

TxCRLA State Meeting
October 19, 2006
Hyatt Regency on Town Lake
Austin, Texas

Attendees: Roselia Galindo, Santiago Silva, Betty Black, Peggy Knight, Karon Mathews, Sharon Haigler, Sharon Pate, Becky Garlick, Lisa Cradit, Judy Hubble, Yonnye Rice-Gardner, Maggi Miller, Shayla Myles, Anne Ward, Patty Rogers, Mauanna Duncan, Sally Cain, Karen Foley, Tracey Williams, Irma Camacho, Laura Villarreal, Olga Thurman, Guillermo Rodriquez, Cynthia Ferrell, Rhonda Torres, Terry Barksdale, Kathy Stein, Ann Rogers

President Sharon Pate opened the meeting by introducing the TxCRLA officers. Members then assembled for a group photo.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sharon Haigler dispersed the treasurer's report from July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006. Balance to date was \$11519.56

Santiago Silva moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Karon Mathews seconded the motion, and the assembly voted to accept the report.

Town Hall Meeting

Kathy Stein summarized the following main points made by **Dr. Raymond Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education in Texas:**

- By 2015, the escalating number of undereducated people will greatly affect the economy and quality of life in our state. Therefore, the need for better developmental education is of paramount importance, and developmental educators are being asked to consider what more we can do to educate at-risk students.
- At least 40 % of all college students take at least one developmental (remedial) college based course.
- Programs are not as effective as they need to be to prepare students for the workplace and life issues—House Bill One is now before the legislature.
- We need to take ownership in terms of preparing students for graduation—taxpayers are inquiring about methods and results.
- The Texas regulatory board is carefully monitoring schools (public and proprietary) that do not meet set standards.

Constitution

President Sharon Pate discussed possible changes to the Constitution of the Texas Chapter of the College Reading and Learning Association. Electronic feedback from the membership is requested.

Attending members contributed the following points:

- Some areas belong in the bylaws section instead of in the constitution itself.
- Perhaps resident qualification for board membership is too strict; therefore, the membership will be queried for suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

The TxCRLA website has a chat room.

STARLINK, an agency of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, was suggested for developmental education programs. Contact Henry Hartman or Becky Garlick at www.starlink@dcccd.edu for password. Interaction will be available for one week past presentation.

Russ Hodges reported the following points of interest to members:

- Current numbers indicate the CRLA Austin Convention is hosting more than 700 attendees.
- Coordination, Collaboration, and Creation of a new professional organization (NADE + CRLA) are necessary steps which should be taken in developmental education.
- TxCRLA officers are to be applauded for their contributions to the field of developmental education.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Ann Rogers, TxCRLA Secretary