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TO: All FBLA Advisers and Prospective Advisers

FROM: Pat Itter, State Adviser

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RE: Beginning-of-the-Year Memo

Please share this information with all interested parties.

Please read and make note of the following:

VERY IMPORTANT! Who may serve as an adviser? An amendment to the national by-laws was passed at the 2016 NLC which expands the definition of adviser, to include any faculty member who believes in the mission and goals of the association. This will allow schools with small business education departments the opportunity to have other interested faculty members serve as advisers. Schools where there is student interest but no business education teacher available will now have the opportunity to have a chapter.

- A **school information form** has been posted on the state website, www.scfbla.org, in the Adviser Area. Please complete and return the form if there have been changes at your school/center. This information is needed to ensure that all advisers receive information.
- **Adviser Account Activation is now ready.** As of August 1, FBLA-PBL has migrated to a new database. All Advisers should have received an email with instructions on how to activate their account. Didn't receive an email? You can find the link to reactivate your account on the home page of the FBLA-PBL website.
- **Membership registration** is online. Once your account is activated, you will log in via your email and password you created. Going forward, FBLA-PBL will use record numbers (shows under the school name) in lieu of chapter numbers.
 - Complete directions for online registration will be available via videos prepared by the National office. The software seems to be fairly intuitive, but the videos should answer most of our questions. The videos were slated to be ready August 1, there appears to have been a delay.
 - FBLA dues are \$7 for state and \$6 for national. Middle Level dues are \$7 for state and \$4 for national.
 - **Keep in mind that once a student is entered as a member, the national office will expect dues to be paid.**
 - **Purchase orders do not count as dues payment. The national office does accept credit card payments.**
 - **Be sure to update the Adviser section when completing membership registration for your chapter.**
 - Please be sure names are entered correctly. We had quite a few names backward last year. **DO NOT** enter names in all caps. Names will appear exactly as you key them on lists, name badges, etc.
- A **calendar** with important dates and conference deadlines is posted on the web. Please print and post in your classroom.

- **FBLA- Middle Level** members are now able to compete at the National Leadership Conference. The top two State winners in the **NATIONAL Middle Level events** will be eligible to compete at the NLC. Due to the limited number of National Middle Level Events, South Carolina offers some additional events to give more students the opportunity to participate in competition. These SC Events DO NOT participate at the national conference. Be sure to check the event grid to determine which events are National events and which events are South Carolina only events.
- The **Program of Work for 2019-2020** developed by the State Executive Council is posted on the state website along with a list of state officers. State officers are available to help with workshops, chapter reactivations, installation ceremonies, etc. Please complete the State Officer Contact form on the website if you need help with your chapter.
- **NLC 2019 award winners** are posted on the state website. South Carolina received a number of awards this year. **Our own State President, Travis Johnson, was elected National FBLA President.** We were represented at the 2019 NLC by approximately 350 registered members and advisers from 45 schools.
- Please check the **Districts by County List** posted on our website to determine which District Leadership Conference you will attend. No changes were made to District lines this year.
- The **State Fall Leadership Rally** will be held on Saturday, October 19, at Blythewood High School. Check the Conferences page at www.scfbla.org for conference information and registration form. This conference can help boost your chapter membership. Students may attend who have not paid membership dues. We are always looking for chapters to present workshops. If your or your chapter would like to present a workshop, complete the form on the Leadership Rally conference page.
- **National Fall Leadership Conference** information is posted on the National website. The NFLC closest to us will be held in Washington, DC, November 1-2. We will not have a State organized trip. Membership dues must be paid in order to register student members for this conference. Workshop presenters are needed for the conference. If you or your chapter would like to present a workshop, complete the form on the NFLC conference page.
- **District Leadership Conferences** will be held on January 25, 2020. A list of conference directors with locations of conferences is posted on the state website. Please consult the calendar posted on the web for conference deadlines. All information will be posted on the web. Information will also be emailed by District Directors in November. District Conference registration will be \$20.
- The **2020 State Leadership Conference** will be held in Charleston at the Embassy Suites/North Charleston Convention Center, March 13-14, 2020. Registration will be \$80. Embassy hotel rates will be \$186 plus 14% room tax and \$1.10 destination fee per room per night. (Taxes and fees are subject to change.)
- Salt Lake City will be the site of the **2020 National Leadership Conference**, June 29-July 2. The State Chapter will not organize a group trip.

Posted on the Web

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