

**2010 FSBA SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS: MAY 10, 2010**

**Numerical/Point conversion scale for “performance indicators” in Part I of the Survey:**

*Excellent = 5 points      Very Good = 4 points      Satisfactory = 3 point;      Fair = 2 points      Poor = 1 point*

**Other Responses for Part I of the Survey:**

*DK means “Don’t Know” because: 1) unfamiliar with the function; or 2) no firsthand knowledge about function; or 3) the school board has not used the service.*

*LQ means “Left Out” -- the survey item was not answered.*

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 103 OR 30.7% of the general membership (FSBA general membership = 335 school board members)**

PART I: SURVEY ITEM & QUESTION	NUMERICAL RATING	RESPONDENTS' COMMENTS
<p><b>1. Information available on the FSBA website is:</b></p>	<p><b>4.33</b> (8 DK)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ I use it to keep up-to-date with news and issues around the state.</li> <li>★ I have not used the website.</li> <li>★ I like having the availability of the archived documents from past legislative sessions.</li> <li>★ Needs more frequent updating.</li> <li>★ Timely and comprehensive</li> <li>★ Could you include a “search” feature? I would find that helpful to find information about certain issues.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. The topics selected for and presented during FSBA webcasts are:</b></p>	<p><b>4.32</b> (22 DK) (1 LO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Webcasts always contain timely information.</li> <li>★ Wayne does a very good job of explaining the issues and problems we are facing and what our role as board members should be in response.</li> <li>★ Have not utilized.</li> <li>★ Terrific updates</li> <li>★ The legislative updates are very interesting.</li> <li>★ I don't know how much work they are but could be utilized more if cost and time efficient. Maybe try out a few presentations for CBM points.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. The legislative reports that are e-mailed during the Legislative session are:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p>	<p><b>4.51</b> (3 DK)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ I look forward to receiving legislative reports during the session. They contain concise, pertinent information related to the week's activities.</li> <li>★ Ruth does an excellent job in this area.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>4. The quality of the superintendent searches conducted for school districts with appointed superintendents is:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3.97</b> (67 DK)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Gulf County has an elected superintendent.</li> <li>★ We have an elected superintendent.</li> <li>★ Not applicable</li> <li>★ Have not used the process.</li> <li>★ Haven't done for nine years - in process now.</li> <li>★ The search conducted by FSBA was far better than the one we spent over \$60,000 four years prior. Keep this program intact.</li> <li>★ Orange County will soon find out as our Superintendent has announced his retirement and I anticipate that we will use FSBA to help us in our search. While I do not know firsthand as to the quality of the search, my overall impression is highly favorable.</li> <li>★ Would love to have this information.</li> <li>★ Had the opportunity to work with Dr. Blanton on our local search.</li> </ul>



