

KASBO STIMULUS PACKAGE

As you all know, school funding is a mess and your district has probably put clamps on your travel and conference registrations. As I visit with other business officials it seems a common theme for everyone is a hiring freeze and cuts for travel and professional development. Lack of funds make all of our jobs more difficult and your responsibilities have probably increased. Which means to do our job we need exposure to current information and procedures. To be perfectly selfish, we need your attendance at the KASBO Winter Workshop and Convention to learn and share ideas and procedures that make our work easier and more productive.

Therefore, KASBO has created a "Stimulus Package" just for you. The purpose is to provide an incentive for you to join us at the Winter Workshop in Salina on February 18 and the Annual Convention in Hutchinson on April 21, 22 and 23. The KASBO Stimulus is for members only. (However, you can become a member for just \$20.) **The "Stimulus Rate" is just \$30 for our Winter Workshop and Annual Convention registration is now \$100 rather than the normal \$175.** This should give every member some ammunition to persuade your Superintendent you simply can't afford to miss two great professional development opportunities. Karen Schadel has also worked with the Convention hotel to reduce the convention sleeping room rate from \$109 to \$85.

If you are familiar with the ARRA reporting requirements, we assure you we will not require any reports showing the imaginary jobs you created or saved with the KASBO Stimulus Package. You just have the opportunity to meet and visit with your peers, share ideas and solutions to mutual problems and attend timely and relevant presentations.

Registration forms for Winter Workshop are on the KASBO web site and attached to this message. KASBO understands school district current financial realities and we hope this move will allow every member to join us for both meetings. The Winter Workshop includes current legislative and financial information, communication suggestions, support for us as individuals, staff reduction ideas and procedures and an ever popular opportunity to share what works and ask questions when we need more information.

We hope this will "stimulate" you to join us in Salina and Hutchinson. Do you "Remember When" we had funds for student education and staff improvement?

Thanks,
Norm Wilks
KASBO President

p.s. to Superintendents. Please consider this "stimulus" opportunity. There is nothing like the peer support group present at every KASBO event. This is a learning event your district cannot afford to miss.