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Dear Chapter and Associated Groups Presidents:

I would like to invite you to take part in the 2010 National Congress on Science Education (NCSE), scheduled for July 21 – 24 in Las Vegas, Nevada. This national conversation on science education provides an opportunity for chapters and associated groups, the NSTA Council, the NSTA Board of Directors, and NSTA staff to collaboratively address issues and work toward strategies that will support our mission, “to promote excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all.”

If you have had the opportunity to be a Congress participant, you know that this unique leadership experience supports the professional growth of each individual participant. I encourage you to extend the invitation to attend this event to others, especially those who may be future leaders of your organization. We know that budgets are tight and we also know the value of learning and collaborating with your peers. To assist your organization in sending a representative this year, we have waived the registration fee.

This year we have adopted the theme “Imagine and Invent: Create a Great Future.” The 2010 Congress Planning Committee has been working hard to develop an innovative program that captures the theme and provides ample opportunities for a rewarding professional experience as well as opportunities to chart the growth of both your organization and NSTA. Workshops include parliamentary procedures, sharathons, media training, fiscal responsibilities, a briefing on NSTA resources, on-line tools for CAGs, membership recruitment and retention, and more.

With so much to do in Las Vegas on the social front, this year’s program features an opening reception followed by “Group No Host Dinner Option”. Attendees may choose from a variety dining options or, if you prefer, you can hit the casinos!

Click to [http://www.nsta.org/about/collaboration/chapters/congress.aspx](http://www.nsta.org/about/collaboration/chapters/congress.aspx) for more information and to register online.
Imagine and Invent: Create a Great Future. Mark your calendars and watch for more information. I hope to see you in Las Vegas!

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