

TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION

Fourth Board of Director's Meeting

2015 – 2016

Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas

June 19, 2016

President Terry Mendez called the fourth Board of Director's Meeting of the Texas Association for School Nutrition (TASN) to order at 4:01 p.m. on June 19, 2016 at the Austin Convention Center, in Austin, Texas.

Terry: Please remain seated while invocation is given by Robert Cuellar.

Invocation was given by Flo Green Area 4 Representative.

President Terry Mendez Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the fourth meeting of the Board of Directors. To the Board of Director members, it is with great appreciation that I want to thank each of you for agreeing to serve our association, and volunteering endless hours of work and dedication. To those in the audience I am pleased to see those of you who have come to see firsthand how your association operates and to gain valuable information. Your attendance at this board meeting, shows your dedication to TASN and our commitment to nourish education by empowering with school nutrition professionals. During roll call as your area representatives name is called, be sure to stand and represent your chapter.

Appointments of Committee to Approve Minutes

The chair appoints Ray Marshall and Shirley Price to approve the minutes of the board meeting.

Roll Call

Present at meeting: Terry Mendez, Debbie Needham, Laura Mason, Gracie Garcia, Sam Guajardo, Jamal Hazzan, Jeannie Stallings, Candace Vaughn, Debbie Pilgrim, Elia Esparza, Ray Marshall, Robert Cuellar, Michelle Skiles, Lois Williams, Flo Green, Melissa Bryan, Charlotte Hokett, Shirley Price, Brenda Rodriguez and Karlyn Thomas. Betty Stanley was at the First Timers Session Joined the meeting while in progress.

Terry: with there being a majority of board members present a quorum is established.

At this time, I would like to introduce Betty Green who is our Parliamentarian and will assure that we do things the right way. Is there anybody I have missed? Any past presidents in the audience?

Adoption of Agenda

Standing Rules; Organizational Affairs Chair Elia Esparza read the Standing Rules.

Adoption of Standing Rules as presented All in favor of adopting the Standing Rules.

Yes 20 No 0

The adoption of the agenda.

The question is the adoption of the agenda granting the president the privilege to make any changes that become necessary.

Are there any changes to the printed agenda?

If not then the question is on the adoption of the agenda as printed or amended, and authorizing the president to make the changes that become necessary. All those in favor of accepting the agenda as printed Yes 20 No 0 The agenda is adopted with authorization for the President to make necessary changes.

Now we will consider additional agenda items that relate to the specific duties and are there additional items to present at this time?

Appointed:

Time Keeper: Dawn Foos

Teller and Page: Emelda Palacios

Our Parliamentarian is Betty Green.

Financial Statement from Jamal

The financial statements were sent out about a month ago, hopefully you had a chance to go over and review the statement that is why we send it out to you. If you have any questions I would be glad to answer your questions.

Report of Officers

President- report has been filed I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the board for all their help during the past three years as I worked my way up. Especially the TASN Headquarters Staff (Karen, Tonya, Valerie, LeAnn, and all of the girls they just keep us on track and they make sure that we meet the deadlines we have to meet. Which is very good because when you are trying to handle a job, a home, you know and appointment like this you need all the help you can get. I would also like to thank all the members of the board, for serving this year with us I'd like to thank Gracie, who has always been there for advice, for always being there for me, and encouraging me to run for president because I probably wouldn't have taken the leap right then and there and Debbie also Thank you Debbie for taking over when I had to leave, I had to leave a couple of times; and I really appreciate that you took over on short notice and carried on with TASN business.

President Elect- Debbie Needham report has been filed: I will tell you that it's an exciting adventure to be a part of the TASN Association and I look forward to serving as your president next year. I think of everything as it's just an awesome day and we should be thankful for everyday that is before us and so working in child nutrition couldn't have asked for better leaders who are serving on this board, we learn from one another. The Headquarters staff is always very very supportive. To our members you need to dig deep and find you a place that you belong here in TASN to serve you do an amazing job with our kids in this great state of Texas; so I encourage you to be a part of to such a great organization like this and volunteer your time. So I truly look forward to meeting with more people and working with each of you in my future endeavor as president thank you.

Vice President- Laura Mason Hello everybody my report has been filed I want to thank everybody for allowing me to this three-year path and I would like to encourage everybody to join in. Who wants to volunteer and finishing up my year as vice president it was not that much at all? It is step by step and it gets a little bit busier, a little more commitment it is not that bad.

So I just encourage you all that are volunteering and anybody that feels ready the vice presidency, it's a great way to start and it's a great organization to be a part of. Thank you

Secretary- Sam Guajardo report has been filed.

