

# Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association Fall Business Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 7, 2013 Blinn College – Brenham, Texas

Breakfast was provided by Blinn College – many thanks to the Nies family for providing a lovely meal.  
Special Greeting from President of Blinn College, Harold Nolte

Meeting called to order by Brad Nies, Vice-President @ 9:55 am. In attendance:

Officers:

Brad Nies – Blinn College – Vice-President & Play Festival Host  
Eric C. Skiles – Lone Star College-Kingwood – Secretary & Web-Master  
Sherri Ryan White – Lone Star College-Tomball – Treasurer

Attendees:

Karen King – Panola College  
Jeffrey Wax – Lone Star College-Cy-Fair  
John Corley – Houston Community College-SW  
Damon Gengo – Lamar State College-Port Arthur  
Greg McLarty – Wharton County Junior College  
Debra Schultz – Houston Community College-NE  
Kevin Patrick – Blinn College

Not in Attendance, but Represented:

Nancy McVean – Weatherford Junior College  
Kalliope Vlahos – Lone Star College-Kingwood

I. Minutes from Fall Business meeting were discussed. All agreed that the bi-monthly updates from the Secretary were handy. Sherri moved to approve, Damon seconded, and motion carried.

- **ACTION ITEM** - Eric will continue sending out bi-monthly reminders.

II. Secretary/Web-master report given. No fees due at this time – website domains are paid through 2021, webhosting fees will come up next year (2014). Karen will send Panola's new logo for website. Sherri and Eric will work to get the website linked to the TCCSTA credit card instead of Eric's personal card.

- **ACTION ITEM** – Karen King will send new Panola logo to Eric.
- **ACTION ITEM** – Sherri and Eric will link TCCTSA credit card to Website
- **ACTION ITEM** – Eric will craft language for “webmaster” to put in constitution
- **ACTION ITEM** – Eric will craft “Letter of Participation” for future Play Festival participants.

III. Treasurer's Report given. See attached sheet for balance. “X” is fine at current level. Organization is in good shape after several years of full participation in Play Festival. Plaques have been passed from Sherri (Play Festival 2013) to Brad (Play Festival 2014). We will probably need a few more plaques. John moved to approve BOTH reports, Karen seconded, and motion carried.

- **ACTION ITEM** – Brad will check on Plaques. Karen King is secondary resource – East Texas Awards and Engraving

IV. KC-ACTF update. Eric shared shift in participation from Festivals to at-home Participating productions. Texas I Festival doesn't have enough participants. Texas II Festival in San Angelo will happen. Please consider becoming a KC-ACTF respondent since at-home Participating shows require two respondents and the number of at-home Participating shows is on the rise.

V. TETA update. Eric concludes his term as CU-VP for TETA in January. TETA is moving forward to be more transparent with finances. Audit is complete. Name shift for TETA-AC. We need GOOD representation at the CU meeting this January to elect a VP-Elect who will serve as VP after Michael Burnett.

VI. UIL OAP update. Karen King shared information about new classifications (1A-6A) and the new rules and requirements for Contest Managers. In addition, more plays will be advancing from certain levels. Eric shared the need to everyone to be certified to adjudicate – new classifications, new contest levels (Bi-District), attrition, AND an increased interest in panels means WE NEED JUDGES!

#### VII. PLAY FESTIVAL – Locations

Many thanks to Blinn College for agreeing to host in 2014. Lone Star College-Cy-Fair is interested and happy to host in 2015. The membership is interested in sending out a letter to four-year schools to assess their ability/interest in hosting future festivals and being respondents. Schools mentioned: TAMU-Corpus Christi, Texas Tech, Del Mar.

- **ACTION ITEM** – Eric will craft letter of interest for four-year schools.
- **ACTION ITEM** – Karen will contact Del Mar about hosting AND participating in TCCSTA.

#### VIII. PLAY FESTIVAL – Respondents

We continue to create and maintain a list of quality respondents.