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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p> <p><b>6. Training sessions selected for FSBA conferences are:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.37</b> <i>(2 DK)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Strong "menu" of choices</li> <li>★ Have not been able to participate (budget) lately.</li> <li>★ Great for beginners; for those of us old timers, a little basic</li> <li>★ I have learned so much in a short period of time by attending these conferences.</li> <li>★ Getting better.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. The process for developing the annual FSBA Legislative Platform is:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.24</b> <i>(6 DK)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Board members are afforded several opportunities to participate in the development of the platform.</li> <li>★ I really don't know that much about the process, but as I said earlier, the topics are relevant to current events and legislation.</li> <li>★ Extremely frustrating</li> <li>★ Would be more reflective if all districts took active roles.</li> <li>★ Recent "streamlining" has been wonderful.</li> <li>★ Allows for a great deal of input.</li> <li>★ We have fallen down on our end.</li> <li>★ Time lines are achievable.</li> <li>★ There is little difference between the participants at the legislative committee meeting and the delegates voting on the draft proposal to present to the general membership. Maybe the committee should collect the data and the decisions to amend it could come from the voting delegates.</li> <li>★ To be truthful, I'm not completely knowledgeable on the process.</li> <li>★ Not familiar with entire process</li> <li>★ Seems like the same few districts generate the platform each year. Participation should be broader.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>8. Activities for the Federal Relations Network (FRN) are:</b></p>	<p><b>3.51</b> (51 DK) (1 LO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Do not participate.</li> <li>★ Not FSBA problem but NSBA problem. I don't feel like it is worth the money and think we would do better to have our own Florida day on the Hill.</li> <li>★ Very expensive and I'm not sure we make much of an IMPACT.</li> <li>★ Only activities are annual conference participation.</li> <li>★ At the national level</li> <li>★ The conference itself is very informative, as for FRN activities conducted by FSBA, I would say they are virtually non-existent.</li> <li>★ To be truthful, I'm not completely knowledgeable on the process.</li> <li>★ I will be submitting an idea for future FRN at the next FSBA board meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. The legislative impact of FSBA at the state level is:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>continued . . .</i></p>	<p><b>4.13</b> (1 LO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ I don't know how we could do more with the size of our staff.</li> <li>★ We are not getting through to our legislators regarding adequate funding and the punitive, counterproductive nature of NCLB. The push for charter schools regardless of quality is detrimental to our school districts.</li> <li>★ FSBA is well respected in the Legislature.</li> <li>★ We seem to win some battles and lose some, but overall I think we have more ink in the win column.</li> <li>★ As good as anyone can do in this climate.</li> <li>★ We keep trying but are any of us really successful?</li> <li>★ We could do better. We are afraid to step on toes and we get walked over.</li> <li>★ Education is not the highest priority of the Legislature.</li> <li>★ Mostly perceived as behind the scenes activities of Executive Director -- unable to quantify.</li> <li>★ Depends upon the "power structure."</li> <li>★ Without it we would be much further behind.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>10. The leadership curriculum and the training activities in the Master Board Program are:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>continued . . .</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.47</b> <i>(9 DK)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ The team that Karen and her staff have put together do an excellent job of facilitating Master Board training. The curriculum is very good but if we didn't have excellent facilitators like Sharon, Carolyn, and Tina, just to name a few, that have the ability to adapt the curriculum and make it relevant to any board size and make-up.</li> <li>★ I found them very helpful when I was doing my board certification.</li> <li>★ I love them and I love all the trainers. Sweet!!</li> <li>★ Well presented and organized, new updates needed for modules or newly developed modules.</li> <li>★ Our school board is a more effective and cohesive group in large part due to FSBA Master Board and other training received.</li> <li>★ Don't Know -- We (I) are in the process of completing the Master Board Program.</li> <li>★ Has been a tremendous help for our board.</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p> <p><b>10. The leadership curriculum and the training activities in the Master Board Program are:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.47</b> (9 DK)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Even one of our board members that usually goes to these trainings because it is the "will of the board" commented that the Tipping Point training was the most valuable of any training she has attended.</li> <li>★ I have learned so much about my style, my fellow board members and our superintendent!</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Administration of the Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT) is:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.37</b> (53 DK) (3 LO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Our experiences with these folks have always been great.</li> <li>★ I cannot get my district interested.</li> <li>★ I am on the Board for FSBIT - no rating given.</li> <li>★ Very cost effective</li> </ul>
<p><b>12. Information and services provided by the FSBA Risk Management Department are:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.33</b> (53 DK)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Our District risk manager handles this area and she seems to be most pleased.</li> <li>★ Do not take advantage of this service.</li> </ul>
<p><b>13. The subject matter covered in the mandatory training modules (i.e., School Finance, Boardsmanship, Policy Governance, and Personnel/Bargaining Issues) in the Certified Board Member Program is:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.67</b> (1 DK)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Received very favorable comments on the School Finance module.</li> <li>★ I completed my CBM in one year.</li> <li>★ Very well done!</li> <li>★ Board members who participate in the CBM Program receive training in all aspects of a member's responsibilities. It is a very balanced training program.</li> <li>★ These training modules have proven to be very valuable to me as a board member.</li> <li>★ So much information. No reason everyone shouldn't know.</li> <li>★ These workshops are wonderful and all should be required to attend.</li> <li>★ All in which I have participated have been well-informed and presented.</li> <li>★ Worth every minute of the time commitment</li> </ul>

