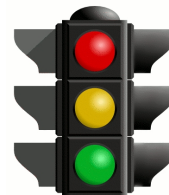


# Front View

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## NYSDTSEA CONFERENCE

The first annual New York State Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association Conference will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in Binghamton NY at the Ramada Regency Hotel. See website for details. <http://ramadabinghamton.com>

Our first Conference agenda will be the ratification of our Association Constitution, the Election of Officers, Regional Meetings, Membership Drive, Appointments of Committee Chairs, and a Roundtable Discussion to launch the business and work of the Association for the coming year 2010.

## CONSTITUTION TO BE RATIFIED

The Constitution presented to the founding members on Feb.12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 resulted in action to move the Constitution from committee to a membership vote. The final document has been sent to members as of Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> with the vote to be returned to the Association by Feb.25<sup>th</sup>. Ratification of the NYSDTSEA Constitution will provide the Association with a road map for future business. Members may also review this document online, keeping with our going green campaign.

## CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP/ CARDS

All members will receive an electronic membership certificate verifying that they are paid for the year 2010. Membership cards will be provided to those attending the Conference and mailed to anyone not in attendance.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ELECTION 2010

Voting Members may request an absentee election ballot 2010, per email on or about March 13<sup>th</sup>. Those wishing to vote absentee ballot must have their ballots post marked by March 20<sup>th</sup> to be counted, and sent to the address on the ballot. Voting members attending the Conference will be provided ballots at the conference site and the official vote will take place at this time. Absentee ballots will be counted and added to the final election count.

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## NYSDTSEA ELECTIONS – A CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Pursuant to our constitution, the 2010 Elections for NYSDTSEA officers will take place at our annual State Conference March 27, 2010.

It was decided by majority vote of the founding members of the Association that once the membership reached 30 members we would have a call for candidates and then no sooner than 30 days later we would hold our first annual conference and elect officers for the 2010-2011 term. If you are interested in running for one of the Association's four offices,

President, Vice -President, Secretary, or Treasurer please notify our Election Committee by March 13, 2010 so your name can be added to the ballot and your campaign information can be added to our website.

In future years, a call for candidates will be made during the Regional Fall Workshops.

The campaign for next year will begin January 1st and the election will occur at the annual Spring Conference.

This year we have a special February newsletter for campaign and Conference announcements

The Association web site also will provide more up to date details regarding the annual conference, candidate information and elections. The proposed Constitution is available for viewing on the web. Check out page two (2) of the web site for Conference details; hotel, directions, registration form Those who want to get to the site a day early, a special Conference hotel rate has been negotiated. You can email your information to the webmaster link on the home page or call for more information 1 607 217 5280.

### NYSDTSEA - REGIONAL NEWS

A review of the regional map for the Association will be an order of Business at the Annual State Conference. Members in attendance, representing the various regions will work with Association officers to formulate the boundaries for counties and region members. Action items will focus on getting new members from each area to join a Association and be part of a Regional Division and work towards selecting or electing someone to represent that region on the Board of Directors.

#### **Important, Check this out!**

#### ***New York State Teen Driving Safety Assessment Questionnaire by March 15, 2010.***

The New York State Department of Health Bureau of Injury Prevention, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee requests your input to identify existing programs and interest in addressing teen driving safety in your communities. The teen driving safety information and materials received in response to this questionnaire will be incorporated into a resource list and provided to local and state contacts. Your input will also allow use to identify venues to share proven and promising outreach strategies that can be conducted in your county/community to improve the safety of teen drivers.

To submit this questionnaire electronically, save the document on your computer, type in your responses and check the appropriate boxes. **Email or fax it to Karin Poitras at [karin.poitras@dmv.state.ny.us](mailto:karin.poitras@dmv.state.ny.us) or (518)473-0160 by March 15, 2010.** Please forward this questionnaire to other contacts that may be interested in or are conducting teen driving safety programs/activities.

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*“ members to hold Regional meetings at the Annual State NYSDTSEA Conference.”*

*SEE REGIONAL MAP SOON TO BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE*

# Campaign 2010

## Election of Officers

If you would like to run for office and have your name and campaign posted on the website and the ballot, please send your information to [www.nysdtsea@yahoo.com](mailto:www.nysdtsea@yahoo.com) The 2010 Election will take place March 23, 2010 at the Spring Conference Business Meeting. Information for the ballot will be accepted until midnight March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Nominations after this date will be write ins. Campaign information will be posted and updated on Fridays on our web site up to the weekend of the Conference.

### Electronic Ballot Box

To save on our mailings, at least this first year, we are going to rely on an electronic ballot box for any voting by absentee ballot, votes on issues brought to the membership, responses to surveys, or other information that might be gathered officially by the Association. As appointed chairperson will have sole access to this site. Technology is great!

The process will be that voting members send request for a ballot to this site When a member receives the ballot or any document from [NYSDTSEA@yahoo.com](mailto:NYSDTSEA@yahoo.com) we will request a response that you have received this emailing.

