

What time is it?

What time is it? Is it the end of the calendar year? The beginning of the school year? The end of the semester? The beginning of your fiscal year? The time when the legislature ends? The date when a new building goes on line? The end of your fiscal year? There are SO MANY times!

If you're young you're impatient with time. A little older and you think it should be YOUR time. Eventually you're going to be asking whether the time you spend is what you ought to be doing. Eventually you may decide that it's time to make changes. But eventually you'll decide that it's high time that you relax.

I'd submit that it's time for you to participate more fully with CCBO. We are on a roll and your time, talent, experience, and insight are what's needed for even more growth. Here's what we made time for in 2007 and will make time for in 2008.

The association has worked with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) to insure that the present and future leadership of community colleges will continue to be well grounded in solid financial principles. We did that through courses at the AACC Annual Conference and our participation at both their *Aspiring Presidents* program (for prospective community college Presidents) and their *New Presidents Institute* program have been successful. The programs were offered by current CCBO President Dr. Ron Rhames, former CCBO President Dr. Johnette McKown, and Dr. Pam Anglin, current President of Paris Junior College (Texas) and a former Chief Business Officer. One program was "Finance Basics for Successful Leaders" and the other was part of the "Hit the Ground Leading" program. All of these programs will be repeated and grown in 2008.

CCBO also continues to be an active Council partner with AACC and has nominated Dr. Anglin to the AACC Board of Directors.

CCBO recognizes that like you, being successful is not only about leading programs, but supporting the leadership of others. We have invited staff from the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) to our board meetings for over three years now and it is wonderful to participate with them in improving community college business affairs. Current CCBO President Dr. Ron Rhames also leads NACUBO's community college council. We continue to feel that it is time for our two great organizations to work together.

Last year we had a great membership increase, great annual conference attendance, the largest participation of vendors in our exhibit hall, new and improved education programs during the annual conference, an improved *Bottomline* Newsletter with many new articles and features on the CCBO web site, and several great web casts in conjunction with NACAS. We will always be the place where you have the time to meet, mingle, and make friends among your colleagues. We look forward to repeating and improving on these efforts in 2008.

I wish we had more time to expand on these efforts, but that would take YOUR participation. CCBO continues to be a member led organization and for us to improve we need your participation. Call Cheryl Armstrong, me or any of the Board of Directors to know how you can participate. What time is it? It's high time for you to be more involved with CCBO.