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<p><b>14. Material presented in the FSBA resource booklets is:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.40</b> (1 DK)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Relevant and informative</li> <li>★ We need to be sure to fund the revisions to our resource books so they are current.</li> <li>★ Should be updated more frequently.</li> <li>★ From the perspective of a new board member . . . the material is invaluable.</li> <li>★ Some are much better than others.</li> <li>★ Great information to be able to refer back to.</li> </ul>
<p><b>15. The protocols and skills addressed in the Chairmanship workshop at the FSBA Annual Joint Conference are:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.36</b> (29 DK)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Have not attended - always conflicts with another meeting.</li> <li>★ I feel I was fully prepared to serve as chairman after attending the chairmanship workshop. I knew what to expect and the issues I would need to address.</li> <li>★ The training is excellent.</li> <li>★ Very helpful</li> <li>★ Was unable to attend.</li> <li>★ Increased emphasis on effective use of Roberts' Rules.</li> <li>★ Did not partake.</li> <li>★ Haven't attended for years - was very good.</li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p> <p><b>15. The protocols and skills addressed in the Chairmanship workshop at the FSBA Annual Joint Conference are:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.36</b> (29 DK)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p> <p>★ Could also spend more time on best practices as there is a wide array of styles and effectiveness practiced at each district differently. I will never forget Tina's "sit up straight and look at the speaker" comment from her mother - those are gems.</p> <p>★ Need an advanced workshop for experienced chairmen.</p>
<p><b>16. Topics and issues covered in "Leaders" the FSBA's newsletter, are:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.23</b> (8 DK)</p>	<p>★ As with the webcasts and other FSBA communication modes, Leaders does an excellent job of keeping us informed and up-to-date.</p>
<p><b>17. The brochure describing sponsorship opportunities for vendors is:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.23</b> (45 DK) (1 LO)</p>	<p>★ It looks like it pays off by the increase in sponsors.</p> <p>★ I do not recall reading it, but I do have a potential sponsor in mind.</p>
<p><b>18. Promotional materials describing the Board Development Program are:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.20</b> (4 DK) (2 LO)</p>	<p>★ As I said earlier in a response, Karen and her staff do an excellent job with everything they do!</p> <p>★ Benefits AND need have to be emphasized . . . the "sell" could be a bit stronger.</p> <p>★ Recommend including comments/testimonials from board members who have participated.</p>
<p><b>19. The "Legislative Session Summary Booklet" published at the conclusion of the regular Legislative Session is:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>continued . . .</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.56</b> (6 DK) (2 LO)</p>	<p>★ Excellent resource materials</p> <p>★ I don't know what I would do without it.</p> <p>★ This gives you everything in one place.</p> <p>★ This does compete with what the Attorney's Association produces.</p> <p>★ If I didn't participate in the workshop to review it, it would be difficult to understand.</p> <p>★ Very helpful!</p> <p>★ This is an important tool for me!</p> <p>★ One of the best things FSBA does.</p>

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<p><b>20. The new "eboardsolutions" system that provides online registration for FSBA conferences and forums is:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.47</b> (46 DK) (1 LO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ I don't personally use the system. The superintendent's administrative assistant handles all registrations.</li> <li>★ Our board secretary handles our registration procedures but from what I've seen online it appears to be user friendly.</li> <li>★ Board Secretary has taken care of conference registrations.</li> <li>★ Secretary uses it, not me.</li> <li>★ Have not had the opportunity to use it.</li> <li>★ Haven't tried it yet.</li> <li>★ Have not taken advantage of this process.</li> <li>★ Pat McManus does it for me. She is great!!</li> <li>★ Our administrative assistant said that it has been very easy to operate. She prefers this process to those in the past.</li> <li>★ The online agenda was terrible, took 38 pages to print. Could be more condensed and easier to print a page with meeting titles and times.</li> <li>★ I have not used this system directly. Our registrations are made by our board support services personnel.</li> <li>★ Great - haven't used it yet but welcome the addition.</li> <li>★ Very efficient</li> </ul>
<p><b>21. The handling of e-mail requests for information is:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.36</b> (17 DK) (1 LO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Always prompt</li> <li>★ I have sent only a couple of e-mail requests but they were handled quickly.</li> <li>★ I have received prompt replies to any e-mail I have sent to FSBA.</li> <li>★ But I read my e-mail constantly, others never.</li> </ul>