Treasurer- Jamal Hazzan report has been filed I would like to take a few minutes to say good-bye to my TASN friends and family. This is my last board report I guess and board function I will attend I am going to be retiring in December. So this I believe is my 25th consecutive conference I have been too. I started back in 1991 in Corpus Christi and I have been to every Industry Seminar and Management Seminar if you remember back in the day when we alternated between the two. I was on the Executive Committee when we changed our name. I don't know if you remember that We use to be the Texas School Food Service Association. We had a lot of debate a lot of negotiations and changed our name to TASN that's when SNA copied us back in the day. We also changed our magazine name Does anyone remember what it was called? The Lunch Bell and we changed it to TASNews I was on the Executive Committee when we changed the name to that. I served you on many committees was on the conference planning committee the PPL committee on a Membership committee, Public information committee, back in the day I don't know if you can remember that. That's when we developed cans for kids, and I know at least in my district we still do that. I served 4 terms as your Treasurer and on the Executive committee for a total of 8 years. I would like to thank you for putting up with me all this time and I would like to thank the members for allowing me to serve you in this capacity Thank You.

Immediate Past President- Gracie Garcia Report filed This is also my last meeting on the TASN board. I want to thank the membership, the current board and of course the Headquarters staff for all their support in my four-year journey. I have been involved with TSFSA/TASN for over 35 years maybe longer I don't remember and I will still be around because TASN is in my heart. I also want to thank everyone that sent cards, emails especially the Headquarters staff a lot of you know that, that was 2 months ago. So the love and support of all the TASN membership and everyone here is just over whelming and like I said I will be around. Thank you.

Report of Executive Committee:

Executive Committee met earlier this afternoon to discuss some motions that were brought to us by committees to bring forth to the Board of Directors.

Motion #1: From the Finance Committee.

Move that we adopt the option one of the 2016-2017 proposed Salary and Benefits for the Headquarters staff as presented by Executive Director Karen Andrasi. Option one increases the SEP from 7.5% back to 10%, also raises

Rational/Background; The Executive director presented the distribution of funds to the Headquarters staff.

Financial Impact/Staff Time Impact/Volunteer Time Impact: The total is under \$12,000 plus the SEP increase from 7.5% to 10%.

The number of funds proposed for the salary and benefits have been included in the 2016/2017 budget.

Motion by: Finance Committee Jamal Hazzan

Second by: Laura Mason

Motion #2: From Executive Committee

Move that membership dues be increased: students from \$8.00 to \$10.00 an increase of \$2.00, Employee, Managers, Supervisors, Directors and Retired increase by \$5.00. Industry Individual from \$100.00 to \$125.00 an increase of \$25.00, Industry Company from \$250.00 to 325.00 increase of \$75.00 for 3 people (transferable). Effective 09/01/2016.

Rationale/Background: Dues have not been increased since 2011, and is needed to help cover cost increases over time.

Financial Impact/Staff Time Impact/Volunteer Time Impact:

Increase revenue by \$40,000.00.

Motion by: Laura Mason

Second by: Jeannie Stallings

Motion #3: From Area Representatives.

Move that all Area Representatives be paid for a fourth night of conference stay 2016.

Rationale/Background: Previously approved to pay three nights but additional responsibilities were adopted these include board training, leadership training and extra responsibilities at conference.

Financial Impact/Staff Time Impact/Volunteer Time Impact due to Area Representatives area no longer attending training in May and September. All these responsibilities have been moved to TASN Conference (under \$3000.00).

Motion by: Jeannie Stallings

Second by: Gracie Garcia

All motions were voted on and passed – any motions that affect the bylaws will be brought to the Annual meeting for review and voted on in June, 2016.

Report of Executive Director Karen Andrasi: Report has been filed. I just want to thank all of you that are going off the board. Please don't be strangers stay involved and let us know what is going on with you, we are a big family here, and those of you in the audience please if you are not involved, get involved, because it is a big family. It's not just coming to conferences we truly care what is going on in your life not just at schools; again this is your association, and so we want to know what is best for you. Thank you.

Report of Area Representatives Jeannie Stallings: Reports have been filed and all Area Representatives have filed a report. At the Annual Meeting we will give a more detailed report as to what the Area Representatives have done and accomplished this year. I do want to tell you that they have done an amazing job and they will all win the diamond leadership award.

Report of Employee Representative KarylIn Thomas: Report has been filed. Just want to say that I will miss everyone. Thank you.

Report of the Standing Committees:

