

MRTA Retirement Education Committee Report

MO Association for Career and Technical Education

Dear MRTA Staff & Leaders:

It is GREAT "to be back in the saddle again" and to kick off the MRTA Exhibit Booth season. Monday and Tuesday of this week we manned the booth at the MOACTE (vocational teachers) annual meeting in Springfield. There were approximately 1,100 participants, 50 Exhibitors and we spent about 12 hours at the booth.

Walt Cochran (MRTF President) helped me head it up. We had TREMENDOUS assistance from Karen Miller (Region 10 VP), Sue Groves (Region10 member of our Retirement Education Committee) and Walt's wife, Gail. We handed out nearly 100 complete packets of MRTA materials and each of us had many good conversations with those stopping by the booth. My guess would be that we had at least 15 people who told us they would mail their memberships in. We picked up 1 membership from a friend of Walt's from Nevada and that check is in the mail to the office. One lady from St. Louis city schools who just retired wanted to join and get involved so I gave her Charles Shelton's name and phone number. We had a steady stream of visitors most of the time. We ran low on materials so Karen Miller went home and brought more supplies back.

As always we were surprised of the knowledge of MRTA and our hard work and efforts. Many people thanked us for MRTA's efforts in assisting the retirees. We got signatures for our petition and met lots of people who were interested in our Association. Again, we were immediately next to PSRS/PEERS and that is very helpful to us both. Patti always requested that on our applications and now Lisa is doing the same great job in setting these conferences up. The entire experience was rewarding and uplifting to us all and very productive for MRTA.

Larry Beal, Chairman
MRTA Retirement Education Committee