



**Consortium of State Organizations of Texas Teacher Educators
Executive Board Meeting
Austin, Texas
September 21, 2007**

Susan Dennis called the meeting of the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education (CSOTTE) to order at 9:40 AM, Friday, September 21, 2007. The following members were present:

Susan L. Dennis, Chair
Ginny Fender, Chair Elect
Janice Nath, Advisor
Jacel Morgan, Executive Secretary
Nell Ingram, TACA
Ron Kettler, TACA
Carole Errett, TACO

Hollis Lowery-Moore, TACTE
Pamela Williford, TACTE
Diana Everett, TAHPERD
Kathleen R. Vinger, TCTCT
Debby Hopkins-Higham, TDFE
Brian Miller, TDFE
Kathy Morrison, TxATE

Introductions

The members present introduced themselves and briefly described what they had been doing recently. Since Sherilyn Emberton moved out of state, Kathy Morrison has agreed to remain as TxATE President; Carol Bedard is President Elect. Information about the Board members was passed around and each member was asked to check his/her information for accuracy.

Approval of May Minutes

Copies of the May minutes were distributed. Janice Nath moved to accept the minutes as submitted; Diana Everett seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Jacel Morgan presented the financial report. As of September 19, 2007, total assets were \$98,236.98. Total revenue was \$30,011.94; expenditures were \$9,870.17 for a profit of \$20,141.77. The balance of all CSOTTE accounts is \$78,408.29. The report was approved as presented.

SBEC/TEA/SBOE/Program Updates

Susan shared information from the August 13 SBEC Advisory Committee meeting. Christie Pogue, the new SBEC Vice-Chair, has been asking many questions about teacher preparation programs, especially in regard to ASEP reporting. Susan brought the report that Karen Loonam presented to SBEC at their summer retreat which outlined the differences in the various Educational Preparation Programs (EPP) over various categories. Dr. Loonam believes that SBEC is moving towards wanting some sort of

differentiation in the EPP Accreditation Rating that reflects varying degrees of compliance. Additionally, she believes that there will be a shift towards more uniform program requirements.

The State Board of Education (SBOE) was slated to meet September 21 to accept the new Generalist EC-6 certificate. The consensus seems to be that the SBOE will support the SBEC recommendation about the certificate. Members of the CSOTTE Board urged members of the SBEC Advisory Committee to request timely information regarding the new standards and that the information be sent out in print to all EPPs, thus enabling programs to be responsive to the new requirements and standards.

Programs related to education in Texas were discussed by Janice Nath and Hollis Lowery-Moore. Janice mentioned CREATE, a new organization with a large amount of data on Texas education which could be used constructively by the organizations and entities. Hollis talked about Raise Your Hand for Texas, an organization that supports teachers in Texas and all the good things they accomplish.

ATE Information

Paul Paese shared information about upcoming Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) national conferences. He thanked the board for their previous input regarding the commissions he developed for his tenure as President. He discussed the upcoming summer conference in August 2008 in Washington D.C. and the related deadline for proposals in March. He also addressed the annual conference to be held in Dallas February 14-18, 2009. The deadline for proposals for that conference is June 15, 2008. The pertinent information for upcoming conferences is posted on the ATE website; information will also be available at the fall CSOTTE conference. Paul will email further information to Susan which she will pass on to the various CSOTTE organizations. Paul may be reached at paese@txstate.edu for further information.

Paul encouraged the Board and organizations to get involved in ATE; there are opportunities for everyone who wants to be involved. He is hoping that more preservice and active classroom teachers will attend the conferences and make their voice heard. He is also trying to advance worldwide ATE membership and has been meeting with various global organizations to promote this goal.

Fall 2007 CSOTTE Conference

Jacel Morgan reported that to date 149 people were registered for the conference. The Board was urged to encourage organizations to register and make hotel reservations early to avoid last-minute problems. Susan reiterated her belief that the El Paso conference would not be as well attended as previous conferences due to its location. The registration table will be manned by member of TACA and MSEPA.

