



TAPED Biennial General Business Meeting July 21, 2022 Corpus Christi, TX

Meeting called to order 8:30 am by President, Kelley Watt.

Welcome to Omni at the Corpus Christi thank you for everyone's participation.

President's Report – Kelley Watt

As President of TAPED, Kelley also serves as the Chairperson for the SWCED and oversees the 24 member Planning Committee for the two-year process of planning the conference. She presides over the TAPED Executive Board meetings – which determine scholarships, awards, and other business meetings - the meetings are conducted virtually.

The SWCED 2022 had 497 registrants – including 43 families with 36 children whom we took care of during the conference. Kelley said how pleased with our numbers with us all dealing with the COVID pandemic. Kelley thanked and recognized the families in attendance.

Vice President's Report – Debbie Martin

The Vice President is in charge of membership – registration fees for the conference automatically result in membership to TAPED. As attendees of the 2022 SWCED conference, you are a member of TAPED. Based on this year's attendance, we have just under 500 members of TAPED.

Watch your emails for newsletters that will inform you about scholarship applications and submitting nominations for outstanding persons in deaf education. Scholarships are awarded every year, and awards are given every two years. We could not raise all of this money for the scholarships without everyone's baskets

Any current member can nominate someone for the board – candidates must also be current members and must be continuing members, meaning they will continue their membership two years from now.

The Vice President is in charge of special projects for the conference this year. All the money we earn from the auction goes to scholarships. We anticipate a little over \$4,000 from this year's silent auction. We are thankful for the help from RDSPDs for their donations and to the volunteers that helped to staff the auction. We cannot do this alone and are thankful for our volunteers.

Directors Reports – Director of Education – Angela Belding

For the past 4 years, Angela served on the speaker subcommittee for the conference and during the past two years she served on the scholarship committee.

TAPED awarded 5 Scholarships in 2021 and also in 2022. We awarded 5 scholarship winners both years. Imagination Texas has received donations from TAPED as well. Website update and scholarships are

indicated and listed on the website, that you can fill out around early February if you want to nominate someone.

TAPED Website

The TAPED Website has links to all the TAPED Student/Teacher scholarships offered as soon as they are available each year.

The website also has a wealth of information and resources for families and professionals for Deaf Education in Texas.

Director of Parents – Lindsay Chandler

Lindsay's task is to connect parents with other services – over the years, Crossroads and Hands and Voices have gotten stronger, so we have linked out website to theirs and have decided not to re-create that information on the TAPED website. She worked on the Auction subcommittee and stated we raised at least \$4,000 for scholarships due to our successful auction.

Director at Large – Bobbie Beth Scoggins

Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Ed.D served as the director at large and assisted with communication access for the conference – She was unable to stay for our closing ceremony. Kelley reviewed that Bobbie Beth coordinating with the presentations, speakers , interpreter agency, and hotel and venue to ensure access for all activities and sessions.

Financial Report – Treasurer, Dan Diffie and Treasurer Mentee, Elaine Young

TAPED was founded in 1985. The primary purpose was to provide scholarships for deaf and hard of hearing students. Since then we have awarded over \$119,000 in scholarships to 90 DHH students.

In 1999 TAPED began providing scholarships to individuals planning to become interpreters or teachers of the deaf. Since then we have given 22 scholarships to future teachers of the deaf, and 11 scholarships to future sign language interpreters.

The major fundraiser for scholarships has been the Silent Auction held at each Statewide Conference since 1988. This conference we raised \$4,303.

The other income is from membership. \$5 of your registration made you a TAPED member and that \$5 goes to scholarships. The current balance in the scholarship fund is \$20,000.

In 2002 TAPED became fiscal agent of the Statewide Conference. It costs about \$172,000 to put on this conference. Participants' registration covers about 60% of that cost. We could not put on these

conferences without the generous support of our sponsors, and all the volunteer labor of the planning committee.

After all the bills are paid for this conference, we will have a fund balance of approximately \$80,000 to start planning for SWCED 2024.

TAPED currently owns no property.

OLD BUSINESS

Kelley Watt reviewed old business. The TAPED Executive Board is looking into designing a new logo for the organization. Those conversations will continue since this was not completed as previously intended.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business from the members.

2022 Executive Board Elections

Kelley Watt reported on the nomination process. Nominations and voting were done electronically this year. The former board president and designated TAPED members facilitate the nomination process.

Nominees

President – Marina McCormick, Ed.D
Vice President – Bobbie Beth Scroggins, Ed.D
Secretary – Kristin Pfeiffer
Director of Education – Carmen Castro-Trevino
Director of Parents – Lindsay Chandler
Director at Large – Angela Belding

Newly Elected Officers

President – Marina McCormick, Ed.D, Region 4 RDSPD
Vice President – Bobbie Beth Scroggins, Ed.D, SOC
Secretary – Kristin Pfeiffer, ESC 4
Director of Education – Carmen Castro-Trevino,
Director of Parents – Lindsay Chandler, Plano RDSPD
Director at Large – Angela Belding, Retired

New Officers were sworn in. Members can read the by-laws and duties of the officers on-line on the TAPED website.

Swearing In Ceremony –Kelley Watt, Past TAPED President

Oath of Office: *I do solemnly swear to carry out eh duties of my office to the best of my abilities with honesty, integrity and fairness to all.*

Appointment of Treasurer and Treasurer Mentee

According to the By-laws, the President appoints the treasurer. Dan Diffie and Elaine Young will both continue to work together for one more term as treasurers.

ADJOURNMENT

Newly elected President, Marina McCormick came up to say a few words and then adjourned the meeting.

Marina McCormick adjourned the Business Meeting at 9:00 am

The minutes from today's meeting will be posted on the TAPED website.