

**AMET Conference Planning Committee Meeting
McAllen Embassy Suites
February 12, 2012**

- Officers and Directors in Attendance: Sigi Huerta (President), Wade and Sondra Burroughs (Executive Directors), Dick Van Hoose (Vice President), Omar Chavez (President-Elect), Noemi Ochoa (Past President), Jennifer Rutherford (Treasurer), Linda Aranda (Secretary), Tomas Yanez (Special Programs Advisor); Peggy Wimberly (Higher Ed. Advisor), Veronica Burgoa (United ISD), Lisa Hernandez (ESC 3), Herminia Lopez (Goose Creek CISD), Brenda Thompson (ESC 5), Vicky Lopez (ESC 9), Jessica Quintanilla-Shelton (Irving ISD), Carie Downes (ESC 12), Mari Lester (ESC 13), Emilia Moreno (ESC 14), Olalla Gonzalez (San Felipe ISD), Diane Reid (ESC 16), Edna Garcia (Plainview ISD), Aurora Dominguez (Ector County ISD), Margarita Harmeson (Canutillo ISD), Paula Renken (ESC 20).
- Invited Guest: Blake Powell (Legal Counsel), Susie Coultriss (TEA), Lisa Ramirez (OME), Pat Meyertholen (OME), Dr. Mary Ramirez (San Felipe ISD).
- Officers and Directors Not in Attendance: Idalia Ibañez (ESC 2), Idalia Summers (Madisonville CISD), Marianela Bowen (Chapel Hill ISD), Carole Dickerson (Harts Bluff ISD), Mariette Burt (ESC 11).

I. Welcome/Introductions/Roll Call/Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
- Sigi asked if AMET Board of Directors had quorum established which was affirmative.
- Sigi mentioned a correction was needed on agenda: Omar Chavez is President Elect, not Vice President. He also indicated that TEA and OME representatives were invited as special guests and the agenda order could possibly change to accommodate these guests.
- Motion was made by Dick Van Hoose (Vice President) to suspend reading of minutes to cover all items on the agenda; Paula Renken seconded the motion.

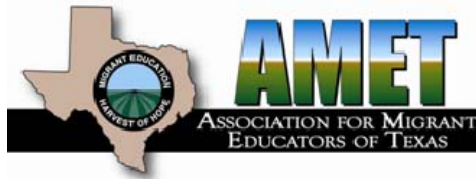
II. Old Business

A. Conference 2011 Updates

- Since Idalia Ibanez (ESC 2) was not present Wade Burroughs (Executive Director) presented the Conference 2011 information. Wade explained that 501 registrants attended the conference; but expenses were more than expected. AMET netted \$38,681.85. Evaluations were just received Friday, Feb. 10, 2012 which show the conference was well received. All matters were handled in an expeditious manner. Wade said if committee had any questions, he would address them.

B. Leadership Programs

- Sigi reminded Board that BCLI and Close-up presented at last meeting. He asked if anyone is sending students. Paula Renken (ESC 20) said they are sending 30 to Close-up; Omar Chavez (President-Elect/ESC 1) is sending 30; Aurora Dominguez (ESC 18) is sending 5 to BCLI. Diane Reid (ESC 16) might send 20 to Close-up or BCLI. Sigi asked if anyone could compare the 2 programs. Paula said their programs wanted a change mainly for set-up and supervision at dorms in the BCLI; so they went with Close-up. Sigi said Close-up is not



