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MICHIGAN REGIONAL MEETING  
***EMBRACING CHANGE***  
OCTOBER 6th-8th, 2004

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Hi Michigan Members!

Greetings from Ypsilanti! I hope everyone is having a great summer. With students returning in just a few weeks it means that our regional meeting is just around the corner. The officers and Schoolcraft College, our host school, hope that you will join us in Livonia this year for a great learning and networking opportunity.

We will start off this year's meeting with a reception at the Livonia Marriott. We will be serving light snacks and refreshments starting at 7pm on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

This year's theme is "***Embracing Change***". Change is all around us; (even the official NAEB Logo has changed) and our past themes have led us to this point. We've cut staffing and budgets, implemented new policies, yet we're still not accepting the changes. In response to this, we have been working on a program with will assist us in embracing the changes and becoming stronger. We've even included a presentation from Steelcase on "Evolving Educational Environments", new research in learning and working. Just in case you're wondering, this is not a sales presentation.

Don't forget to apply for scholarships early, information is contained here. We have had several scholarships not awarded in the past few years---just because people don't apply. Don't let your chance for professional development get away because of budget cuts. **Apply for the scholarships!** We will announce the winners during our business meeting on Friday as well as reading some of your purchasing stories.

The Livonia Marriott is a wonderful setting for our annual meeting. The hotel is directly connected to "Laurel Park Place", a great mall with popular restaurants, stores and AMC movie theaters.. The mall is home to some major retailers such as Von Maur, Parisian, the Disney Store, Bombay, Williams-Sonoma. Check out their website for more details: <http://www.laurelparkplace.net>

Looking forward to seeing you in Livonia! By the way, CASUAL DRESS is MANDATORY!

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