



Consortium of State Organizations of Texas Teacher Educators

Executive Board Retreat San Antonio, TX May 23 and 25, 2006

Sharon Gray called the meeting of the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education to order at 1:15pm, Tuesday, May 23, 2006. The board met until 4:00pm, Tuesday, and reconvened Wednesday morning at 8:40am. The following members were present:

Sharon Gray, Chair	Sherilyn Emberton, TxATE	Carole Errett, TACO
Janice Nath, Chair-Elect	Diana Everett, TAHPERD	Ginny Fender, TCTCT
Susan L. Dennis, Secretary	Sandra Harris, TCPEA	Laurie Hawke, MSEPA
Eloise Hughes, Treasurer	Dee Hopkins, TACTE	Debby Hopkins-Higham, TDFE
Jacel Morgan, Ex. Secretary	Nell Ingram, TACA	Pam Johnson, TACO
Merry Boggs, TxATE	Ron Kettler, TACA	Kathy Morrison, TxATE
Sandra Cordova, TACO	Mary Patton, TAECTE	Jane Thielemann, MSEPA
Kathleen Vinger, TCTCT	Jerry Whitworth, TACTE	

Introductions

Current members introduced themselves and identified the organizations they represented, their offices in their respective organizations, and their status on the board (staying on or going off). Then they introduced those individuals from their organizations that are new to the board.

Approval of April Minutes

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as corrected. (Ann Reed, TAECTE, was added to list of attendees.)

Financial Report

Jacel Morgan presented the financial report. The balance in all CSOTTE accounts is \$67,931.57. The report was approved as presented.

Budget for 2006-2007

The 2006-2007 budget was approved with a few of corrections:

1. Conference "income" was to be noted as such. In the future, conference expenses and conference net profit are to be included as line items in the annual budget.
2. \$1000 was earmarked for travel by the CSOTTE chair as board representative on the TEA/SBEC Advisory Committee
3. The Webpage maintenance budgeted amount was increased to match expected expenses.
4. The Miscellaneous category was adjusted to maintain a zero balance between Income and Expenses.

Organization Dues Discussion

Jacel reminded members that CSOTTE dues are \$100.00/year due from each individual organization by July 31, 2006.

Appointment of Audit Committee

Eloise Hughes, Janice Nath, and Sherilyn Emberton were appointed to audit the CSOTTE books on Tuesday, May 23, and report back on Wednesday, May 24.

TACTE/SBEC Update and Discussion

Jerry Whitaker and Dee Hopkins reported on the TACTE retreat:

- Professional development training in skill building was provided. In particular, a consultant with a media consulting group spoke about ways to deal with media and to improve the public image of teacher preparation.
- They also heard presentations from NCATE and TEAC representatives regarding the accreditation process.
- During the group's business meeting, a resolution was adopted to support promotion of national board certification in Texas.
- TACTE also put for the name of Val Wilke of the Sid Richardson Foundation for CSOTTE's "Friend of Teacher Education" award at the fall conference.

Legislative Issues

Jacel gave a summary of the action of the 79th Legislature's HB 1, which primarily had to do with school funding. Mentoring and Pk-16 components of the bill were discussed.

2006 Conference

Omni Bayfront, Corpus Christi, October 22-24, 2006

Members reviewed the conference flyer; multiple copies were provided for individuals to distribute to their organizations and colleagues; all others will be distributed through email.

Janice Nath reported on general session speakers:

- Barnett Berry is confirmed for the opening day, General Session I.
- General Session II will be the lunch, student Teacher and Intern of the Year Awards and the CSOTTE Friend of Teacher Education award.
- "Wavelength" is confirmed for General Session III, immediately following lunch
- A reception with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will replace the evening dinner session.
- A TEA/SBEC panel will be the General Session IV presentation on Tuesday morning.

Jane Thielemann reported that only one vendor has responded and solicits help from board members in recruiting vendors. Jacel will send out an email reminder to board members to provide contact information for potential vendors to Jane.

Merry Boggs, TxATE, reported that the call for proposals had gone out and she has received 12 proposals so far (more than were received by this time last year). The board agreed that names would be included in the program only of those contributors who have registered for the conference. The proposal information is on the CSOTTE website and deadline for submitting proposals is June 15, 2006.

NES is sponsoring General Session I speaker, Barnett Berry. Other sponsors have been contacted; however, no others have been confirmed. HEB, Identix, Circle K, ETS, and Whataburger will be contacted.