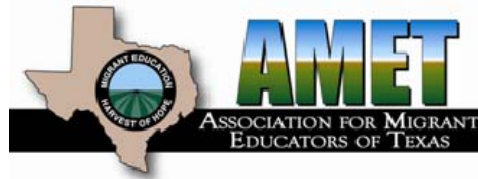
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migrant specific and students met students from all around the country. Omar has used both and when evaluating the costs, Close-up is less expensive; he saved \$30,000. Paula said the difference is more than likely due to cost for flights which the ESC or LEA would have to pay. Chaperoning issues was another concern and Close-up has more supervision than BCLI. BCLI is having a special this year but they can't beat the cost of Close-up. Texas Migrant Interstate Program (TMIP) is still paying for 15 children to attend BCLI. He still doesn't know if all 3 ESCs will be sending 15 students yet. Lisa Ramirez (OME) has also offered to meet our students in Washington D.C. Dick Van Hoose (VP) asked why TEA questions a district sending students to Close-up or BCLI if they support it by approving it as allowable expense on application. Omar Chavez (ESC 1) sends students and doesn't have an issue with TEA. Dick has sent students from Lorenzo ISD by using Education First (EF) Tours but some of the districts in his area were denied. Sigi asked Peggy Wimberly (UT) if students that participate in BCLI can complete a US History or Government course when they return to get credit so a summer enrollment may be included. It could be that they also do the same for Close-up. Dick has gone with EF Tours and if they need to modify their trips to match the program offered through BCLI, they would. Edna Garcia (ESC 17) indicated that Lorenzo de Zavala School in Austin also has a similar program but it is cost prohibitive. She mentioned that TEA denied approval on the NCLB consolidated application indicating that the expenses were not reasonable or necessary. Sigi said we need to question Susie Coultriss from TEA and Lisa Ramirez from OME as to this issue.

- Aurora Dominguez (ESC 18) said that Close-up has a program for immigrants and migrants this year. Dick said his TEA negotiator told him LEAs do not have to request this type of trip on application. Paula Renken (ESC 20) pays for half of the expenses with TIC-SSA funds and other half from the ESC Grant funds as a college readiness item.
- Mari Lester (ESC 13) said the BCLI and Close-up programs are the same with the exception of the flight arrangements; Sigi called airport and they would charge \$75/student for arrangements. Paula Renken (ESC 20) said Close-up also allows substitutions right up to the day they leave and waives costs for making arrangements.

C. Insurance Committee

- Mari Lester (ESC 13) provided an update from the insurance committee. She asked that this would be a two-way report because since we had a BIN number issue the committee needed to know if anyone had any problems or successes with the prescription discount cards.
- Tomas Yanez (TMIP) asked if we could place something about the BIN issue on the AMET website. He also asked if families on CHIPS and Medicaid could use the cards. Mari (ESC 13) said Medicaid and CHIPS is better because they get prescriptions free or at a lower cost. Also this card is not just for Migrant families. It provides a better discount for the uninsured and people with deductibles because the amount paid after the discount will count toward deductible. If the cards are used more widely, we could generate more funds to use toward more scholarships for our migrant students. Sigi wanted insurance for kids in the fields and



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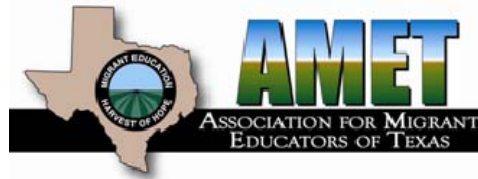
the insurance card was suggested by insurance company. If we need additional cards, let Mari know. If problems, have the pharmacy call the number on the card.

- Jennifer Rutherford (Treasurer) asked if committee chair would send an email out to all directors when the BIN problem is fixed.

