
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SREB ANNUAL MEETING IN AUSTIN, TX: BRIEFING BOOK
DATE 6/20/03
CC: FILE

This book should give you all of the info you need for the SREB Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, this Sunday-Tuesday. SREB's 2003 Annual Report, *Challenge to Lead in Challenging Times*, is in the front pocket. I've also included a full-text version, as well as the executive summary version, of the *Goals for Education: Challenge to Lead*, adopted and released by SREB in 2002. This document is referred to several times in your draft comments, so I thought you might want to skim over it.

The tabs contain:

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- 1 Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Suggested talking points for the Lamar Plunkett Award Dinner. (Remember: Rather than presenting an award to one person this year, SREB is giving a scholarship to a student from Wirt County, West Virginia, to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces. Wirt County is Jessica Lynch's home county.)
- 2 Monday, 7:30 a.m., Executive Committee Meeting Overview and directions for the meeting are included. You do not have to give formal remarks, so there are no talking points. Tab 2 will walk you through the meeting. Your Executive Committee Meeting Book is included in this packet.
- 3 Monday 8:45 a.m., Convening Session Suggested talking points for Monday morning's sessions are included. The agenda reflects that the morning is comprised of small sessions focusing on several different issues, but they all flow together, so your talking points for the entire morning are behind Tab 3. Your talking points reflect when you should recognize others for comments. Mark will moderate at some points and will walk around the room with a cordless microphone asking for comments or thoughts.

- 4 Monday Lunch at 12:30 p.m., Discussion of NAEP 2002 Reading Results. Talking points as to the South's reading results are included.
- 5 Monday, 6:30 p.m, Dinner at Texas State Capitol. Talking points for your introduction of Lt. Governor David Dewhurst are included.
- 6 Tuesday, 8:00 a.m SREB Board Meeting Overview and directions for the meeting are included. You do not have to give formal remarks, so there are no talking points. Tab 6 will walk you through the meeting. The back pocket of your Executive Committee Meeting Book contains a packet for the technology session of the meeting.

A few notes:

- Dress for the entire meeting is business attire.
- Governor Huckabee will be the only other Governor attending the meeting.
- Darv Winick, NAGB Chairman (and personal friend of President Bush) will join you in giving comments at Monday's lunch regarding the South's performance on the NAEP 2002 reading assessment, the results of which were released yesterday.

**BRIEFING BOOK w/ TALKING
POINTS AND EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING
BOOK FOR SREB ANNUAL
MEETING**

**BE SURE TO BRING BOTH OF
THESE BOOKS WITH YOU. THE
BLACK ONE CONTAINS YOUR
TALKING POINTS FOR ALL
EVENTS!!!**