- A. **Education Chair** Betty Stanley- Report has been filed: I would like to encourage everyone to attend the awards celebration, we have a lot of awards and scholarships that we want to celebrate with our members so please attend.
- B. **Industry Chair** Candace Vaughn- Report has been filed: I just want to take a moment to say that it has been a pleasure to work with you, and this TASN Board of Directors, and the membership this year of course I appreciate the numerous opportunities that TASN/TSFSA has created and opened up for me in the last 25 years. I think 1991 was a good year to come into the association but today I want to let everyone know that we have a great exhibits show planned for you all please plan to attend. We have sold 266 out of 290. We have at least 25 new vendors 34 new vendors that are going to be at the show. So it's going to be a great day. Setup starts tomorrow, vendors are going to be ready to see your smiling faces on Tuesday and we are planning a great equipment and food show. Tuesday evening don't forget that we have the industry night of entertainment with food and good live music come have fun with us and lastly I would just like to say as change and things happen you all know that we have to evolve to keep the membership strong. And so please make sure that you discuss things with other members and definitely take Tuesday night to spend time with your vendors. Get their feedback and give them yours as well so we can evolve and grow the association for the future, Thank you.
- C. **Membership Chair** Debbie Pilgrim - Report has been filed. I would like to take this time to say thank you for allowing me to be your Membership Chair. I too am retiring after 27 years and 27 conferences. I'll miss it.
- D. **Organizational Affairs Chair** Elia Esparza- Report has been file. I would like to take a few minutes to thank everybody for allowing me to serve you as your OAC Chair for this school year. Jamal and everybody that is retiring I'm right behind you all, I'm not retiring yet but I'm right behind you all. Thank you
- E. **Public Policy and Legislative Chair** Ray Marshall- Report has been filed. Fellow board members and fellow food service professionals. The board was given a handout and you might not be totally aware of some of the things that are going on. Recently the House of Representatives passed what could relatively called the "improving child nutrition act of 2016", and basically they are wanting to go into block grants. That's at the beginning of the year it could be a three-year cycle. You can look up HR 5003 and get more information on it. At the beginning of the year they are going to say this is how much money you are going to receive for the whole year and so let's say if you live in a state like Texas, and the bottom falls out of the oil industry, so all of the sudden we have a lot more children that need free and reduced meals, you are out of luck you are just not going to get it. I think they tried to do this before back in 1995, and it did not pass. Part of the reason it did not pass is because people like you wrote letters to your Congressmen, your Representatives your Senators; and told them this is not good for our children. So what we would ask of you we won't tell you exactly what to do, but figure out what you think this is best for your kids and if you think that this is the way to go, if not, write your Representatives and let them know. I believe Karen and her staff have sent out an email that you can go online and it tells you who your representative is. I request that you go ahead and put forth a little bit of effort and let your voice be heard. Thank you.

Report of other Committees/Special Reports

- A. Past Presidents Advisory Board- No report.
- B. TDA representative Special Guest – Angela Olige No Report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business was the action items regarding the motions and we went ahead and voted on them.

For the good of the order: Are there any comments regarding for the good of the order? From anyone? Ok I have a couple of announcements to make at this point. As you know in the past the School Nutrition Foundation has had a grants out for school districts in the states to improve breakfast in the classroom they are expanding it this year to 5 more states and so Karen, Debbie, and I took part on the conference call and we were informed that we were like finalist. And recently I guess about a week ago we got confirmation that Texas will be receiving is now part of that grant for school districts to apply and aside from school districts applying you know their criteria you have to have 70% on participation No I'm sorry 70% qualifying for free and reduced meals of participation of less than 50 percent. We will go ahead and put these criteria on the TASN website and it is on the SNA website as well that is part of this grant by going into an MOU with SNA, TASN will get \$10,500.00 dollars which will be in two different installments, so that we may promote this the state level, By all means if you want to increase Breakfast in the classroom start looking at it so you can apply as soon as we get more information from SNA we will be forwarding it to you on an e-blast and on our TASN website. The other good news we got from SNA is that we went up in our membership and certification we will be recognized at the red carpet and another thing is that I want to invite everyone to go to the red carpet ceremony at SNA because SNA will be recognizing our manager of the year and our Director of The Year. The Texas winner for Manager of The year is Flo Green from Beaumont. We did a press release it was in the Beaumont paper we wanted the people of Beaumont to know that Flo was going to get honored at TASN and in the running for the SNA Award. For Director of The Year we nominated; Jody Houston the Director of The Year at the state level and now she has been nominated at the SNA level and to be nominated at the SNA level part of the criteria is that you have involvement with SNA at some point or another. So they will both be recognized in San Antonio.

No further business.

Announcements:

- A. SNA Annual Conference, July 10 – 13, 2016, San Antonio, TX
- B. TASN Headquarters will be closed for Labor Day, September 5, 2016
- C. TASN Second Board Meeting, October 12 – 14 2016, Austin, TX
- D. TASN Industry Seminar, October 31- November 2 2016, Horseshoe Bay TX
- E. SNA School Nutrition Industry Conference January 20-24 2017, Orlando FL
- F. TASN 3rd Board Meeting, February 15 - 16, 2017, Austin, TX
- G. SNA Legislative Action Conference, March 31 – April 4,2017, Washington, DC
- H. SNA Leadership Conference, May 3 – 6 2017 Baltimore, MD
- I. TASN Annual Conference June 18 – 21 2017, Houston, TX

Karen has an announcement: Just wanted to let everyone know that we will be moving our Headquarters office to another location due to some building issues (at current location) that were creating health issues as well as an increase in rent they are going to charge \$1,000.00 more for the same amount of space per month. The cleaning fees and maintenance fees just kept going up so was \$1,400 hundred dollars more than what we are paying now. We found some place that wasn't going to charge that and it's a clean building (not that ours isn't) there are just some cosmetic things that need to be worked on so we are moving the last week of July so please BE patient with us. The phone may be out for 45 minutes to an hour if they are down a little longer we are coming back we promise. Also, TASN Headquarters office will be closed July 11 because we will be attending the SNA ANC in San

Antonio I have people staggering, we will be partnering with SNA then everyone will be back. Thank you.

We will post the new Address.

Board meeting adjourned 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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