

Meeting Minutes for TCFS Spring Conference 2-28-2021 (Zoom Meeting)

Dr. Wynne Chin called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Dr. Alba Ortiz shared the annual budget report, Total assets \$49,383.94 this is for the Savings and Business lines combined.

After expenses are debited for payment of secretarial fees total assets to be \$46,383.94.

(Liability of \$3,000.00)

Total revenue brought into TCFS to date are \$1,300 from virtual conference registration fee collected. (\$25.00 per individual).

This leaves the TCFS budget currently at \$47,683.94 as of 2-28-2021. Dr. Ortiz emphasized that she felt that the budget was healthy and raised no concerns at this time.

Dr. Alba Ortiz entertained a motion to approve the annual budget report. Dr. Ravi Prakash moved to approve the annual budget report and Professor Woosley seconded the motion. All were in favor and it passed.

Dr. Wynne Chin discussed the current vacant positions to be filled and reminded the membership that it is a two-year term starting the 1st of May 2021.

The two regions that were up for new leadership positions were the VP for South Central Region as well as the East Region.

During this time, Dr. Cynthia Paccacerqua from UT-Rio Grande Valley and Dr. Ari Sherris from Texas A&M Kingsville expressed a desire to Co- Chair as VPs for the South Central Region for the next two year term. Dr. Sherris, also expressed his desire to serve as Co-VP. He stated that they would not divide time, responsibilities, or representation during this time, but rather work collaboratively. They both agreed to work together to insure a peaceful and organized transition. They addressed questions regarding voting privileges. Dr. Trevor Hale recommended that they would both be given half a vote. Dr. Joseph Velasco disagreed with the half-vote recommendation and recommended that the Co-VPs be required to jointly vote after reaching consensus with each other. Further, Dr. Velasco recommended that when one is not present to vote, the other would represent the South Central region with a full vote. That way, the South Central region would always be fully represented when either one or both Co-VPs present. The group generally demonstrated agreement with Dr. Velasco's recommendation, and both Co-VP nominees agreed to the recommendation, as well, and understood the TCFS bylaws as presented to them. Dr. Wynne Chin suggested that such an amendment be treated as a temporary amendment of the "one from each region" VP rule (see Article VI, TCFS Constitution and Bylaws) for experimental purposes. This would allow for the organization to authorize this type of collaboration and give the organization more time to revisit our policies and procedures and

bylaws. He also stated that this amendment will be for the next two years and is not in any way permanent.

At this time Dr. Wynne Chin entertained the motion to pass a temporary amendment to the TCFS bylaws for the next two years to allow for regional Co-VP positions who would jointly vote when both are present.

Dr. Brian Evans moved to approve this motion and Dr. Trevor Hale seconded.
The motion passed.

Dr. Wynne Chin then asked the group if any other candidates from the South Central region are nominated. Seeing none, Dr. Chin entertained a motion that Dr. Cynthia Paccacerqua and Dr. Ari Sherris be approved as Co-VPs of the South Central region through acclamation.

| So moved Dr. Jennifer Lane.

Dr. Trevor Hale seconded.
The motion passed.

There were some general discussions in regard to the VP position for the East Region. The Executive committee asked if there were any individuals interested in running for this position. No one came forward. Professor Woosley motioned that Dr. Trevor Hale from Texas A&M College Station remain as TCFS East Region VP. He graciously accepted. Dr. Ari Sherris seconded and Dr. Wynne Chin made it so by acclamation.

During this time Dr. Jeff Blodgett from the University of Houston-Victoria discussed the Collin County faculty member that had been fired for free speech violation. He asked if TCFS would be willing to write a formal statement against the unlawful firing of this faculty member.

A sub-committee was formed in order to draft this statement.

The members of the sub-committee are: Dr. Jennifer Lane UNT-Denton, Dr. Tatia Jordan UT-Arlington and Dr. Jeff Blodgett UH-Victoria. They agreed to correspond and work together to draft this formal statement.

Dr. Elizabeth Beavers discussed with the group about the importance of intellectual property. She wanted to ask that TCFS highlight this topic in future meetings.

Dr. Jeffry Babb (West-Texas A&M University) motioned that we adjourn the business meeting.
Dr. Ludovic Sourdout seconded.
Dr. Wynne Chin adjourned the TCFS Spring business meeting at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Keri Sourdout, Executive Secretary, TCFS.