III. New Business

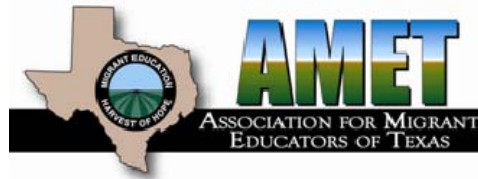
A. Invited Guests

- Pat Meyertholen (MEP Coordinator for OME) and Dr. Lisa Ramirez (Director of OME) were introduced by Sigi.
 - Dr. Ramirez began by saying that it was not an accident that OME was present. They have a specific reason for being at this meeting. Given that Texas has the second largest MEP program, with re-authorization of ESEA and other things that are going on at federal level that impact State, Lisa wanted AMET to think of ways we can reach each other. The federal program works with MEP through State Directors because the State is the grantee. States sub-grant out to LEAs but that is not the case everywhere. Some States contract their entire program out and not operate the MEP directly. One of the beautiful things of MEP is that it is supplemental so States and LEAs can be completely innovative. One of the things OME is asking is to for us to begin thinking outside the box.
 - Whenever OME starts talking to States the first thing they ask for is for the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) for their State. They look at data that will feed into CNA. We can't under estimate the role of parents and Out-of-School Youth (OSY) because many are emancipated youth traveling on their own. From the State CNA, the State will develop Service Delivery Plan (SDP). When we talk about SDP at State level each sub-grantee should be reflecting pieces of SDP in their individual programs. Evaluation of SDP will look at implementation of plan and activities of the SDP. All that information is used to inform next round of implementation of that plan.
 - With the new model Texas has it is much more transparent with what we all do. On the website there are different models and regulations, reports, etc. so that anyone working with migrant programs have access to that information. If OME gets a call from LEA at local level, they must let the State Director know of that call. OME works with States to build capacity so if OME doesn't know what is needed, they can't build capacity in that area.
 - Every State should want to help each other because we share the same kids.
 - In the role of MSIX, Texas MEP has a crucial part. Texas has had its place in the public eye and we need to get those areas addressed. OME wants to help Texas and we need to let them help us. OME wants Texas kids and families doing well because when OME has to justify this program to Congress they want to have the right information to give Congress.



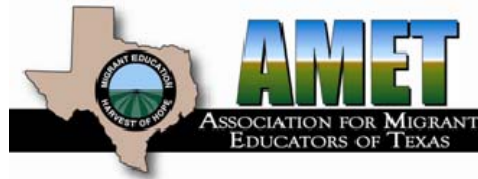
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- Re-authorization still hasn't happened. Proposals are not law yet and won't be until re-authorization happens. There are some bills currently being proposed that have not been passed. Even if re-authorization happened today, it could be years before bill becomes law. It might not happen this year because it is an election year.
- One such bill was proposed in October 2011 which is US Senator bi-partisan bill to overhaul ESEA approved by the Senate committee. Current bill, presented by Congressman Cline, has support of House republicans but not democrats.
 - In this bill in the Senate side, the State allocation would be modified so the formula would include the average # of children identified in the past 3 years. This would still be ages 3-21 years old, but include kids served in previous summer program. This would add more weight to summer counts. It would also have a hold-harness agreement of 90% of funding it received in the previous year. This would only be for 3 years. If you had a small number but then increased in number, the State would be suffering because it would get the same allocation for 3 years. Tennessee is hurting now. California is the largest and they have so many in their summer program so they won't suffer at all.
 - PFS – This bill would give priority to children that made a move the previous year and are failing or have dropped out of school. Some states won't recognize drop-outs until it is in writing. In terms of interpretation, if children are still eligible, why are we not serving them and find a way to make them successful. Too many people have already written them off. LEAs pad their pockets with OSY but don't want to serve them.
 - Coordination of Migrant activities between SEA, SOA, and counterparts in other nations. Currently OME works with Mexico with Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) but are seeing a large group of population that are not Mexican and they don't have this agreement. OME has to make people understand that migrant students are not all immigrants, all ELLs, etc.; mobility is what differentiates migrant students from other students.
 - This bill could propose the creation of grants for interstate and intrastate credit accrual. This would look differently in each State depending on State's graduation requirements. Data would have to be submitted on annual basis. Some of the definitions that would change would be food processor, agricultural fisher and worker, initial processor, temporary and seasonal employment being work that lasts no more than 15 months (now it is 12 mos.); most of children that qualify now in this area would still qualify but perhaps we would have more qualify.
 - We used to have 800,000 students and now 430,000 students. Even if our population would be smaller, we would serve more children.



