



**Consortium of State Organizations of Texas Teacher Educators
September Board Meeting
Austin, TX
September 15, 2006**

Janice Nath called the meeting of the Consortium of State Organizations of Texas Teacher Educators to order at 9:30am, Friday, September 15, 2006. The board met until 1:55pm, Friday, September 15, 2006. The following members were present:

Janice Nath, Chair	Ginny Fender, TCTCT
Susan Dennis, Chair-Elect	Debbie Hopkins-Higham, TDFE
Merry Boggs, Secretary	Ron Kettler, TACA
Sharon Gray, Advisor	Nell Ingram, TACA
Jacel Morgan, Executive Secretary	Kathy Morrison, TxATE
Sherilyn Emberton, TxATE	Carole Errett, TACO
Kathleen Vinger, TCTCT	Diana Everett, TAHPERD
Pam Williford, TACTE	

Special Guest

Paul Pease, Executive Director for TxATE Executive; President-Elect, ATE

Introductions

Current members introduced themselves by sharing highlights of their summer and organizations they are representing.

Approval of May Retreat Minutes

Minutes of May minutes were approved with minor corrections.

(Sharon Gary made motion to approve minutes. Carol Errett seconded the motion. Motion passed.)

Financial Report

Jacel Morgan presented the financial report. The balance in all CSOTTE accounts is \$81, 836.51. The report was approved as presented.

Janice Nath asked if CSOTTE Board would be willing to ask our bank for a higher interest rate

on CD and interest bearing checking account. Board agreed and Jacel Morgan will investigate and report at October meeting.

Meetings Sites for 2006-2007

St. Edward's charges \$80 for a room, but food is reasonably priced. A motion was made and seconded to move CSOTTE Board meetings for January 2007 and April 2007 to LaTourneau in Austin, TX—8501 N. Mopac. Food can be purchased from Jason's Deli and LaQuinta Hotel is nearby and will honor state rates.

(Kathleen Vinger made motion to approve change of January 2007 and April 2007 meeting site. Susan Dennis seconded the motion. Motion passed.)

Conference 2006

Jacel Morgan went over a couple of changes on Conference Program. We have 4 exhibitors. Janice Nath asked for additional vendor for exhibitions. Please contact her within the week. A copy of Conference Program was sent around the room for editing and revisions.

General Session I

Barnett Berry will speak. Janice Nath will host.

General Session II

Janice Nath will host. After much discussion, student teacher award winners will be asked to keep remarks to 2 to 3 minutes. 1 minute will be allowed for introductions.

University of Houston-Downtown has the National Student Teacher of the Year. The CSOTTE board will pay for conference registration. (Susan Dennis made a motion to pay the National Teacher of the Year conference registration. Coral Errett seconded the motion. Motion passed.)

General Session III

Sharon Gray will host and introduce Wavelength who will perform.

General Session IV

Susan Dennis will host this session. There will be an introduction for next year's El Paso CSOTTE Conference with a video provided by the El Paso chamber of Commerce. The mayor of El Paso will present a key to the city to CSOTTE. Susan will also host TEA Panel Discussion. CSOTTE Board asked Jacel to find prices for microphones. Some Board members may facilitate discussion with microphones. CSOTTE members are request to email Susan questions for this panel discussion.

TEA staff members will speak (in the form of a panel discussion) at this session. A suggestion was made to ask Ray Glenn to join this panel because he is the acting TEA Director with the resignation of Patricia Haynes.

Other discussion regarding 2006 Fall Conference

Concerns were raised over the difficulty of securing SBEC/TEA members to attend CSOTTE functions. CSOTTE Board voted to waive conference fees for SBEC/TEA speakers. (Sharon Gray made a motion to waive CSOTTE Conference fees for SBEC/TEA members. Nell Ingram seconded. Motion passed.)

Jacel Morgan's request for a SBEC speaker was denied for January 2007 meeting. CSOTTE Board asked for Jacel to re-submit the SBEC's request for speaker form.

Janice Nath will contact Karen Loonam to create a schedule for Dr. Janice Reyna for the 2006 CSOTTE Fall Conference. Discussion supported the idea of creating a generic list of questions to ask SBEC/TEA members when we request their presence at a meeting. Each group will submit questions to Janice Nath.

Karen Loonam denied our request to directly invite SBEC Board members to CSOTTE meetings. Ron Kettler raised concerns over this. Janice Nath will request Bonnie Cain, acting Chair of SBEC Board to bring greetings/remarks during one of the general sessions in Corpus Christi.

Break Out Session Report by Kathy Morrison

Kathy Morrison previously presented a list of presenters to Jacel Morgan. Jacel Morgan made this information available to CSOTTE Board through the draft of Conference Book. Jacel Morgan reported to the CSOTTE Board those presenters that have not paid conference fees. Kathy Morrison will contact these presenters to ensure their participation. Kathy Morrison also reported problems with electronic submission of proposal this summer. Partially due to the fact that Merry Boggs changed faculty positions and universities. Janice Nath shared her concerns that individual were quite upset with the unforeseen problems with electronic submission process. Kathy Morrison has apologized to all presenters that have contacted her. With a CSOTTE Board motion Kathy Morrison was asked to re-evaluate all conference proposals and request additional presenters to fill open presentation slots. (Nell Ingram made the motion. Diana Errett seconded. Motion passed.)

2007 Request for Conference Proposals

In order to prevent future submission problems, the Board made changes to the request for conference proposal by putting a disclaimer. If you do not receive an email confirmation of proposal submission, please contact TxATE President or Jacel Morgan, Executive Secretary. Also, the board members agreed to change the submission deadline to June 1st and to submit proposal without name on document.

