



Summer Executive Board Meeting

Minutes

July 24-26, 2008

Austin, TX

I. Call Meeting to Order– President, Navarro College-Corsicana, Romeal-Dorasay Johnson called meeting to order at 3:45p.

II. Roll Call – Secretary, WCJC-FBTC, Angela Hernandez

- a. State Advisor Elect Arvis Jones, El Paso Community College: Present
- b. State Advisor Heather Atchley, Amarillo College: Present
- c. Host, Blinn-Bryan Representative: Not Present
- d. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco: Present
- e. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College: Present
- f. Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC: Present
- g. Parliamentarian Edwin Mariano, El Centro College: Present
- h. Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College: Present
- i. President Romeal Johnson, Navarro College: Present

Quorum has been established

III. Orders of the Day – Parliamentarian Edwin Mariano, El Centro College read the orders of the day. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to approve the orders of the day as read. Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College seconded. Motion carries.

IV. Reading and Approval of the Minutes – Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to table reading and approval of the minutes until tomorrow. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College seconded. Motion carries. After everyone looked over the minutes the next day Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to approve the minutes as written. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College seconded. Motion carries.

V. Officer Reports

- a. **State Advisor Elect Arvis Jones, El Paso Community College:** Nothing to report at this time.
- b. **State Advisor Heather Atchley, Amarillo College:** Wahooooooooooooo, happy to see you guys, and to see so much work done. I am looking forward to a great year.
- c. **Host, Blinn – Bryan:** Mr. Brandon Franke was asked to speak on behalf of Blinn-Bryan. The student Host representative is unable to be here and, will be here at the next meeting Everything is going good so far.
- d. **Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco:** Hi, great to see everyone. The second bulletin is out. The next bulletins will be ready by the end of August, September,

and October. I will be posting the theme on every bulletin to remind everyone. I will need bios and pictures from the executive board by tomorrow.

- e. **Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College:** Nothing to report at this time.
- f. **Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC:** I got nothing at this time.
- g. **Parliamentarian Edwin Mariano, El Centro College:** Sorry for making everyone to wait for our information, I will do my best this upcoming year as Parliamentarian.
- h. **Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College:** Wahoooo. I am happy to see everyone. I just would like to start by getting any suggestions on speakers. If you have any ideas, send them my way.
- i. **President Romeal Johnson, Navarro College:** First things first. I brought candy from Walt Disney for everyone. I am glad to have everyone here. I am very excited. Shane will be here all the times to be my assistant and will be here at all the meetings since I will back and forth from Florida. I am doing my best to be in both places at one time. If you do not hear from me you will hear from him. Also, we had a fantastic retreat in June. We went to Addison, TX. Mrs. Jones was a trooper getting on all the rides at Six Flags with us. As far as this year. I want to focus on what I ran for office on, Diversity, Textbooks, and Organizational Partnerships. I want to pick up where the 06-07 President Damian Tovar left off. He did some great things and I feel that is a great start. Community College Day is February 19th. I want your feedback. I want us to work as a team. I sent a letter to Senator Royce West requesting his attendance for Community College day; he is the Chair of the Higher Education Sub-Committee.

State Advisor Heather Atchley, Amarillo College announced that Richard Moore from Texas Community College Teachers Association is going to come at 10:30 a.m. to talk to us about Community College Day so we can possibly come to a common ground.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Resolution Deadline. Floor is open for discussion. Mr. Franke suggested the Resolution Deadline be changed to the night before it goes to the floor. We dealt with the Dream Act, We also dealt with the GI Bill. We should spend more time talking about the important issues rather than spending a lot of time on issues that are discussed on a yearly basis. Advisor Phil Sims, Navarro College suggests that we move the deadline to 10a the Friday of the Convention. The deadline is in the Constitution; therefore it has to be ratified through the General Assembly. The Executive Board discussed putting idea in the bulletin and talking about it at the Regional Meetings. This would allot the members of this Association time to think about it and possibly vote on it the very first day of the Convention, which would in turn be effective immediately. This will give students a chance to be prepared ahead of time in case it is ratified by the assembly, and all Resolutions could be turned in by Friday by 10a. The downside is the Resolutions Committee will be tied down with a lot of Resolutions. However a point was made that the Resolutions Committee can choose to only bring legitimate Resolutions to the Assembly Floor. The current Resolution Deadline is in the Constitution in Article 8, Committees, Section C, Sub-Section 1.

VII. New Business

a. Convention Theme

- i. Themes from the website
 1. Revolution
 2. Equal Rights. Equal Representation
 3. Legacies

4. Survivor
5. CSI-Texas
6. Diversity-You make the Difference
- ii. Phil Sims, Navarro College Advisor suggested, "TJCSGA Students Unite"
- iii. Brandon Franke, Blinn-Bryan Advisor suggested, "iLead," or "iGovern," or "HDSGA, See More. Do More."

Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to suspend Robert Rules of Order to openly discuss the 2008-2009 State Themes. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College seconded. Motion carries. Floor is open for discussion.

The board decided to immediately strike out the options no one agreed upon to make the process easier. Top four choices are: Legacies, iLead, HDSGA See more, Do More, and Lead, Follow, Or get out of the Way.

Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC moved to vote on the top four Theme choices. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco seconded. Motion carries.

The theme approved is "Lead. Follow. Or Get Out of the Way. iLead."

President Romeal Johnson, Navarro College Closed the Floor. He also announced that the Host school, Blinn-Bryan, will bring a t-shirt design for approval at November's Executive Board Meeting.

- b. **Schedule for 2009 Convention** – State Advisor Heather Atchley, Amarillo College says it will be difficult to line everything out at this time. .
 - i. APCA –Vice-president School will be attending the October 31st-November 2nd Convention in Houston using their own school budget. Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College will bring a report from APCA and the November Executive Board Meeting. Any other Board member can go, however the TJCSGA budget will not be covering any travel expenses at this time.
 - ii. Skeleton for schedule. State Advisor Elect Arvis Jones, El Paso Community College suggests that we put together the information we do have at this point for the schedule. The discussion of the budget was table until the following day.

During the discussion the 2008-2009 budget was a big factor in scheduling the meals. The discussion of the budget was tabled until the following day.

Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC asked about fundraising/Sponsorships/Ad Space/Vendors. State Advisor Heather Atchley, Amarillo College stated that we need to get 501-3c. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco asked for permission to right the letters and take care of the Ad space in the monthly Bulletins. Permission was given so long as the Executive Board approved the letters to be sent out ahead of time.

President Romeal Johnson, Navarro College asked if we wanted to keep the toga party on schedule for the next Convention. The consensus of the board was to keep the TOGA Party.

Blinn-Bryan Advisor Brandon Franke suggests we have a video games tournament and/or Rock Band Version Battle of the Bands. Trophies can be given away.

Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco suggested that the silent auction be replaced with Bingo.

President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College asked that we give all ideas and suggestions to Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College before her November Report.

President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College called the meeting to recess at 5:30p.

Meeting called back in session at 8:55p.

State Advisor Heather Atchley, Amarillo College announced an update on the 501-3c. "After talking to someone about the 501-3c, we will definitely work on it this year, but it may not be in effect to use this year."

- c. **Rate Fee for Convention-** Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to discuss in close session. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College seconded. Motion carries. President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College asked for everyone but the Executive Board members to excuse themselves from the room during the closed session. Closed session began at 4:40p. Session was reopened at 6:25p. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to set the rates and registration deadlines at: Early Registration November 1st -February 1st \$150 per student and \$160 per advisor. Regular Registration February 2nd – March 13th at \$160 per student and \$170 per advisor. Late and onsite registration March 14th- Convention at \$185 per student and \$195 per student with the understanding that t-shirts are not guaranteed during late registration. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College seconded. Motion carries. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to accept the proposed budget for the upcoming year as discussed during closed session with the knowledge that it will be typed and given to the Secretary and attached to the minutes. Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College Seconded. Motion carries.
- d. **Online Registration Program-** Blinn Bryan Advisor and Web Master Brandon Franke suggested the Executive Board look over and consider approval of a program called REG Online. For 3.25 per delegate; it will let each delegate register online for convention. It will allow early bird registration, regular registration, and late registration. It will allow us to take credit cards. An invoice can be generated and printed immediately. Currently we cannot do that. It will let us know who has registered and who has not. It will give schools email alerts to the email provided. It will also let us do online dues. We will be able to refund ahead of time. Since we cannot refund at the convention. A deadline is needed for refunds. It automatically creates name cards. It will send reminders, lodging information. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to approve Online REGONLINE, Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College seconded. Motion carries.
- e. **Competition Guidelines** – The floor was opened for discussion. It was felt that the competition guidelines needed to be more detailed to help keep the Awards Committee from being locked in a room all day debating awards and be able to enjoy the convention. Many suggestions were made and given to Blinn-Bryan Advisor and Navarro College Advisor Phil Sims so bring a proposed draft to the November meeting so the Executive Board can go over and approve. President Romeal Johnson, Navarro College appointed Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC – Waco to coordinate and hold an orientation for the Awards Committee on the first day of the convention.
- f. **Legend Award**– It was suggested that we offer an award for years of service and it possibly be called the Legend Award given by the Executive Board. Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC moved that the discussion be tabled until

tomorrow so everyone has time to think about it. Parliamentarian Edwin Mariano, El Centro College Seconded. Motion carries.