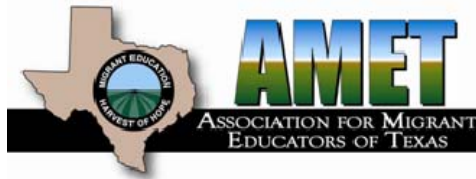
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- We need to consider if we are spending more on identification and not enough on services. Currently, we have a lot of students running around with COE and not being served.
- In the House Bill-
 - State allocation would be same as the one on Senate, average of 3 years and an emphasis on summer program counts.
 - PFS would be children failing standards but NO interruption of schooling or mobility is required.
 - The section of combining funds in Schoolwide programs which is prohibited in current statute would be excluded. This is highly detrimental to migrant students.
 - In Coordination of Services, Consortium Programs (SIG Programs) would be eliminated.
 - No changes to definitions.
 - Funding flexibility-separate funds for migrant, ELLs, but all merged under TIA. This would provide flexibility but it might not help migrant kids get services they need. Civil Rights groups have spoken up against this issue.
- If we want to see entire proposed bills we can see them on websites:
 - www.help.senator.gov
 - www.edworkforce.house.gov
- Flexibility Waiver and how it impacts the MEP
 - NCLB maintains same overarching goals of ESEA. Under NCLB by 2014 everyone is supposed to be at 100%.
 - Reauthorization has not happened and Secretary Duncan asked for “Flexibility” Waiver for 2013-2014 for AYP, TIA schools that met AYP, corrective action for restructuring. Certain LEAs that don’t meet that percentage have requested waiver to transfer 100% of certain grants into TIA.
 - Flexibility can only be given for rigorous or comprehensive programs that meet 4 principles
 - Adopt College and Readiness goals
 - Committee adopt and implement principal and teachers
 - 11 States have applied for these flexibility waivers (Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Indiana, Rhode Island,... and New Mexico)
 - Texas is not one of these states nor is California or Pennsylvania. They can do it later if they want.
 - Texas has said they will have 100% of students by 2014 on target because they have not applied for flexibility.
 - MEP funds may not be used with flexibility waiver (no combination of funds with MEP)



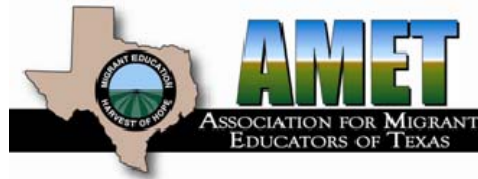
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- State PAC also needs to be asked if funds can be combined
- OME is still working with states on accountability to make sure they have what they need.
- We have a smaller pot of funds. This administration is looking for student performance. GPRA (Government Performance Reporting Goals). Each state submits to OME a report of student performance. Texas has already been doing this. MSIX, EDEN, or other ways to send that data.
 - Group of 9-state directors from each region to look at setting new performance measures at national level. Texas will get to see how they rank on performance measures compared to other states.
 - OME reports Congressional Justification to Congress to justify the funds they need.
 - We will also be developing State profiles so that we can share data with State and local MEP. The profiles will highlight States' strengths and show areas where improvements can be made.
 - Performance Measures that currently are being finalized center on:
 - Percentage of students proficient in reading and math
 - Percentage of MEP students who graduate or are promoted to next grade level (This looks different than graduation rate because it is hard to look at graduation rate for migrant students.)
 - Amount of funding allocated to states per student success (which is defined as number of students graduating or being promoted to next grade level.)
 - Percentage of students who had already passed Algebra I or enrolled in higher level math class before entering 10th grade
 - The percentage of consolidated records that have been entered into MSIX (In the perfect world, we would have everything on the system for every student.) Agency has invested a tremendous amount of money in this system but it means nothing if we don't use it.
- They will still have developing State profiles so that we can share data with State and local MEP. Texas has all their data in already on MSIX. What New Mexico and Colorado do affect all other States; what we all do, affects all States.
 - If some States are not using MSIX and our students are considered as dropouts, we need to tell OME so they can contact that State. In statute, States are supposed to transfer student records and if they are not using MSIX to do that, they have to have another system to transfer those records or they are not meeting statute. We need to let Pat Meyertholen know if this is not happening.
 - Texas is the largest sending State and Texas is entering all the data for students; but we don't just send the transfer. Other States need to put their data into MSIX so Texas has the data on their students when they return to Texas. We must advocate for them.
- Dr. Ramirez addressed the following questions:



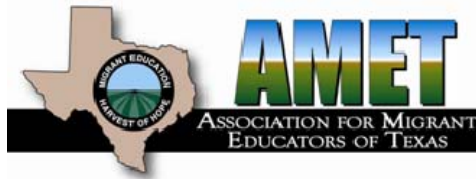
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- Ollala Gonzalez (ESC 15-San Felipe ISD) asked for clarification on data stated above.
- Mari Lester (ESC 13) asked about performance measures. Dr. Ramirez' answered that collecting success rate in MEP is difficult.
- Dick Van Hoose (VP) asked how Texas would fare if bills were passed as stated above. Dr. Ramirez said Texas has seen a drop in numbers due to our eligibility criteria so it would hurt Texas. She said we have the capacity at the State level on how this can happen. CNA drives everything. What does Texas need and how are we doing what we said we would be doing. The most detrimental comment has been "doing the same thing we have always done" since it has been 45 years since MEP was implemented.
- Dick (VP) said it is sometimes hard to be innovative with limited funds. He thinks we are restricted because we are limited by TEA. Maybe there should be better coordination between State and LEAs. Dr. Ramirez said Susie at TEA has been very open with OME even though she has only been there 5 months. Dr. Ramirez reiterated what she said in Nashville about being innovative and having a fresh outlook. When we are doing things that are working, we are afraid to change. We have to change to make it better, not just change it for the sake of changing.
- The anti-immigration sentiment we have going on currently has impacted our parents. Many parents are afraid to come to meetings, or even go to school for fear of it being a set-up or immigration raid. We need to be innovative like the district that set-up iPads for parents to use in participating in a meeting anonymously so no one knew where they were meeting. This took out the fear factor for parents.
- OME is very small but committed and mission driven to serve kids. We all have to know that rules and regulations affect our kids and families. Every child we graduate or don't graduate affects our communities. Lisa Gillette is a program officer whom we can call at any time. OME may seem like they are far away, but they are not that far. Arnie Duncan reminds them that they don't work for programs, they work for the government. Today, Dr. Ramirez is working for MEP.
- Dick (VP) said TEA has done a good job getting money to ESCs since they are critical to meeting needs of the rural populations and getting the information back to LEAs. Dr. Ramirez also coordinates with rural populations because they are her direct neighbors. She is from a rural area and knows that ESC 17 saved them all the time. Some LEAs have under used or not used their ESCs at all.
- Pat Meyertholen mentioned what ESCs can do to impact funds. One thing they can do is work with the OSY Consortium Grant to help in working with OSY. Typically, LEAs and ESCs work well with dropouts to get them back in school but many OSY are "Here to Work" and don't want to go to school. We need to do a better job and AMET can be proactive with this area to determine what can be done. The numbers of summer programs have gone down. Since many AMET directors are from ESC,



