



TAPED Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2024



Meeting:	TAPED Board Meeting		Key Roles:	President: Marina McCormick, Ed.D. Vice President: Lindsay Chandler Secretary: Kristin Pfeiffer Educator Director: Anne Darr Parent Director: Kristina Ford Director At Large: Angela Belding Co-Treasurer: Dan Diffie Co-Treasurer: Laura Cothran
			Meeting Leader:	Marina McCormick
Start Time:	3:30 PM CST	End Time:	4:30 PM CST	
Location:	Zoom			
Members Absent:				
Meeting Purpose:	October monthly meeting		Notes/Recorder:	Kristin Pfeiffer

Time	Topic	Purpose * (see footer)	Discussion Leader	Desired Outcome/Discussion
	SMORE account	I	Anne	The Board determined a password for the SMORE account, and it will be shared with those who need access to it.
	Social Media and Educational Blog Vision	F	Anne	<p>It was asked what the expectation is from the board regarding the communication team posting schedule on the social media accounts and educational blogs, such as how many posts we envision to be posted and what kind of posts over the next two years.</p> <p>It was agreed that we will need to all look into all of this as it should not be the responsibility of just one person. So everyone needs to think about this so we can come back and discuss some more.</p>
	Scholarships	I	Angela & Marina	



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				<p>Anglea asked whether we posted our scholarship recipients and special award winners on the website and on the TEA Learn site. This has not been done but we will work on this now</p> <p>Marina will update the website and share on TEA Learn with our scholarship and special award recipients.</p> <p>It was suggested that this could also be shared on our social media accounts.</p> <p>It was about the unfortunate sudden passing of a teacher of the deaf from Tyler named Emmaly Modisette Choice. We have begun to receive money in her memory.</p> <p>There was a motion we offer a scholarship for 2025 in her name, and then we will see what happens for the future years.</p> <p>Lindsay seconded the motion, everyone agreed that we will offer at least \$1,000 for 24-25 and if we receive more money we would like offer a second scholarship in 2026.</p> <p>Everyone agreed to offer a \$1,000 scholarship for 2025 on behalf of Emmaly Modisette Choice and then we will decide if there are additional funds to offer another scholarship in 2026 in her memory.</p> <p>Marina will send a letter to family regarding this.</p> <p>A discussion of how many scholarships will we offer for the 2025 year was held. During our non-conference years we do not have registration to assist with adding more money for scholarships but we agreed to continue to offer 6 scholarships for the 2025 school year in the following names:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Emmaly Modisette Choice2. Dorine Cunningham
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				<p>3. Gary Curtis</p> <p>4. Sha Cowan</p> <p>5. Teacher of the Deaf</p> <p>6. Interpreter of the Deaf</p> <p>Dan Motioned that we will offer 6 scholarships for the 2025 school year.</p> <p>Angela seconded the motion</p> <p>All members voted and approved with the 6 scholarship offerings for the 2025 school year.</p>
	<p>Investigate creating of email accounts and PO box to receive purchase orders and sending invoices.</p>	<p>D</p>	<p>Dan</p>	<p>Marina will reach out to Kyle to see if we can create our own email accounts</p> <p>It was discussed whether we need to consider renting a PO box to receive checks in the future. It was stated that to rent a PO Box it currently costs \$16 for a PO box yearly.</p> <p>It was suggested that we create a second document for policy and procedures for new members to be able to carry on with the procedures when there are changes in the TAPED board.</p> <p>Lindsay motioned to purchase a PO box for Dan to receive these checks</p> <p>Kristina seconded the motion</p> <p>Everyone voted and agreed on Dan purchasing a PO box for us receive checks with the idea that whoever is the treasurer will have to purchase a PO box in the future.</p>



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	Bylaws		Marina	<p>Marina asked Lindsay what she need for the creation of this committee to work on updating the bylaws</p> <p>We need to identify who would be on that committee.</p> <p>Anne and Lindsay will reach out to our current TAPED members through an email or form create a group or committee interested TAPED members who will be interested in helping updating the bylaws.</p> <p>Marina and Lindsay will schedule a time to meet and discuss their next steps on developing a timeline and process for working on revision of the bylaws.</p>
	Hot Topics	F	Marina (Facilitator)	

- * P = Presentation
- * I = Information Sharing
- * F = Feedback from all

Action Items:		Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
Marina will update the website and share on TEA Learn with our scholarship and special award recipients.		Marina	
Marina will send a letter to family of Emmaly Modisette Choice regarding the plan of using the donated money in her name		Marina	
Marina will reach out to Kyle to see if we can create our own email accounts		Marina	



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Reach out to TAPED members to seek interest in revising the bylaws		Lindsay and Anne	
Marina and Lindsay will schedule a time to meet and discuss their next steps on developing a timeline and process for working on revision of the bylaws.		Marina & Lindsay	
Meet with your subcommittee over the next month to review the tasks discussed such as review tasks, and projected spending		Everyone	before next SWCED planning meeting