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<b>22. Telephone consultations for obtaining information are:</b>	4.43 (29 DK) (1 LO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ I tried to reach a consultant once and despite numerous calls was unable to talk to her.</li> <li>★ I have always received a prompt and courteous response from our staff at FSBA.</li> <li>★ All staff is responsive.</li> <li>★ Ruth Melton is an excellent resource.</li> <li>★ The best!</li> <li>★ Have not used this service.</li> </ul>
<b>23. The quality of e-mail messages used to disseminate information to the general membership is:</b>	4.45 (6 DK) (3 LO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Not enough sent via email - too much paper communication that is wasteful.</li> </ul>
<b>24. The number of vendor sponsorships at FSBA conferences is:</b>	4.21 (17 DK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Getting better all the time</li> <li>★ I, as a board member, deeply appreciate the support of these vendors and diligence of those people that seek out these vendors and secure their commitment for sponsorship at our conferences.</li> <li>★ Keeping in mind the state of the economy, I think that obtaining and/or keeping any sponsorships at this time is quite a feat.</li> <li>★ No strong opinion on this</li> <li>★ Good teamwork!</li> <li>★ FSBA does a great job following up leads - districts need to be more responsive to requests.</li> <li>★ More is better; exposure is a good two-way street.</li> <li>★ Consider economic of time.</li> <li>★ Amazing!</li> <li>★ Based upon sponsorship dollars needed.</li> </ul>

## 2010 FSBA SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS/PART II A: May 10, 2010

### A. What are the most critical services offered by FSBA?

ORDER OF RESPONSES	FSBA SERVICES IDENTIFIED BY RESPONDENTS											
	(1) Training/ Board Develop. Activities*	(2) Legisla- tive+	(3) Current Events/Hot Topics/ Updates & Briefing on Issues	(4) FSBA Training Sessions and Conferences/ Speakers/ Networking	(5) Information Services & Assistance (including Legal & Mentors)	(6) Technical/ Support/ Ancillary Services**	(7) Consulting/ Responses to Questions/ Research/ Resources	(8) Supt. Searches	(9) Insurance Pool/ FSBIT/Risk Mgt.	(10) FSBA Website, Webcasts, & E-mail Updates	(12) Publi- cations/ Leaders	(13) OTHER
Service Listed 1 <sup>st</sup>	45	29	3	6	2			1				
Service Listed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	29	34	2	9	4	1	2	1				Teacher Training (1)
Service Listed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	14	26	3	14	4	2	4	4	2	2		
Service Listed 4 <sup>th</sup>	14	12	4	16	2	2	2	2	2	4	1	Investment Pool (1)  Labor Relations (1)
Service Listed 5 <sup>th</sup>	8	8	5	6	5	2	4	1	4	2	3	Labor Relations (1)

\*Includes responses for the Finance Workshop, Master Board Program, Certified Board Member training, leadership development, chairman training, new board member training, individual training, whole board training, advocacy training, and the “real world” of school board members

+Includes responses for concerns, updates, platform, reports, representation, lobbying, advocacy, legislative training, keeping Legislature on-task, actions, making our presence known, interaction with state and Fed’s, government relations, and developing legislative platform

\*\*Includes the Investment Trust and Purchasing Consortium

**2010 FSBA SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS/PART II B: May 10, 2010****B. What service(s), if any, offered by FSBA should be eliminated?**

- None *(22 responses)*
- Don't Know *(4 responses)*
- Cannot think of any. *(2 responses)*
- None. I believe if it "ain't broke don't fix it."
- None that I can think of.
- Legislative reception is a waste of money.
- Sessions (workshops) led by vendors.
- Maybe "Leaders"
- Not eliminated, but seriously update - Master Board Training
- Superintendent searches
- Keep budgets in mind
- Certified Board Member
- Not sure at this time
- N/A *(2 responses)*
- Keep all
- Master Board
- Zero
- Research and dissemination
- Watch expenses - Executive Board/Executive Director
- Mailed newsletter

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### C. Should FSBA consider offering any new service(s)? If so, what services?

- Not this year
- How can you consider offering any new service with size of staff?
- Workshops on dealing with the union and diversity.
- Conference calling for committee work
- More interaction with other state organizations
- I think we are doing all that we can for services in these tough economic times.
- Internal audits more frequently
- Training for the legislators
- Strengthen Board Development with the support of NECC
- ? (5 responses)
- Don't know but always needed.
- Not now
- Maybe grant writing services
- Officer training
- Local workshops
- Services sufficient
- School board training in a new direction
- Webinars
- Training for prospective board members prior to elections
- Webinars on hot topics/legislation issues
- Policy review/analysis/writing
- More best practices
- Not at this time
- Have most covered.
- E-mail bulletin board to share what is happening in other districts
- Legal opinions - library post the FAQ and answers on the website using just the opinions you have acquired over time.
- Don't know (3 responses)
- No (9 responses)
- Yes (2 responses)

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### D. What is your preferred method of contacting the FSBA Office for information?