A new section will be added to 2000 conference proposal forms. New opportunities for colleagues from International Universities. Susan Dennis is trying to contact universities in Mexico for a panel discussion during presentations sessions.

Also, we will include a session (to be determined) for graduate students both masters and doctoral to present research in a roundtable format. We will address this item again in October 2006 and January 2007.

Report by Paul Paese, ATE President Elect-Elect (Feb. 2008-Feb 2009 term)

Paul asked for support with increasing ATE membership in Texas. Asked CSOTTE Board to serve as an Advisory Board during his tenure as ATE National Presidency. (The Board later passed a motion agreeing to serve as an advisory board. Kathy Morrison made a motion for CSOTTE to serve as an Advisory Board. Ron Kettler seconded. Motion passed.). Paul also asked for support over the next several years. Please contact Paul if you are willing to support ATE.

Vendor Report

We have previously discussed vendors, but we re-visited vendors. Nell Ingram suggested contacting Foreign Credential International Students group as a possible vendor. Please contact Janice Nath with any other possible vendors.

Facilitators

Jacel Morgan requested volunteers to help with movement between sessions. The following CSOTTE Board members agreed to help: Merry Boggs, Pam Johnson, Carole Errett, Ginny Fender, and Kathy Morrison.

Evaluation (TDFE)

Eliose Hughes was not present to report.

Registration (TACA and MSEPA)

TACA and MSEPA reported no problems and ready for conference registration.

Door Prizes Report by Carol Errett (TACO)

Carol presented a handout of door prizes in hand and a list of door prizes promised. Carol also asked if you have not gotten your door prizes to her, please do so quickly.

Music for Reception (TxATE) by Merry Boggs

Dr. Maurice Portis and his jazz band will perform during the evening mixer. Merry Boggs was asked to contact and remind Dr. Maurice Portis of his commitment. His phone number is 361-877-0090 and email is postismg@aol.com.

Menus (Attachment III)

CSOTTE Board thanked Jacel Morgan for her work here and with a motion passed that all menus be accepted with the Tuesday brunch selection as the South Texas Breakfast Buffet.

Report of Sponsors by Janice Nath

Janice Nath reported that she has sent over 20 requested for conference sponsorships and at this

time only secured sponsorship from NES and Whatburger. Whatburger will provide gift bags for all conference participants.

Next CSOTTE Board Meeting

October 22, 2003 at 12:00-3:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

Conference 2007 by Susan Dennis

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

Theme: Gateway to Excellence

Harry Wong accepted request to speak at General Session I. His expenses are \$5,500 plus expenses and a 90 minute timeframe.

Brooke Haycock with "6 Degrees of Separation" will also come for a General Session her fees are \$1000/day plus expenses.

Side excursions-Packets will be provided for trips in El Paso or going across to Mexico. Nell Ingram urged caution here. Susan Dennis will continue to work with El Paso Chamber of Commerce here.

Future Conference sites

2008-Downtown Marriott, Austin, October 18-21

2009-Omni Hotel, San Antonio, October 17-19

2010-Board accepted proposal from Westin Galleria, Houston

2011-Omni Bayfront, Corpus Christi...the Board accepted the decision regarding 2011 Conference site. (Ginny Fender made a motion to accept the 2011 proposal. Diana Everett seconded. Motion passed). Board asked Jacel to explore possibilities of the DFW area for 2012.

ATE Presentation for CSOTTE members in San Diego

Janice Nath sent in a proposal to ATE in San Diego to share CSOTTE format. Not all states have a CSOTTE like organization. Janice sent a piece of paper around for individuals to sign-up to participate in this presentation.

Request to join CSOTTE-(TSRA)

Shirley Dahl, with the Texas State Reading Association (TSRA) prepared all documents as required by CSOTTE Board to be request recognition as a member of CSOTTE. Board voted to accept TSRA as a member of CSOTTE.

Janie Nath shared that we should continue to reach out to other educational groups in Texas to strength CSOTTE's voice in Texas. Janice will investigate and attempt to find the TEA phone book that lists all Texas Educator Groups.

(Ginny Fender made a motion to approve TSRA acceptance into CSOTTE/ Kathleen Vinger seconded. Motion passed.)

Legislative Updates and CSOTTE Brochure

Corrections were made to CSOTTE Brochure and it will be passed out at Fall Conference.

Webmaster and Web Sites updates

Currently, Jacel Morgan is updating changes to CSOTTE website. We need a new webmaster and need to update web page. Janice will develop a call for proposals and ask for interested parties to submit a proposal for updating and maintaining web page. If anyone knows individuals interested in submitting proposals contact Janie Nath. Currently we have budgeted \$820 for webmaster. We will reconsider fees for webmaster based on proposal submitted. (Sharon Gray made a motion to update website. Carole Errett seconded. Motion passed.)

Dues

MSEPA paid today. TCPEA still needs to remit yearly dues.

Other Business

Nell Ingram expressed concerns over lack of TExES testing sites. She has had no luck solving problem through ETS personnel. ETS will only use sites that furnish free building use. Nell wanted the Board to help with this problem. After discussion, Karen Loonam is talking with ETS. Fingerprinting still a concern for some universities---location seems to be a factor here.

Michael Kamin with small colleges requested a room for a meeting of small colleges during Monday breakfast. (Ginny Fender made a motion to approve small universities meeting time. Sharon Gray seconded. Motion passed)

Kathy Morrison wants the Board to actively pursue concerns with ETS. After much discussion the Board will address an Action Plan at October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Boggs, CSOTTE Secretary