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John,

Thank you for the excellent leadership and direction you provided at the *2005/2006 Oklahoma National Speakers (NSA-OK) Strategic Planning Retreat* in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Your ability to anticipate my needs in preparation for this retreat was outstanding. Having worked with countless facilitators over the past twenty years, it was refreshing to witness your natural catalyst leadership style and professional demeanor. It really allowed me to relax and not have to be "in control" of anything during this event!

I asked you to facilitate an "ideas" or brainstorming session and you created a retreat environment that was both physically and mentally colorful and productive. Your leadership fostered a participative and collegial atmosphere where all the members felt included in the brainstorming and decision making. Everyone commented on how idea oriented and imaginative the exercises were and they felt engaged in a lively, energetic team of people enjoying themselves and their tasks. Your consistent and natural solicitation and recognition of others' contributions helped people see the possibilities beyond themselves and their current realities.

Your research on our local chapter as well as the national office of NSA was astounding. It was clear that you performed a scan of the internal and external environment of NSA and nothing escaped your attention. Your attention throughout the day was never passive or casual, never wandering, but always directed. We accomplished more than I hoped or imagined.

Thank you John!

Regards,

Rita M. Murray
2005/2006 President of NSA-OK