

Here is my brief report:

I quit. Just kidding. But honestly this year has been one for the books. After moving for a job, moving into a new place, moving again due to two electrical fires for bad wiring, emergency back surgery, and on July 5th my biggest ally, supporter, and hero-my mother-went home to God. My absence is due to this event as I need time to grieve. The feedback so far on the newsletter has been good. There are some districts not reporting very much or at all. This is not historically abnormal, but I'm trying to change that in my own unique way. I usually fill those spaces with quotes, random facts, or occasionally ghost write on your behalf. Article participation has increased and I hope readership. So far the feedback leads me to believe this is true. For next month I hope you will all take a moment to write an article on the topic of "Thank you to those who stood by us in our darkest days". I know who I'll be writing about. I'm sure there are some of you who owe the same level of unending gratitude; it's a debt I'll never be able to repay. Be well, hug your mother, and tell her you love her.

Respectfully yours,

Brendan D.