Eventually we will you use a membership number on correspondence that will help identify you. This number will appear on both your membership certificate and card.

We also will soon be looking into a secure site where PAYPAL might be used in the future for online payments for Conference and Dues.

Any website or newsletter input can be sent to the webmaster link at [www.nysdtsea.org](http://www.nysdtsea.org) Officers can be contacted via their individual links also the web site.

### NOT A MEMBER YET? JOIN US!

Here's the link. Join today !

[http://nysdtsea.org/documents/nysdtsea\\_membership\\_form.pdf](http://nysdtsea.org/documents/nysdtsea_membership_form.pdf)

### Standing Committees – We Need Your Help

At this year's Conference, members will be asked to help serve on the following committees

Constitution	Conference	Resources
Curriculum	Membership	DEREC
Legislation	Newsletter	Public Relations
Higher Ed/Teacher Prep	ADTSEA/NETSEA	Historian

## DRIVER EDUCATION TEACHERS WANTED ?

As spring approaches many schools begin making plans for summer school programs. Our Association will serve the membership by posting contact information for schools that are seeking teacher applications for driver education teacher openings.

[nysdtsea@yahoo.com](mailto:nysdtsea@yahoo.com) .

**Tip:** State Education Department posts to their site the schools that are offering driver education summer programs. Teachers can contact schools to see if there are any opportunities for driver education positions at these schools.

## TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Binghamton, NY site

- TSE 550/570 -Basic Course - Traffic Safety 1 & 2. ( 6 grad crds)\*  
(March 27<sup>th</sup> - May 30<sup>th</sup>.) 8 weekend meetings. Blended coursework-partially online.  
Easter and Memorial weekends off.
- TSE 540 - Risk Management/General Safety (3 credits) Online or Campus Course\*  
(June 5<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>) .) 2 meeting days on campus/Blended course - partially online.  
( Fall 2010. Sept 18 - Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> ) Onsite campus classes also available.
- TSE 590 - Problems and Trends (3 credits) Blended Course (Fall 2010 Oct 2&3 - Dec 4& 5) 4 meeting days on campus. Blended course - partially online. Onsite campus classes also available.
- TSE 530 -Administration & Study of NY DE Policies (1 cr) Independent Study per requirements.

Course/Details - email: [Bccdrivered@aol.com](mailto:Bccdrivered@aol.com) Call 607 778-5012 to register

### Hofstra, NY site

- PESP 201 Basic Course -Traffic Safety 1 & 2. ( 6 grad crds) . TBA
- PESP 202A & B -Teaching Driver and Traffic Safety Education (3 credits each) Spring TBA
- PESP 203 -Trends and Problems in Traffic Safety Education (3 credits) Fall and Spring TBA

Contact/Details: [Jsmith@hofstra.edu](mailto:Jsmith@hofstra.edu) For more information.

### Oswego, NY site.

- SFE 550 - Fundamental of Safety Sessions 1-2 (May 24<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>) \*
- SFE 551 - Driver and Traffic Safety Education Sessions 2-3 (June 14<sup>th</sup> - July 23<sup>rd</sup>) \*\*
- SFE 560 - Trends and Problems in Driver Education Sessions 3-4 (July 6<sup>th</sup> - August 13<sup>th</sup>) \*  
\*Online courses. \*\*Hybrid course, 6/14-7/2, online. On campus in Oswego 7/6-9 and 7/12-16.

Contact/Details: [bradford.smith@oswego.edu](mailto:bradford.smith@oswego.edu) For more information.

## NEW YORK STATE DRIVER EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW

It's been some time (understatement) since the New York State Curriculum Guide was last updated. Some have never even seen this document, so we have posted the existing Guide (circa 1989) on our web site. Some of the content is still viable but a lot has changed since this was written. Some of you are using the American Driver Traffic Safety Education Association's National Curriculum and Standards as your current guide. We have posted these documents on our web site for your use too. You may be using current text books with program materials and online sites. These provide a great source for curriculum guidance. We also have these posted. Several of these sites on our web site for you to review. We will continue to add information on these types of materials on our resource site.

If you are familiar with the above materials you already recognize what needs to be updated and what new information needs to be included in our current guide. Governor Patterson's Report, released 12/08, made recommendations that included a call for teachers to review and update the curriculum that is being followed in New York State high school driver education programs. This is a great time for teachers to review the strengths and weaknesses of our programs and incorporate the best ideas. The Association is looking at updating the Curriculum Guide for our members and if you are interested in being a part of the Curriculum Committee, whether as a writer, reviewer, or merely sending in great ideas your inputs will be welcomed. Join our Association's committee, offer your expertise and let us know what works and what doesn't.



**Start Your Engines! We Are Up and Running!**

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The New York State Driver Traffic Safety Education Association is a professional teacher organization that was established in 2009. We are composed primarily of high school and college driver education teachers, supervisors, coordinators and safety enthusiasts throughout New York.

We are growing and hope to soon have members that represent over 400 driver education programs throughout New York State. Visit us at [www.nysdtsea.org](http://www.nysdtsea.org)

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