



“I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestioned ability of a man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor.”

-Henry David Thoreau

## Greetings

I know it seems like it's been a while but I am still here and I am still alive and well. I recently went to the Summer Business Meeting which was held at North Pole High School. The Business Meeting was a blast, but we also got a lot done. If you would like them, and you send me an email, I will send you the minutes.

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## 3-2-1

AASG has taken on a challenge! As has Region 3! We are participating in a state wide environmental movement to reduce

energy consumption. Each Region will be competing against one another to see who gets the most pledges. Get everybody you know to take the pledge. **Region 3 is the best, so let's win this.** Pledges are signed saying that you will unplug 3 electronic appliances when not in use. Bring 2 reusable shopping bags when grocery shopping (you can also just reuse the plastic bags you get in the first place). And replace one incandescent light bulb with a Compact Fluorescent light bulb (if you are not sure which ones those are just contact me). Go onto AYEAs web site at [www.AYEA.org](http://www.AYEA.org) and take the pledge! One way to find it is to go to: Take Action: Issues & Projects: Global Warming: Actions: click on the sample pledge and off you go. I strongly advise that you take the pledge on the internet; if this is not possible contact me and I will send you a hard copy. Advertise throughout your school and community for others to do likewise.

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I also strongly encourage you guys to educate your peers on this topic, if you would like I have a PowerPoint presentation I can send you for you to try to make your fellow students more environmentally friendly.

## RSVP

The executive board made a decision at the Summer Business Meeting to endorse the utilization of the RSVP program. RSVP stands for “Raising Student Voices and Participation.” It is a program designed to get your whole student body involved in helping the

Student Council make positive changes to your school. It is very effective, and the training is very interactive and allows you to go through the program, helping you to understand it better. There is training before the start of the East Conference on August 11th. I highly encourage all of you to go through the training. Even if you decide not to implement the program there are still several parts of the RSVP program that you can utilize to make your Student Council more effective. Grants will be given to 10 schools, but in order to be considered you must have a Free or Reduced Lunch percentage of 40% or higher, if you do not know, as always, contact me. I have in my possession a master list.

“He who speaks without modesty will find it difficult to make his words good.”  
Confucius, The Confucian Analects

## Scholarships

If you need a scholarship in order to make it to the Fall Conference it will also be attached. If you would like a scholarship it would greatly help your chances of getting the scholarship if you apply for the RSVP training that occurs before the conference. I will also be attaching the RSVP Grant paper to this. You do NOT have to get the RSVP training in order to receive a scholarship, but it will GREATLY include your chances of getting more money. The RSVP training is not bad, it's a little long, but I went through it just fine. I very highly suggest applying for scholarships, even if you don't necessarily need the money, apply for it anyway, if you apply for it anyway, you can use the money that you would have

spent for another harder to travel to conference.

## Elections

Elections for the following positions will be held at the Fall Conference:

President

Vice-President

Public Relations

Parliamentarian (interview)

Secretary/Treasurer (interview)

Incoming SBEED Representative (interview)

I highly encourage all of you to at least consider running for a position. The more people that apply for a position, the more we can be sure that we are getting a better quality of board members.

## Rose Rural-Urban Exchange

The Rose Rural-Urban Exchange is a fun and exciting opportunity that allows people in either Rural or Urban areas to get out of their comfort zone a little bit and explore a different type of life-style. The people who presented at Craig High's Conference vastly enjoyed the experience and had nothing but good things to say. They also look forward to doing the experience again. If you are interested at all, just contact me and I will get my hands on the paper work for you.

Interesting fact:

Every U.S. president with a beard has been a Republican.

## Resolutions

All of the resolutions have been sent out with differing degrees of success to the places they were sent. I am not going to lie; I am not entirely sure which ones have actually been successful in the places they were sent to. If you would like me to I will email Kevin Priestley

(the Vice President in charge of Resolutions) and find out more exactly the success of any specific resolutions. If you would like a copy of all of the resolutions I can get that for you too.

Also I highly encourage all of you guys to submit a resolution. As I have told you before at Craig we got through all of our resolutions, so we have NO tabled resolutions at East.

## Absentee Balloting

At the Summer Business Meeting we decided to make some changes to the current form of Absentee Balloting. We are trying to update our forms of Absentee Balloting, so please bear with us as we try to make it easier to vote if you are not present. But Absentee Balloting will be available to all member schools.

### Interesting Fact:

A ball of glass will bounce higher than a ball made of rubber.

## Fall Conference

The Fall Conference is being held at East High School. Registration only costs \$80. However hotels must be paid for by you. **YOU CANNOT SPEND THE NIGHT IN EAST HIGHSCHOOL!** AASG has 2 hotels they will be using, they both provide for breakfasts in the morning, so East High School will not be providing breakfast. Also the hotels provide for transportation, or maybe East does, but either way transportation is going to be provided for the conference. There is an option on the application asking where you are residing, and how you are receiving transportation. Hotels cost \$80 per room at the Comfort Inn: Ship Creek, but 4 people can be housed

in one room. So if you break that up that's only \$20 per person.

Also at the Extended Stay hotel or motel, rooms go for \$55, but these prices are for rooms booked BEFORE September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The theme is "Moving Mountains." The stencil that is going to be put on the shirts themselves is enough incentive just to go to the conference!! Ok, maybe I'm exaggerating but they are very cool looking. There is going to be no poster contest, so please don't make a poster.

Thank you for making it all the way through my Newsletter, I'm not very good at making things interesting, but I tried to make it interesting with the color and my attempt at a snazzy border.

Yours truly,

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Also one last quote ☺:

"It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err."

-Mahatma Gandhi

For more interesting facts go to:  
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