



Champions at Work

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GENERAL INFORMATION

2010StateMEMO1

TO: Illinois SkillsUSA Advisors
FROM: Don Bauc, State Executive Director

WELCOME TO ILLINOIS SkillsUSA

Your Board of Directors, staff, state officers and I are looking forward to another great year for SkillsUSA.

STATE SkillsUSA OFFICE INFORMATION

For additional information contact: Donald W. Bauc, State Executive Director, Illinois SkillsUSA, P. O. Box 15, Mokena, IL 60448-0015. The phone number is: 708-479-8422. The **fax number** is: 708-479-8444. Email address is: ilskillsusa@aol.com For forms and information, see our Illinois SkillsUSA website: www.illinoiskillsusa.org

NATIONAL SkillsUSA OFFICE INFORMATION

Very Important Information: The national office has a new address and contact information for membership and all other business. **Do not use the Atlanta address** for sending checks or any other information. For economic reasons, that address has been canceled. **The post office box 3000 has also been canceled.** The only address for all mail business with National SkillsUSA is: SkillsUSA, 14001 SkillsUSA Way, Leesburg, VA 20176-5494.

EMBLEMATIC MERCHANDISE

A new partnership has been added for the purchase of emblematic merchandise and official attire. Midwest Trophy no longer is the official supply service of SkillsUSA. The new supplier is **E Group**. The new partnership goes into effect on September 1, 2009. Please note the new contact information:

SkillsUSA Store
22923 Quicksilver Drive, Suite 107
Sterling, Virginia 20166
Telephone: 1-800-401-1560 or 1-703-956-3723
Business Hours: 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
E-Mail: skillsusastore@egroup-inc.com
Order online: www.skillsusastore.org

2010 CALENDAR

The calendar for 2009-2010 can be found on our Illinois website.

LOCAL CHAPTER MATERIALS

All chapters should purchase the new 2010 SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards and the 2008 National Leadership Handbook in order to operate properly. The National SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards will be updated every year from now on.

Every chapter should use the new 2009 edition of the Illinois Advisor's Handbook this year.

Each school attending the 2009 State Conference received one copy of the CD version of this new handbook with their post-conference packet following the closing ceremony. Now copies can be purchased using the "Order Materials" form available on the Illinois SkillsUSA website.

ILLINOIS SkillsUSA MEMBERS WIN BIG AGAIN AT THE NATIONAL SkillsUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Click on "National Winners" at our Illinois SkillsUSA website. While at the site check out "Conference Pictures" for pictures from the Fall, State and National Conferences from this past school year.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all of you, we again had an increase in membership in both the high school and college divisions last year. Area Centers are reminded that we are offering Total Participation Membership for them. This means that you can join all of your students in the Area Center for one set fee. Call our office for more details.

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Illinois SkillsUSA is continuing to require online registration for membership. Go to the national web address: www.skillsusa-register.org or use the link on the Illinois SkillsUSA website. You will need to create a login for yourself if you haven't in the past. Follow Larry's instructions titled "Online Membership Registration/Rosters" available on the Illinois SkillsUSA website. Remember, all registration for all events, state and national, are made using the online system. Contact Larry at (630)761-8268 if you would like help with the online procedures.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS FOR 09-10

Remember that all membership information is sent to you by the national office. If you did not receive it, contact Illinois SkillsUSA. We will be doing membership registrations online using the National website. You can use a credit card, check or purchase order with your National membership registration. All payments for membership should be made out to SkillsUSA. Sending the money to Illinois SkillsUSA will only delay processing. The membership deadline is January 22, 2010, if the student plans to take a written qualifying exam. All other members have until February 15, 2010 to join. Membership dues postmarked after February 15th will be accepted on a case by case basis until March 1, 2010, as per National SkillsUSA regulations.

All membership monies should be sent to:

SkillsUSA, Inc.
Attn: Membership
14001 SkillsUSA Way
Leesburg, VA 20176-5494

Membership dues for this year remain the same:

Student dues \$ 16.00 (\$ 8.00 national & \$ 8.00 state) and Professional dues \$ 26.00 (\$14.00 national & \$ 12.00 state) and Alumni dues \$ 0.00 (\$ 0.00 national & \$ 0.00 state).

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ILLINOIS MEMBERS

Everyone must create a different "Section" for each type of "training program" that they have students involved in when registering their membership online. Although there are several non-specific section titles on the National's site, Illinois members should not use them. Please create a section even if a particular training program has only one member. If you already have appropriate sections, there is no need to create new ones. Check "Online Membership Registration/Rosters" on our Illinois website for further clarification. Following this procedure

allows Illinois SkillsUSA to obtain additional State funding. Call Larry Huck if you have questions about how to create a section or create your roster.