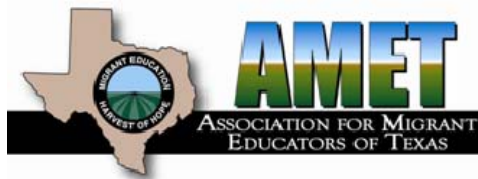
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- we need to think outside of box in the summer math programs that can have an impact on future funding. It is easy to serve the little kids but we have to do a better job of serving the middle school. There are some simple things you can do such as finding out how these children that are most at risk can be helped. We have many HEP and CAMP programs that want to work with this population of kids. Washington State is right behind Texas. Washington has already set up middle school and high school programs to go to CAMP and HEP programs. CAMP only pays for 1 year but at St. Edwards University CAMP they have many endowments and private funds that can fund students' 4 years in college.
- Edna Garcia (Plainview ISD) has parents wanting to be part of summer program so they are looking at family program for summer. Lisa said some programs have technology program for the parents. Health and Nutrition programs for parents in the summer.
 - Dr. Ramirez said this is a time for change in Texas but every state is only as strong and their leader. Susie Coultriss (TEA) is a strong leader and OME is prepared to stand by and support Susie. Sometimes the answer is "No" but just because they don't say "Yes" on everything doesn't mean we have to stop asking. They are very happy to collaborate with AMET on State Conference.
 - Susie Coultriss (TEA) is from Laredo and a child of migrant parents. As an educator she was teacher of migrant kindergarten class for her first assignment in Laredo ISD; was also parent educator in the Valley, San Antonio, and Round Rock area; and district coordinator for bilingual/ESL and migrant programs. Forty percent of migrant students are ELLs. Susie's style of leadership is open door policy. Susie has been at TEA for 6 years in Bilingual/ESL Program. Five months ago she was assigned Director of Title III and Migrant; and she kept Bilingual/ESL program. Susie's passion is just as strong. She has 24 hour turnaround on calls. Susie will give AMET her cell phone so we can feel comfortable calling her directly. The Migrant Education Program is now under C&I Division but it was never left without a leader.
 - Susie mentioned that one thing that was brought forth to her since she became Director was the 5% ADA exception (1st and 6th six weeks are taken out of the equation for ADA). Migrant kids are not present at the beginning of the year or at the end. You have to have 5% migrant population of entire student population before this exception will go into effect. This rule was established in 1991-1992 Chapter 129 TAC. TEA has proposed this to be changed to 3%.
 - Another proposed change is to have ID&R and NGS training online.
 - Dick (VP) comments that AMET is representing the entire state and we all have a passion to serve our migrant students. We need TEA to support LEAs in their innovative thinking and provide more local control.
 - Dr. Ramirez said AMET and meetings such as this provide healthy conversations. Many States don't have an organization that can be the voice for MEP. OME gives



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- grant to State and they go back to SEA when they see something that is not following statute. This is why it is so important to know what the State Delivery Plan (SDP) is so all the needs and activities an LEA and ESC wants to address will meet the SDP.
- Dr. Ramirez said that when States have a plan for the year but have money left in the budget they didn't use, it hurts the State because a little bit will add up very fast. If the State didn't use it the previous year, why would OME give them more? We should be mindful of MEP budgets. Edna (Plainview ISD) said sometimes we are afraid to spend it if it is not the right way. Lisa said that is why we need TEA for technical assistance to LEAs on how MEP funds are spent.
 - Susie (TEA) realized TEA needs to provide more guidance on allowable MEP expenses and activities. MEP State team needs to have meetings with auditors for consistency. Susie wants us to send requests and if activities are tied to Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and SDP it will be approved and allowable. It must be documented that it was a need. If one LEA doesn't have the activity documented but it is a good idea, it is still not allowable. (i.e., going to BLCI or Close-up). Dr. Ramirez suggested starting with the end in mind and work backwards; we won't have to spend money all at end of the year.
 - Dr. Ramirez asked about audit feedback. She mentioned that 133 and AGI audits are federal audits that are all public audits and anyone can see them. We can access them on their website (Harvester has all audits for any State conducted by Federal). Ed.gov website has any educational program public records. If it is State Audit, it is not public until released by TEA.
 - Mari Lester (ESC 13) asked where we might go to get information that is Statewide on Migrant, such as the fact that 40% of migrant students are ELLs. Susie (TEA) mentioned we can see the CSPR data results (2 years behind) on the website.
 - Sigi wanted everyone to introduce themselves so Susie and Dr. Ramirez could see the makeup of AMET. He mentioned the need to have TEA representation in the AMET Conference Committees for our State Conference. Susie asked that we send her an email of what our needs are. Sigi also would like to request from HEP and CAMP representative to present at State Conference. TEA would not be at the Board of Directors meetings, but TEA would be at State Conference Committee meetings.
 - Pat said this is an awesome opportunity to have AMET and OME collaborate at the 2012 Migrant State Conference. HEP and CAMP will be there first that week. There will be a lot of opportunity for collaboration.
 - Dr. Ramirez said in 2006 she came to a Texas Migrant Education Conference and was already trying to make this collaboration happen. AMET has established a great reputation at the National level.
 - Sigi thanked OME and TEA for their support of AMET.



