, thinking time equals wise decision-making. What you have instead, however, is a holding pattern and how long can you stay there until the fuel runs out?

It is my hope in April that you take a stand and tackle the conflict you have right now in your lives. Become those "second act" people I love to be around. We all know them! When it comes to

resolving conflict "first act" folks follow the road King speaks of based on their fears, broken down, never truly living what they know to be the truth. Not "second act" people!! "Second act" people have just as much conflict and pain, however, they choose to take on the conflict, make the hard decisions, and move on to share what they learned with others. What they have that others don't - *perspective*...and of course some great laughter and stories about the journeys they've been on!

I want to thank our experts for April - Terry Hamm and Kathy Coll!!

Terry Hamm, Director, Texas Association of Student Councils

Texas Association of Student Councils hosts a Leadership Retreat each June just prior to the NASC Convention. We invite our five state officers and their advisors, our conference host school student representative and officer, each of the three high school and two middle level elected advisors to the Board, as well as the District Coordinator and District President Advisor and student president from each of our twenty-two districts to a two night training. There we teach team building, meeting skills, communication skills, business etiquette, and public speaking skills as well as go over our constitution and guiding principles of TASC. During that meeting, the adults work on training pieces for the membership, review our award process, share resources and information with each other, give input on our conferences, etc. The students break out and work with a facilitator who guides them through selection of the theme and focus for the year as well as the choice for the state project.

An agenda for the 2011 TASC Retreat/meeting along with materials given out to officers including: Etiquette for leaders, How to introduce a speaker, Public speaking, and Tips for effective public speaking, can all be downloaded here: <http://www.nassced.org/documents/2012/leadershipretreat.pdf>
<http://www.nassced.org/documents/2012/>

[etiquetteleaders.pdf](#)

<http://www.nassced.org/documents/2012/introspeaker.pdf>

<http://www.nassced.org/documents/2012/publicspeakingTX.pdf>

<http://www.nassced.org/documents/2012/speakingtips.pdf>

Kathy Coll, Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils

Pennsylvania also has a very vibrant officer training model. An agenda for the training can be downloaded here: <http://www.nassced.org/documents/2012/officertraining.pdf>.

Have a fabulous April!!

All the best,
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WASC Executive Director



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