1. Bill Gelber – TTU (Eric)
2. Mary Jane Mingus (Brad)
3. John Hanners
4. Marty Runnels
5. Jackie deMontmillion
6. Carrie Klypchek
7. Jeanette Cliff-George
8. Royal Brantley
9. Perry Crafton
10. Charles Falcon

- **ACTION ITEM** – Eric will contact Bill Gelber. Brad will contact Mary Jane Mingus

#### IX. PLAY FESTIVAL – Future Dates

Dates are set for 2014 and 2015. Eric expressed concern over dates for the 2016 Play Festival. The dates are Mar 2 – 5 – which seems very late and might conflict with Spring Break. Membership agreed that having Play Festival during Spring Break would hurt attendance. Eric moved to suspend constitutional rule for one year and move Festival back to Feb 24 – 27, 2016. Damon & Karen seconded, and motion carried.

## X. PLAY FESTIVAL – Tech Awards Clarification

After being tabled, this item was revisited at end of agenda. We need to re-examine categories, clarify positions, and craft language to better explain the expectations of the students during their tech presentations. Sherri moved to clarify letter “h” under tech awards to read “Multi-Media Design”, Debra seconded, motion carried. Eric moved to clarify letters “i” and “j” to read “Stage Management” and “Direction”, John seconded, motion carried. Language in “1a” should include “1. Artifacts” and “2. Verbal explanation of Design/Creativity/Work process”

## XI. PLAY FESTIVAL – Founder’s Award

Nominees for Founder’s Award include:

- Nancy Keyton (posthumous) – Texarkana Junior College
- Jimmy Tinkle – Angelina College
- Bob Farer (posthumous) – Kilgore Junior College/Grayson County College
- Jim Mammarella – San Antonio College
- Charles Falcon – San Antonio College

Damon moves to cease nominations, Debra seconded, motion carried.

- ACTION ITEM – Brad will try to find contacts for Keyton & Farer
- ACTION ITEM – Greg will try to find contact for Tinkle

XII. TETA Educator of the Year award – Clay Grizzle was this year’s nominee from TCCSTA – his nomination did move forward for vote by TETA. Sheleigh Carmichael’s nomination was shifted to Founder’s Award – her nomination did move forward for vote by TETA. Eric Skiles was nominated for this year’s award by Sherri, Damon seconded, motion carried.

- ACTION ITEM – Brad will complete award nomination paperwork.

## XIII. Officer Elections

President – needed to fill Clay Grizzle’s un-served term. Brad called for nominations. Sherri nominated Damon Gengo, Brad seconded, and Damon accepted nomination. Eric moved to cease nominations, Sherri seconded, and motion carried. Brad moved to accept Damon by acclamation, Eric seconded, and motion carried.

President-Elect – Brad called for nominations. Eric nominated Karen King, Damon Gengo seconded, and Karen accepted. Greg moved to cease nominations, Eric seconded, and motion carried. Brad moved to accept by acclamation, Eric seconded, and motion carried.

## XIV. Other Business

Membership is interested in a Facebook Page – both public and private entities for TCCSTA  
Membership also wants to add Joy Richardson and Tal Lostracco to the Memorial Page

- ACTION ITEM - Eric will create FB accounts and add Joy and Tal to website.

Greg moved to adjourn, Debra seconded, and motioned carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

**TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPEECH  
AND THEATRE ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER REPORT  
2012-2013**

8/28/12 - *Beginning Balance:* \$2460.35

*Deposits:* \$3144.45

Total: \$5615.80

*Expenses:*

*Play Festival:*

Oct 2: Awards and Recognition \$ 726.50

March 2: Critic Judge –Scott Shattuck 728.11

Mar 2: Critic Judge –Joe Angel Babb 606.78

\$2061.39

Bank Fees: 55.49

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Total Expenditures \$2116.88

Current Funds available: \$5615.80

Total expenses -2116.88

9/4/2013- *Total Ending Balance:* \$3498.92

Respectively Submitted,

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