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Dear HaSTA members,

I hope you had a great holiday and wish you the best in 2012! Thank you for entrusting me with the president-elect position. I am excited to put on a great conference and hope that many of you and your colleagues are able to join us this year.

I can still remember the first conference I attended as a student teacher as part of Dr. Klemm's course at UH and with a little push from my mentor Judy Inouye (membership chair at that time). As a teacher-to-be it was so exciting to feel the energy of veteran and new science teachers, to hear the keynote speaker talk about forensics and decomposing bodies, to attend workshops, soaking up information and developing lesson plan ideas in my head. And then there was the swap meet of treasures other teachers had left at the table, which along with the vendors and their free goodies, helped to fuel my excitement for teaching science and this organization.

I hope we can continue to foster this excitement in our peers and budding science teachers through the fall conference and other activities this year and in years to come. Your participation and support in involving teachers and disseminating information about HaSTA events and membership is greatly appreciated.

I plan to send out information about the conference (i.e. dates, presenters, workshops) periodically. However, if you have any questions and/or would like to support the conference in one way or another, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks and Happy New Year!
Jenny