

**Business Meeting**  
**Radisson Hotel, South Padre Island, Texas**  
**October 6, 2003**

I. Call to Order

Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

II. Welcome

Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin thanked the Planning Committee and the educational session presenters.

Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin recognized all newcomers to TACUSPA and the conference.

All past TACUSPA presidents were recognized.

Dr. Jan Winniford, representative from NASPA, was recognized. Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin announced several upcoming NASPA events.

Dr. Steve Sutton, ACPA Commission for Administrative Leadership, was recognized.

Dr. Don Albrecht, outgoing COSS/VP Chair, and Dr. Thelma Douglas, incoming chair of COSS/VP were recognized.

III. Special Presentations

Katherine Swanson, VP for Administration made the presentations for the following awards.

- A. Dissertation of the Year: Dr. Steve Sutton
- B. Mid-level Student Affairs Professional: Dr. Thomas Moorman
- C. Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Kent Gardner

The Distinguished Service Award award carries with it a lifetime membership to TACUSPA. Katherine Swanson also recognized other nominees, Dr. Elizabeth With and Kent Marshall.

- D. GEAR Research Award recipients were announced by Dr. Bonita Butner. The winners were Dr. Frank Shushuk and Terri Garrett from Baylor University. They received \$1,000 for their research.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Keri Rogers presented the budget to the membership (see attached) and recommended that the report be approved; Rusty Jergins seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed.

V. 2002-2003 Highlights

Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin presented the achievements for the past year. Some highlights included: thanking Kathrine Swanson on her work with the awards and the operations manual; acknowledging Dr. Keri Rogers for her diligence with the budget; mentioning the partnership with Campus Compact for the summer conference; recognizing Dr. Thomas Moorman for his work on the website. Frank Ureno, Past President, was thanked for his work with the elections and the membership survey (some specific results of the survey were noted).

Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin also thanked the conference chairs, Dr. Amanda Chesser and Deidra Groves for their hard work on the conference.

VI. Recognition of the 2002-2003 Board Members

Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin thanked the outgoing TACUSPA Board and presented them with a small token of appreciation.

Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin introduced Deidra Groves. Deidra thanked the conference planning committee. Dr. Chesser thanked the presenters, the volunteers, and the conference sponsors.

VII. Passing the Gavel

Dr. Mari Fuentes-Martin passed the gavel to Dr. Darlene Biggers. Dr. Biggers acknowledged Mari and presented her with a plaque and gift.

VIII. 2003-2004 TACUSPA President

Dr. Biggers made her incoming remarks. She thanked former TACUSPA presidents (Dr. Van Wyatt and Dr. Wanda Mercer), UHCL staff members, and those that nominated her originally for a role in TACUSPA (Dr. Rusty Jergins and Dr. Elliot Chenaux). Dr. Biggers outlined her goals for the association.

IX. 2003-2004 TACUSPA Board Members

Dr. Biggers introduced the new board. She also thanked the conference committee.

X. Announcements

The ice cream social was announced.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.