



For Vice President...

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NBTA History:

NBTA Direct Member for 7 years
St. Louis BTA - Treasurer 2004-2005
St. Louis BTA - President 2006-2007
Business Travel Professional Service
Award 2007
Chapter President's Council - President
2008-2009

Platform Statement:

I am a firm believer that one must give back to their community. I also believe the value, learning and experience gained is far greater when one participates deeply in their community. In this case, the community is the National Business Travel Association and I am the volunteer. I have been volunteering with NBTA since 2002 and, during this time, I have served at both the local and national level. Because of my belief in the value of service, I am running for the position of Vice-President of NBTA. I hope to continue the great work we started at the board level and gain even greater value for the association on the executive level.

I had the pleasure of becoming involved in NBTA during good economic times and now I am digging in to help steer NBTA and the travel industry through tough times. The challenges we face today will change the industry profoundly. From job losses that seem to reflect a lack of corporate belief in the value of a professional travel manager to headline news stating that travel and meetings are luxuries we can no longer afford, the battle for our livelihood is being waged and we cannot stand by and wish the problem away.

I am not waiting for a return to the good times; rather, I'm digging in to learn what the need will be and what solutions will be available. For NBTA, our focus must remain on promoting the value of managed travel and meetings through education, global expansion, and ever improving resources for our members. As the landscape of our industry changes, we must remain flexible yet focused.

Where there are challenges, there also opportunities and I am excited to help guide our association to take advantage of each opportunity. It will take a team of intelligent hard working people to guide the outcome and achieve workable sustainable results in the next generation of this industry. I've always found this to be true of NBTA staff and volunteers. I am thrilled by this opportunity to work so closely with so much talent.

