

# AMET General Assembly Meeting Omni Corpus Christi Hotel November 11, 2011

#### I. Welcome/Introductions

- Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.
- Tomas Yañez (Advisor) made a motion to dispense with general roll call. Jennifer Rutherford (ESC 15) seconded the motion.
- Omar Chavez (President-Elect) made a motion to dispense with reading of minutes. Carole Dickerson (ESC 8) seconded the motion.

## II. Officers Positions Opened

- Description of Vice-President and Treasurer positions from the AMET By-Laws were read by Sigi Huerta.
- Dick Van Hoose (ESC 17) was nominated for Vice-President's position. Sigi opened the floor for further nominations for VP. Omar Chavez (President-Elect) moved to accept Dick Van Hoose as VP by acclamation. Linda Easterling (ESC 3) seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Jennifer Rutherford (ESC 15) was nominated for Treasurer's position. Sigi opened the floor for further nominations for treasurer. Marilyn Vieregge (ESC 17) moved to accept Jennifer Rutherford as Treasurer by acclamation. Mariette Burt (ESC 12) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **III.** New Business

- AMET Treasury Report was presented by Brenda Thompson (Treasurer). Angelica Baldivia moved to accept the AMET Budget as read; Herminia Lopez seconded the motion; budget was approved.
- Tomas Yañez (Advisor) presented the AMET By-Laws and explained that they had been posted on the AMET website for comments for 30 days. Aurora Dominguez moved to accept the By-Laws as presented; Jennifer Rutherford seconded the motion; By-Laws were approved.
- Valerie Peake (Scholarships) named the scholarship recipients as listed on the AMET website. 86 applications were submitted: 42 for students attending universities; 40 for community colleges; and 4 for technical/trade schools.
- Mari Lester (ESC 13) explained the launching of the AMET Prescription Discount Card, benefits for migrant families, and funds generated for AMET scholarships.
  - Valerie Peake asked that now that we have AMET members from other States in US
    if we could allow students from those States to apply for scholarships; Indiana had
    participants at the conference and in the audience.
  - Sigi Huerta (President) responded in the affirmative.
- Jennifer Rutherford (ESC 15) mentioned that 100% of the proceeds from the silent auction and raffle would go to migrant student scholarships.



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- Tomas Yañez reminded all that Texas Migrant Interstate Program (TMIP) is meeting with Out-of-State Migrant Staff from MEP Programs to begin the STAAR testing training.
- Mary Lou Canales asked a question about the impact of budget cuts to the MEP funds. Sigi Huerta explained that currently all federal programs except Title I, Part C have a hold harmless agreement which limits budget cuts of more than 10% of program budgets. He has spoken to Lisa Ramirez and Pat Meyertholen at OME and Roger Rosenthal (Migrant Legal Action Program) about instituting that same agreement into the TIC. Sigi also cautioned districts to ensure that MEP funds are being utilized to offer MEP funded summer school given that those generate additional funds for the district and State. As Lisa Ramirez presented in the closing remarks, migrant summer school counts in Texas fell from 25,000 to 5,000.

### IV. Adjournment

• Linda Easterling (ESC 3) moved to adjourn; Mari Lester (ESC 13) seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.