ILLINOIS FORM 6.1 (MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION FORM)

To meet the requirements of the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Community College Board, we will continue to use the 6.1 form which requires a signature of an administrator. Those schools with several training programs may combine all of their membership on one 6.1 form. Each additional professional member should also submit a 6.1 form, but need only complete the top half of the form.

DO NOT SEND THE 6.1 FORM TO NATIONAL SkillsUSA; INSTEAD, SEND IT TO THE ILLINOIS OFFICE. Send to:

Illinois SkillsUSA
% Donald W. Bauc
P. O. Box 15
Mokena, IL 60448-0015

OR

Fax to:
Illinois SkillsUSA
708-479-8444

ILLINOIS FORM 6.2 (CHARTER FORM)

Schools joining SkillsUSA for the first time need to submit this form along with a charter fee of \$75.00. The fee includes the Illinois and National Handbooks, the National Technical Standards (contest rules), the PDP test bank of questions and the Technical Spelling test bank of questions. Schools that do not join members for three consecutive years should also use this form along with a \$ 25.00 reactivation fee. No materials are included with the reactivation fee.

ICCCTSO WEEK

October 4-10, 2009 is ICCCTSO Week. Please help us promote all Career and Technical Student Organizations in Illinois, especially during this week. (See the Proclamation on page 7.)

WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR

This conference will be held on September 19-23, 2009 in the Washington, D.C. area. If you or any of your students are interested in attending, please contact Don Bauc at 708-479-8422 for more information.

MID-AMERICA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This conference will be held on October 21-25, 2009 in Columbus, Nebraska. The conference is open to any member who wants to attend from Illinois. If you are interested in attending, please contact Don Bauc at 708-479-8422 for more information.

REGION STUDENT OFFICERS

Each Region in Illinois should meet and elect a student Region Chair and a student Region Recorder. Region Reps are reminded to send in the names of their student region officers as soon as possible.

100% MEMBERSHIP

State membership will grow greatly if Local Advisors join 100% of their students in each of their classes. Please try to join all of your students and encourage other Advisors in your school to do the same. It is easier to run a local chapter if all of the students are members. Special recognition is given each year to all Advisors who join 100% of their class.

CONFERENCE THEME AND SUB-THEME FOR 09-10

The theme for this year's Fall, State and National Conferences will be: "SkillsUSA: Champions at Work" The sub-theme will be: "Connecting the Opportunities" Use the theme and sub-theme together for the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech, Promotional Bulletin Board and Essay contests. Use them together in all of your local projects. For more information on how this theme and sub-theme might be used or discussed, go to the national web site and click on "Compete", then click on "SkillsUSA Championships" and then on "Theme".

ILLINOIS STATESMAN AWARD

Every student and Advisor is eligible to earn the Illinois Statesman Award. The Fall Conference is the place to do it. See pages 4.14.1 and 4.14.2 of the new 2009 edition of the Illinois SkillsUSA Advisor's Handbook. Also see "2010StateMEMO2" regarding the Fall Leadership Development Conference.

ILLINOIS FALL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Please read "2010StateMEMO2" for full details on the Fall Conference. 2010State MEMO2 is available on the Illinois SkillsUSA website. This is one of the best opportunities for all chapters to learn about our organization, its activities and programs, as well as get off to a good start in participating in some leadership activities and contests. This conference is for members only.

STATE OFFICER ELECTION

We will again be electing High School and College/Postsecondary State Officers at the Fall Leadership Development Conference. See pages 4.8.1 through 4.13 in the new 2009 Illinois Advisors Handbook. Also see the "2010StateMEMO2" on the Illinois SkillsUSA website.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee for the State Leadership and Skills Conference will be decided by the Board of Directors at their September meeting. The fee for written skills remains at \$7.00 per exam.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Be sure to send in all proper forms with signatures and the correct amount of dues. Following is a check list to help you keep track of what needs to be included:

FOR ILLINOIS SkillsUSA (All forms are available at the Illinois SkillsUSA website.)

- _____ Illinois 6.1 Membership Verification Form.
- _____ Illinois 6.2 Application for School Charter form for new chapters: Be sure to send the \$75.00 charter fee along with the form to **Illinois SkillsUSA**. (Please note that with this fee you will receive State and National materials.)
- _____ Charter Re-Activation form (6.2) (same form as above): Send \$25.00 to reactivate a charter that has been inactive for three or more years. Make the check out to **Illinois SkillsUSA**
- _____ Illinois 6.6.4 Alumni and Friends Membership Application – if you wish to become a member and are not currently an active or professional member in a high school or college.