- E-mail *(43 responses)*
- Phone *(24 responses)*
- It's a tie between e-mail and phone *(14 responses)*.
- Don't know
- District office
- If the information needed is time sensitive I prefer to phone. If not, e-mail is the best method for me.

### E. Is there a need for FSBA to manage the purchasing consortium?

- Yes *(19 responses)*
- No *(17 responses)*
- It's worth researching. I am concerned about additional staff and related expense, etc.
- I'm not sure I understand the question. I believe that the purchasing consortium is a promising step forward in this economic time.
- Manage it no - but probably should be managed by an outside entity that reports to FSBA. Probably the best idea is to have the consortium board hire a management agency.
- I cannot get my district interested.
- During its infancy
- Not well received in my county.
- Whatever is best.
- Don't know *(7 responses)*
- Not sure *(3 responses)*
- No, we are a member of a coalition that can manage ours.
- Yes, for accountability and ongoing insurance of best pricing.
- ? *(4 responses)*
- We have an oversight board comprised of board members, superintendents, and purchasing directors. I believe that governing board is sufficient.
- Continue to research

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### E. Is there a need for FSBA to manage the purchasing consortium? . . . continued

- Yes, it gives a broader perspective.
- Maybe (2 responses)
- Yes, at this time
- Possibly (2 responses)
- Only as a consultant
- Probably would help
- Oversight board is enough.
- It is a service that will help many of our districts save money. It is truly a service that adds value to the organization.
- Not sure, do you really want to take that on?
- No, not once it is established.

### F. Is there a need for participation in the Florida Learning First Alliance?

- No (11 responses)
- National has taken a different track and I have concerns.
- Don't know (16 responses)
- Yes. We need to show our business leaders that we are serious about preparing our students to be their employees.
- Yes (16 responses)
- Not sure (5 responses)
- Not NECC
- Maybe (2 responses)
- ? (3 responses)
- I believe so.
- Why not?
- By district or consortium
- I think so.

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G. Is there a need for an investment pool under the direction of FSBA?

- *Yes (22 responses)*
- Have questions on this.
- *No (24 responses)*
- *Don't know (4 responses)*
- Probably. Some of our smaller districts benefit from the larger numbers.
- *Not sure (5 responses)*
- Absolutely!!
- It does offer an alternative.
- Not in my district
- *Maybe (3 responses)*
- *? (2 responses)*
- Yes, with experienced individuals
- May help
- Unknown
- Do not think so.
- Not sure - need more information
- For what funds?
- Possibly
- It should not be under the direction of the FSBA, but it should report to FSBA.

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- **Small staff is excellent to multi-task and handle all the issues.**
- **FSBA provides outstanding service for school board members!**
- **Please fund Board Development at all costs. It is the lifeline of the association.**
- **Keep up the good work.**
- **Very good job! Gang!**
- **Some updated or additional workshop topics at the conferences would be helpful.**
- **You all do an excellent job. Without FSBA I would not have accomplished nearly as much as I have been able to because I better understand my role, I have much better leadership skills, have learned about education beyond my back door, have had an opportunity to both commiserate and pick the brain of other board members, have made lifelong friends, and has given me a very high level of confidence in knowing what I am doing. FSBA truly helps develop boards into professionals. It is also a very valuable sounding board when problems and conflict arise. FSBA makes a huge difference in the effectiveness of any school board that participates.**
- **I'm really appreciative of the training and leadership services that the FSBA has to offer. The leadership training has helped me be a better board member. Also, I appreciate the expert legislative analysis by the FSBA leadership (especially Wayne Blanton and Ruth Melton). I trust their explanations and analysis of the issues.**
- **You (FSBA) do a great job and those districts who participate reap the benefit. Thank you.**
- **Excellent information and excellent organization.**
- **Shorten conferences by stacking the meetings up using beginning and advanced tracks, more offering each hour and slightly longer days.**