

Business Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2008  
Austin Airport Hilton  
Austin, TX

1. Call to Order & Welcome

President Stephen C. Sutton called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and welcomed all attendees to the 2008 TACUSPA Business Meeting. At this time he thanked the sponsors who made the event possible including Perkins + Will, USA Today, CC Creations, and Public Identity.

2. Keynote Speaker

Ms. Rebecca Lightsey, Executive Director, Texas Appleseed

3. Approval Of Minutes

Rusty Jergins moved to approve the 2007 TACUSPA Business Meeting Minutes. Darlene Biggers seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

4. Recognition and Awards

- a. Research Award – Deidra Stephens recognized one \$1000 research award winner, Robert M. Haynes (Project: “Promoting Academic Success, Life Skills, and Community Awareness in a First Year Experience Program.”)
- b. Distinguished Service Award Naming  
Dr. Wanda Mercer announced the naming of the TACUSPA Distinguished Service Award for Dr. James E. (Jim) Caswell. Dr. Caswell was the first person to receive this award and dedicated many years of service to TACUSPA, the profession and the community. Dr. Caswell’s wife Jackie and son James were present for the dedication.
- c. Awards – Charlin Jones presented and recognized the awards committee and announced all nominated individuals. Winners are:
  - New Professional: Danielle Champagne, University of North Texas
  - Mid Level: Mardie Sorenson, University of Texas at Arlington
  - Dissertation of the Year: Dr. Jennifer T. Edwards, Tarleton State University

· Distinguished Service Award – Dr. John Garrison, formerly of Texas State University

5. Treasurer's Report

John Kalfus reviewed the September 1, 2007-August 31, 2008 financial statement, which included the following totals:

- a. Checking Balance: \$40,398.50
- b. Business Investment Account: \$22,705.10
- c. Certificates of Deposit: \$43,318.96
- d. Total Balance: \$106,422.56

A 2008-2009 budget was presented to the membership in written form. John asked for a motion to approve the statement as submitted. Frank Ureno moved, Darlene Biggers seconded and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

6. Recognition of 2007-08 TACUSPA Board

Stephen C. Sutton recognized the board members with a gift.

7. President's Report and Closing Remarks

Stephen C. Sutton discussed highlights of the past year.

8. Passing of the Gavel

Stephen C. Sutton passed the gavel to Elizabeth With, 2007-2008 President.

9. 2008-09 President's Remarks

President Elizabeth With presented a commemorative gavel to Stephen C. Sutton and made brief remarks about the future of TACUSPA.

10. Introduction of the 2008-09 Board

Elizabeth With introduced the new board which included Stephen C. Sutton as Past President, Amanda Drum as President-Elect and Marlon Anderson as Vice President of Membership and Marketing

11. Announcements

- a. Spring Conference in conjunction with UNT Law conference April 6 & 7, 2009 in Denton, Texas
- b. Fall Conference in El Paso, TX October 4-6, 2009. Gary Edens, Conference Chair called for volunteers.

12. Adjournment

President With asked for a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Rusty Jergins moved and Thomas Moorman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.