FOR NATIONAL SkillsUSA

- _____ Pay using instructions on the National SkillsUSA "online" registration website.
- _____ Payment for membership should be made out to SkillsUSA for the total amount. \$16.00 per active student (\$8.00 state and \$8.00 national) and

\$26.00 per professional member (\$12.00 state and \$14.00 national).

FOR YOU TO KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

_____ A copy of your National online Membership “Roster Report” for each section.

_____ A copy of your completed Illinois 6.1 Membership Verification Form. (If you add members later this school year, please send an updated 6.1 form.)

- Remember, send all membership monies to National SkillsUSA; but, send all Illinois charter or re-activation forms (6.2) and Illinois membership verification forms (6.1) and 6.6.4 Alumni forms to:
Illinois SkillsUSA
% Donald W. Bauc
State Director
P. O. Box 15
Mokena, IL 60448-0015
- If you have any questions, call: 708-479-8422 or Fax: 708-479-8444 or e-mail: ilskillsusa@aol.com

NOTE: Please print and post the following page “09-10 Important SkillsUSA Dates” in locations where the page will serve as a reminder for you.

Also, a complete “Calendar” is available at the Illinois website:

<http://www.illinoisskillsusa.org/calendar/index.html>

09-10 IMPORTANT SkillsUSA DATES

Illinois SkillsUSA: Champions at Work

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>ONLINE</u> | <u>DUE DATE</u> |
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| Membership Online | National SkillsUSA www.skillsusa-register.org | October 16, 2009 for Fall Conference Participants – January 22, 2010 for State Written Exams eligibility |
| Illinois Form 6.1 Use only latest form (Send by mail or fax) | Illinois SkillsUSA % Donald W. Bauc P. O. Box 15 Mokena, IL 60448-0015 Ph.: 708-479-8422 Fax: 708-479-8444 | October 16, 2009 for Fall Conference Participants – January 22, 2010 for State Written Exams eligibility |
| Fall Leadership Conference Registration | Illinois SkillsUSA % National SkillsUSA www.skillsusa-register.org Items that must be mailed: Larry Huck 1506 Hadley Drive Batavia, IL 60510 | October 16, 2009 Registration Questions? Contact Larry Huck E-Mail: ldhflyguy@sbcglobal.net Ph: 630-761-8268 Fax: 630-761-9957 |
| Fall Hotel Registration | Holiday Inn Bolingbrook 205 Remington Road Bolingbrook, IL 60440 Ph: 630-679-1600 Fax: 630-679-1616 | October 16, 2009 |
| State Planning Registration (Not online) | Nat Greenfield Conference Director P.O. Box 15 Mokena, IL 60448-0015 | January 22, 2010 |
| State Planning Hotel Registration | Ramada Limited North 3280 Northfield Drive (Officer Advisors) Springfield, IL 62702 Ph: 217-523-4000 | January 22, 2010 |
| State Written Skills Registration | Illinois SkillsUSA % National SkillsUSA www.skillsusa-register.org Registration Questions? - Contact Larry Huck | January 22, 2010 |
| State Leadership & SkillsUSA Championships Registration | Illinois SkillsUSA % National SkillsUSA www.skillsusa-register.org Registration Questions? - Contact Larry Huck | March 12, 2010 |
| State Conference Hotel Registration | Select a Hotel from the list provided by Illinois SkillsUSA | Beginning Date: March 12, 2010 |
| National SkillsUSA Conference Registration | National SkillsUSA www.skillsusa-register.org | May 7, 2010 |

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the proper education of today's youth is a concern of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, career and technical student organizations are dedicated to the advancement of proper education, training and development of America's youth; and

WHEREAS, for more than 31 years, organizations such as the Illinois Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations (ICCCTSO) have advanced awareness of the importance of career and technical student organizations as an integral part of the educational curriculum; and

WHEREAS, career and technical student organizations in Illinois include the Business Professionals of America (BPA), Future Business Leaders Association (FBLA), Illinois Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders Association (FCCLA), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Illinois Association of FFA, Illinois Association of DECA, Illinois Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS), Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), Illinois Association of SkillsUSA, and Technology Student Association (TSA);

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2009 as **CAREER AND TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS WEEK** in Illinois in recognition of the contributions made by these organizations to the education of our youth.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this SEVENTH day of AUGUST, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
NINE, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-FIRST



Esse White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR