NREA Annual Convention

October 14-17, 2010
Chateau on the Lake
Branson, Missouri

Thursday, October 14, 2010
8:00 a.m.
- Executive Committee Meeting
- ACT – Pre-Conference – Using Data to Make Educational Decisions (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- McREL – Pre-Conference – Turning Around Schools (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
9:00 a.m.
- Legislative Committee Meeting
12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m.
- All other Committee Meetings

Friday, October 15, 2010  (RS = Research Symposium)  (PD = Professional Development Workshops)
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
- RS -- REL Panel – Andrea Beasley & others
- RS – Online Teaching & Learning: Policy, Cost and Quality Considerations – Dana Koch
- PD – Overcoming Barriers to Student Achievement: A Case Analysis of Appalachian High-Poverty Schools Becoming High-Performing Schools – Nathan Ambrose
- PD – RTI and Essentials to Implementation – Robyn Converse & others
- PD – Infusing Entrepreneurship in Rural Schools – Response to a Crisis – Bob Kellogg
- PD – Cyber bullying – Stephanie J. Richards & others
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
- RS – Land of Opportunity: The Ironies of Class, Immigration, Place and Social Mobility in Rural North Carolina – C. Howley & others / Predictors of Academic Success for Conditionally Admitted First-Time Freshman at a Four-Year Public University – Cythia MacGregor
- PD – Drowning in Trophies: How to manage your sea of awards! – Michael Jinks & others
- PD – Preparing Rural Youth for the Future: School Administrators’ Perspectives – Margaret P. Weiss & others.
10:00 a.m. – 11-20 a.m.
- Opening General Session
- U.S. Department of Education Technology Summit II
- Message from Secretary of Education Duncan.
11:30 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.
- Exhibits Open
- Lunch and a Conversation with John White – U.S. Department of Education.
- Dessert in Exhibition Area (1:30 – 1:50 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
- PD – Superintendent Portfolios: A Board of Education’s Document of Accountability – Andy J. Arbeitman
- PD – Spirit of Leadership – Donald Fry
- PD – The Transitioning Administrator – Key concepts for success as your career develops – Bill Nicely & others
- PD – The Online School for Girls opens doors for any girl, anywhere – Molly Rumsey

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.
- RS – Toward a Contextually Relevant Rural Teacher Preparation: Four Views from the Field – K. Eppley / Across State Lines: Contrasts in Rural High School Students’ Motivational Profiles in Indiana and Colorado – P. Hardre
- RS – Evaluation for Rural Schools and Districts for Successful Reform – Cicchinelli/Bailey
- PD – Partnership Brings Middle Level Math to Life – Marilyn Dishman-Horst & others
- PD – Consumer Driven Health Plans: Advantages and Responsibilities – Anthony Hartsfield & others
- PD – Factors Influencing Female Principals’ Pursuit of the Superintendency in the State of Iowa – Anne Budde & others
- PD – Asian and Hispanic Families: opportunities and challenges in rural education – Susan Day Scherz & others
- PD – Challenges and Solutions in Rural ELL Education – Anne Walker

4:00 p.m. – Annual NREA Membership Meeting
4:30 p.m. – Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting
5:30 p.m. – Presidents Reception
7:00 p.m. – Foundation Auction

Saturday, October 16, 2010 (RS = Research Symposium) (PD = Professional Development)

7:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
- RS – Setting the Agenda for Rural Research – P. Chance & others
- PD – ACT Partnerships for Continuous School Improvement – R. Bryant & others
- PD – An Audit to Look Forward To – Mary Lou Gammon & others
- PD – Rural Principals’ Perspective on Curriculum Development and Planning – Matthew J. Mann & others
- PD – Advanced Learners: Implementing Research and Best Practices into Rural Schools – Sandra Watkins

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
- RS – Setting the Agenda for Rural Research – P. Chance & others
- PD – RTI and the Essentials to Implementation – Robyn Converse & others
- PD – Is the West Virginia PROMISE scholarship keeping its promise? – Shannon Hoffman
• PD – Rural and Small Schools: Critical Research to Support Their Efficacy – Sandra Watkins & others

10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
• Visit Exhibits
• NREA Hall of Fame Award and the National Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet.

1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.
• RS – Rural Parents Navigating College Choice – V. Cogdell / Serving Displaced Workers: A rural community college initiative – Howley
• RS – Activities of the National Center for Research on Rural Education – Susan Sheridan & others
• PD – Integrated High School Self-Determination and Self-Advocacy Pilot Program – Heather Caram & others
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• PD – Three Equity Oriented Change Agents Speak Out About What Makes Them Tick and How They Transformed Three Low Performing Rural Schools – Gerri Maxwell

2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
• PD – The online Teachers College at Western Governors University: An affordable, national resource for developing home grown educators – Robert Rustand
• PD – Teacher Leaders….the other faces of leadership and management – Patricia A. Cruzeiro
• PD – Rural Principal Preparation Program: Striving to improve the candidate pool for new principals in rural schools – Sandy Hutchinson & others
• PD – Administering Special Education Programs in Montana’s Rural Schools: A First Step in Understanding the Challenges – Michael Redburn
• PD -- (Robert Falk & Terry Stanley)

3:30 p.m. – VISIT BRANSON

**Sunday, October 17, 2010**

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
• Church Service

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. (General Session)
• NREA Awards Program
• Report from Washington – Noelle Ellerson

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
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11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. (General Session)
• The Volunteer Economy: Reviving Rural Communities – Paul Shirley

12:30 p.m.
• Executive Committee Meeting