Next day Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC suggested that the award be given by the Executive board only. The only advisors that should be ineligible are the current State Advisor and State Advisor Elect serving that year. It should be given in a closed session. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to call the award "The Legend Award" and to be given by the Executive Board during a closed session. The minimum criteria should include a minimum of 5 years involvement in this organization and the serving State Advisor and State-Advisor Elect are ineligible during their term. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College seconded. Motion carries.

President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College announced that more formal criteria for this award be brought to the November Meeting.

- g. **Presidential Invites** – Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC suggested inviting Senator Obama and Senator McCain to speak at our State Convention. "I understand it will be a long shot and by then one of them will be the next president. I don't feel like it will take much and if we start on it now we will have a better chance. There are options, if they deny speaking in person, we can ask for either a teleconference or a simply recorded message from them." Vice-President Kaci Allison, "Since the Vice-President School is responsible for the entertainment and speakers, I feel like this is something that is impossible and I do not want to do this, and I do not want my name on this." Editor Charity Wilson, "I feel that this idea is good in theory but I agree with Kaci regarding the likelihood this will actually happen." Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to accept the idea. Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC seconded. Motion died.

President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson called a recess at 9:50p until tomorrow.

Meeting called back in session at 3:10p the next day.

Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to add the following to the agenda: Article VII, Subsections J., K., & L. as Student Uniformity Book, Date of Fall Meeting, and Intent to Run Form. Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC seconded. Motion carries.

- h. **Conference packet** – President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navaro College: we need to have this so we can put all necessary information and to have clarification. Would like the Host and Bulletin school to work together on this. Must be specific and to the point.
- i. **Dress code.**
1. Ladies - Dresses, shirts, pant suits, no denim, no flip flops. Pictures will be used for clarification. No bathing suits in lobby. Must be covered and wearing shoes at all times. No athletic wear. No sweat shirts, hoodies, and must have dress jacket if going to wear a jacket. Floor is open for discussion.
 2. Gentlemen - Slacks, shirt, and ties. No polos. Jacket preferred but not required. No hats. No tennis shoes and no flip flops.
 3. Capitol Floor dress code (last General Assembly Meeting)- The dress code is non-negotiable and is strictly enforced the Capitol. Specific dress code will be taken from the Capitol website and

copied word for word into the Convention packet and Uniformity Book. The Floor now closed.

- i. **Poetry Guidelines** – Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC - Waco will bring suggestions to the next meeting.

President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College passed chair to Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College at 3:20p.

Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to put poetry competition in sweepstakes, President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College seconded. Motion carries. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to put poetry presentation on DVD with time limit, and to provide written copies. There is no second. Motion dies. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to open floor. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College seconded. Motion dies. President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College moved to table discussion until November. Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC seconded. Motion carries.

Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College passes chair back to President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College at 3:40p.

Poetry Guidelines rough draft will be brought to November's meeting to go over and approve.

- j. **Student Uniformity Book (SUB)**– Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC would like to strike the advisors contact list from SUB because she has updated and confirmed the information and put it in an Excel file where it will be much easier to look through and edit. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to strike advisors list from the SUB and to put a link to the contact list in the Advisor's Association link. Vice-President Kaci Allison, Amarillo College seconded. Motion carries. Chair will entertain a motion that we have previously outlined dress code placed in the SUB in addition to the convention packet. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco so moved. Parliamentarian Edwin Mariano, El Centro College seconded. Motion carries. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to table this section until November to let Parliamentarian Edwin Mariano, El Centro College read through it and make necessary changes. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College seconded. Motion carries.

Recess 4:25, we will reconvene at 4:30p. Meeting reconvened at 4:30p.

- k. **Dates of fall meeting**- Only available dates are November 6-8 and November 21-23. Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to accept November 7-9. Treasurer Emma Gomez, El Paso Community College seconded. Motion passed.
- l. **Intend to run** – Navarro College advisor Phil Sims stated that the last Executive Board passed a motion to add, "Our School will also guarantee that a student and an advisor will attend all Executive Board Meetings and Convention meetings throughout the year." Parliamentarian Edwin Mariano, El Centro College will ensure to add the necessary changes.

VIII. Announcements- President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College - "We did a great job; we got through everything we needed. I proud of everyone for keeping this professional and working so hard."

Secretary Angela Hernandez, WCJC-FBTC – “I will be sending out emails for Region Convention information in September, it will be sent to the President, State Advisor, and State Advisor-Elect for approval.”

President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson, Navarro College clarifies that all emails sent to schools will go through the Secretary as outlined in her duties with the exception of the bulletins. All emails sent out need approval from your advisor, President, State Advisor and State Advisor Elect.

- IX. Adjournment** – Editor Charity Wilson, TSTC-Waco moved to adjourn the meeting. President Romeal-Dorasay Johnson adjourns the meeting at 8:15p.