Sandra Cordova, TACO, reminded board members that each organization should donate at least one gift card for use as a door prize during conference general sessions. Individual entities are also encouraged to donate. TACO will take care of coordinating the door prize drawings.

Eloise Hughes asked for additions to the conference evaluation form. The board asked for input regarding presentation of awards during General Session II (lunch) since this is the first time we have tried this schedule. TDFE will administer, collect, and process the 2006 Conference evaluation forms.

Merry Boggs is working with a local school district to secure a jazz combo for background music during the Monday evening reception. There was concern about having students perform where alcohol was served; she will look into the matter.

Organizations were reminded to submit names and information for awards recipients. These awards will be presented at the lunch meeting. Janice Nath will emcee the luncheon and each student teacher and intern of the year may have 3-5 minutes to speak. A motion was made to table the vote on the CSOTTE "Friend of Teacher Education" award. After lengthy deliberation, the motion failed. Jerry Whitworth of TACTE nominated Val Wilke of the Sid Richardson Foundation. No other nominations were submitted; Mr. Wilke will be the first recipient of CSOTTE's "Friend of Teacher Education" award which will be presented at the CSOTTE 2006 Fall Teacher Education Conference during General Session II, Monday, October 23. Sherilyn Emberton, TxATE, will contact Mr. Wilke. Pam Johnson, TACO, was authorized to spend \$100-\$150 to purchase an award.

TACA and MSEPA will help Jacel at the registration table. Conference registration fees were set at \$175 for members of CSOTTE organizations, \$225 for non-members and late registrants.

2007 Conference

Camino Real, El Paso, October 28-30, 2007

"Gateway to Excellence" was approved as the theme for the conference. Proposal topics were also approved:

- Changing Demographics
- Diversity
- Assessment
- Recruitment/Retention
- International Connections
- Critical Issues
- Multicultural Issues
- College Readiness
- P-16 Initiatives
- School Leadership

The board decided to bring in a nationally-known speaker to draw conference attendees to El Paso. General Session speakers suggested were Art Costa, Stephen Krashen, Harry Wong, and Bill Sanders. Individual board members volunteered to contact these potential speakers for availability and fee information. The board also decided to invite colleagues from universities in Juarez, Mexico and Las Cruces, New Mexico to participate in the conference. We will also designate one breakout session as a "Roundtable Discussion" for doctoral candidates to present research.

Susan Dennis will contact colleagues in El Paso to put together a short presentation promoting the 2007 conference at the close of the 2006 conference.

2008 Conference

Austin Marriott at the Capitol, Austin, October 19-21, 2008

2009 Conference

Omni, San Antonio, October 18-20, 2009

2010 Conference

Jacel will look into the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Action Plan Review and Update

A motion was made and approved the action plan with a few minor updates. Jacel will bring copies of the revised plan to the next meeting.

Constitution Review and Update

Janice Nath, Susan Dennis, and Eloise Hughes will review the CSOTTE constitution and bring a revised document to the September meeting for board review and consideration.

2006-2007 Meeting Schedule

The CSOTTE board meeting schedule for 2006-2007 was approved as follows (pending confirmation of meeting room availability):

September 15, 2006, St. Edwards University, Austin, 9:30am-3:30pm

October 22, 2006, Omni Bayfront, Corpus Christi, noon-3:00pm

January 19, 2007, St. Edwards University, Austin, 9:30am-3:30pm

April 13, 2007, St. Edwards University, Austin, 9:30am-3:30pm

The board planning retreat for 2007 will be held in Austin, at the Downtown Omni, May 22 & 23, 2007, noon to noon.

Directory and Web Page Update

Board members asked to complete a form updating their contact information. Members were also encouraged to look closely at all pages on the CSOTTE website and submit changes/corrections to Dan Hardin.

Report of Audit Committee

CSOTTE books were audited and found to be in order. The Audit Committee made a couple of suggestions for next year's recordkeeping.

Other Business

Myrna and Janice will be presenting information regarding CSOTTE at the ATE Summer Conference, August 5, in Philadelphia. Other board members are welcome to present with them.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Outgoing board members were recognized and presented a token of gratitude for their work on the CSOTTE board: Mary Patton, Sandy Cordova, Myrna Cohen, and Jerry Whitworth. Janice Nath also presented Sharon Gray with a gift in appreciation for her service as chair of the CSOTTE board.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:50am, Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Dennis, CSOTTE Secretary*