

**Western Business Education Association**  
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE 2010 GRADUATES**  
**WNE Report**

The eleventh Professional Development Institute (PDI) co-sponsored by WBEA and local STPs graduated four professionals at the 2010 WBEA Conference held in Reno, Nevada, on February 12, 2010. Mary Ann Lammers, WBEA PDI Director and NBEA Past President, conducted the six-hour workshop. Participants had one-half of their registration fee paid by WBEA and one-half could be paid by their own state or territory's professional association.

Since its inception at the Vancouver, British Columbia, Conference in 2000, 83 teachers and administrators have participated in the PDI workshop. Dr. Colleen Vawdrey chaired the event for several years, and then co-chaired with Mary Ann Lammers for three years. Oregon has had the most participants (20), and some states have had very few. Next year's goal is to have two participants from each state attend the training in 2011 in Tukwila, Washington, when WBEA/WSBEA host the WBEA Conference. Please contact your STP president for further details or check the Web site at [www.wbea.info](http://www.wbea.info).

This year's graduates were introduced at the WBEA Executive Board meeting on Friday afternoon and again honored with their certificates at the Saturday luncheon session. The participants for 2010 were the following:

**Susan Leon** is in her first year of teaching at Sundance High School in Glendale, Arizona. She is serving as Awards Chair for the Arizona Business Education Association. She looks forward to serving in leadership positions after she gets firmly grounded in her classroom. Her expectations were to represent the state of Arizona at the conference and return with useful information that will impact her classroom.

**Judith Andrews** has taught for 17 years and is currently teaching at Feather River College in California. She looks to retire in one or two years and have more time for professional involvement. She has served as treasurer of CBEA's Northern section.

**Irina Weisblat** brings 15 years of experience in the business environment to her classrooms. She is currently teaching at Southwestern College in California and working on her PhD. Her expectations were to expand her leadership abilities

and become more involved with business education professional associations at the regional and national levels.

**Twila Lehman** is currently in her 20<sup>th</sup> year at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon, six of which have been full time. She has already served as OBEA President and Awards Chair and looks forward to future roles in WBEA. Her expectations were to learn new things, network with others, and have some fun!

**Andrea Pace** has taught for 40 years, 36 of those at the community college level. She is currently teaching at Portland Community College in Oregon. She wanted to rejuvenate herself and network with other professionals.

**Pam Weigand** has 32 years of postsecondary experience and has tried to retire from Eastern Washington University; however, they won't let her. She will be assuming a leadership role in WSBEA and wanted to learn more about the leadership responsibilities in professional associations.