The CSOTTE Board Meeting will be a luncheon meeting on October 28, 2007 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Members who arrive early are requested to meet in the meeting room to help prepare registration bags.

Susan showed the Board the proposed conference program. She suggested that the program cover be done on colored cardstock with color printing. The sponsors, contributors, and vendors will be listed on the reverse side of the cover. To date, four vendors have confirmed. The first page of the booklet will be the Conference-at-a-

Glance; information about door prize requirements will also be given on this page. Members were asked to proofread the program and make suggestions. Clarifications and modifications to the program were made as needed. Susan described the Post-Conference Activity sponsored by UTEP; participants may sign up to visit various schools in the area.

Speakers and award recipients were discussed. Kathy Morrison moved that the Friend of Education Award be extended to both Adele Quintana and James Harris; Hollis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Both members will be contacted and asked to speak at General Session IV at which Ginny Fender will preside. Ginny stated that she knew of no one nominated for either the Booker or the Coody Awards for General Session IV. The Evaluation, prepared by Debby Hopkins-Higham, will once again be used as a door prize for the registration fee at next year's conference. Brooke Haycock will speak at General Session I and at breakout sessions throughout the conference. Harry Wong will speak at General Session II; Board members will distribute Dr. Wong's newspapers and TxATE members will sell his books. Student Teachers, Brittnie Coveney and Charles Schultz, and Interns of the Year, Chelsea Jones, Angel Lopez, and Jennifer Mathieu, will receive recognition at General Session III; Dr. Diana Natalicio (UTEP) and Dr. Richard M. Rhodes (EPCC) will speak on "Excellence through Collaboration."

Breakout sessions were discussed. Each presenter is required to pay the conference fee; failure to do so will result in removal of their name from the conference program. Five breakout session presents have not registered at all for the conference. They will be contacted by Susan as to their status.

Door prizes should be submitted to Connie Sabo-Risley.

Fall 2008 CSOTTE Conference

The 2008 conference will be held at the Sheraton in Austin on October 19-21. Ginny announced that the theme would be "Capitalizing on Change." Possible speakers were discussed and included:

- ◆ Ron Clark, who charges \$20,000 plus expenses (Ginny will talk to Target about possibly defraying some of the cost through their "Target Backs Education" program)
- ◆ Erin Gruwell, of Freedom Writers, who charges \$13,000
- ◆ Jonathan Kozol, who has a new book out
- ◆ Penny Early, whose areas of expertise are accountability and NCLB
- ◆ Al Kohn, an expert on classroom management and who is against standardized tests
- ◆ Richard Rodriguez
- ◆ Coach Carter

Ginny will research speakers and email the board for feedback.

Brian Miller recommended his niece, Samantha Miller, as a possible entertainer for the conference. Another suggestion was to have student(s) from the Arts Magnet School in Austin.

Future Conferences

Future conferences were mentioned. Fall 2009 will be at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio on October 18-20. Fall 2010 will be at the Westin Galleria in Houston on October 10-12. Fall 2011 will be at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi on October 23-25.

Website Update

Members were urged to check organizational information on the website. Corrections should be sent to Jacel who will forward the information to the webmaster.

Future Meeting Schedule

Ron will ask Corey Green, Karen Loonam, and Susan Hetzler to address the board on February 1, 2008. The meeting will be in Austin at either Le Tourneau or TAHPERD's new offices.

The May Planning Retreat will be from noon on May 20 to noon on May 21, 2008 at the Y.O. Ranch Resort Hotel in Kerrville.

Unfinished Business

The Board met in executive session to discuss Jacel Morgan's resignation. As a quorum was no longer present, the vote to accept her resignation will be taken at the October 21 meeting.

Other Business

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathleen R. Vinger
CSOTTE Secretary*