

April 2011

### **KCASTD Message from the President**

Welcome to the second quarter of 2011 fellow chapter members. We have good news to report and are excited to share it with you.

We were recently awarded Chapter of the Month by ASTD National! This is a result of the strong leadership on our board and the foundations established with our planning and programs. As a result of the award we will receive a small stipend from ASTD National which will go toward our long range plans for the chapter. We will also receive an updated version of the CPLP competency model, which now includes social networking.

We offered a short morning program on March 31 with speaker, Kelly Vrla, which was very well attended by several of our chapter members and a few non members. As of this writing we don't have all data in on the evaluation, but anecdotal reports indicate participants found it very valuable.

Monthly programs for April continue to focus on CPLP competencies. And plans are in the works for a different approach to CPLP workshop this year. We are working on a shortened session which will include a day session, followed by online work with a team of facilitators. The wrap up session will include a half day that will cover test taking practice and coaching on successful exam strategies.

Finally, if you have not made plans yet, please consider annual national conference in Orlando Florida May 22-25, 2011. Held each spring, this premier event for workplace learning and performance professionals welcomes attendees from more than 70 countries. The conference features 200+ educational sessions from industry leading experts, and a world-class EXPO filled with the latest products and services available from top suppliers.

Visit the official ASTD 2011 International Conference & Exposition site at [www.astdconference.org](http://www.astdconference.org).

If you haven't gotten involved with Chapter activities, please consider a niche you can fill. We have several committees that will allow you to get plugged with fellow professionals. And there are board positions open for VP of Finance, among others, that we would like to fill right away. Please consider which of these opportunities you would like to support as a volunteer and contact me or a board member to learn more about how you can get you plugged in to the chapter activities.

Thank you for your continued support of KC ASTD

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2011 President