

SECOND ANNUAL LAUSD NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCT. 29

The UTLA Standing Committee for National Board Certification is sponsoring their second annual all day conference at UTLA headquarters (3303 Wilshire Blvd.) on Saturday, October 29, from 8 AM-4 PM.

We will have two main speakers at the conference. The first one will be Duffy, our UTLA President, who will talk to us about the role he sees NBC teachers playing in the district and the union. The second speaker will be Bob Schechter, a former comedy writer-turned-teacher who will share with us a unique perspective on his first year in the special education classroom. His topic is "First Year Teaching—Pass the Prozac" a discussion of the ideals vs. the realities of facing students, faculty and administration for the first time. To paraphrase John Lennon, "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making lesson plans".

There will be numerous sessions on topics of interest to both current and future NBCTs. If you would like to offer a session, contact Scott Mandel, Standing Committee Chair, at [*mandel@pacificnet.net*](mailto:mandel@pacificnet.net). There is no cost to attend this conference. Both current NBC teachers, and those interested in the program, are welcome to attend.

Attendance at the conference, along with offering sessions, can be used towards the NBC 92 hour commitment.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP by Wednesday, October 26, to Scott Mandel at [*mandel@pacificnet.net*](mailto:mandel@pacificnet.net) or call at (818) 970-7445 (after school hours, please).