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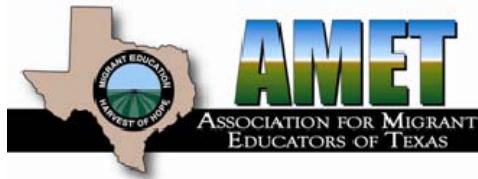
B. 2012 Conference

- Wade Burroughs (Executive Director)-The 2012 Conference will be held on November 14-16, 2012. It was changed to the second week of November because OME couldn't participate the previous week due to elections. Tuesday and Wednesday OME will have their conference; AMET will open on Wednesday night and continue through Friday. AMET Conference Planning Committee will meet with Pat (OME) on Tuesday, November 14 in the morning to plan the transition and academies OME will conduct for AMET.
- OME will present our Academies on Wednesday afternoon. We hope this won't create a problem since OME can't charge for their sessions and AMET does.
- Paula Renken (ESC 20) asked if OME would use Texas people for their workshops as presenters. Sigi said he would find out and provide an answer after the meeting Tuesday.
- Jennifer (Secretary) asked if we could offer NGS and ID&R sessions on Thursday's breakout sessions. Sigi will suggest that to planning committee. Normally OME has Monday and Tuesday but this year, HEP and CAMP are conducting their conference Sunday through Monday; OME will hold their conference Monday through Wednesday.
- Wade explained that AMET has the Hilton or the Pearl (Formerly the Sheraton). When those are posted on AMET, we need to make reservations. We will have the AMET Board of Directors' meeting Tuesday evening.
- There is a concern that AMET might not be able to have vendors at the conference because we only have 2 breaks on Thursday and none on Friday.
- Tomas (TMIP) voiced a concern that it will be longer now that OME will be presenting Tuesday through Wednesday and AMET Wednesday through Friday.
- Sigi mentioned OME can't do anything after 5 p.m.
- Wade said a lot of OME's participants are from out-of-state people and they might be able to stay for AMET conference. We have no history on this so it is hard to guess.
- Sigi said it is important to have good keynote speakers for opening and closing to bring participants and keep them through Friday.
- Jennifer asked if we are encouraging out-of-state people to join AMET. Wade said we are.
- Susie said TEA will be at the AMET conference so we might want to have TEA present on Friday.
- Wade's recommendation is that we don't have anything on Wednesday evening and combine the social with the dance. Sigi doesn't want OME to finish and go home if AMET doesn't start until Thursday morning.

C. Committee Chairs' Updates

By-Laws Committee

- Tomas Yanez (TMIP) said no other recommendations to change By-Laws have come in so we might be close to a good place with them. By-Laws are on AMET website.



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Scholarship Committee

- Mari Lester (ESC 13) reported that Valerie Peake said 10-\$1,000 scholarships and 1-\$2,500 scholarship have been awarded for total of \$12,500. HEB donated \$5,000 and Valerie is speaking to them about another contribution. As regional directors we must make sure students submit applications to regional director by March 31, 2012. Regional directors will review them and send to Valerie. Peggy meets and scored the applications. Each application is scored 2-3 times. Long process of reviewing each application for each criterion. Last year we had about 100 applications from which to select the recipients. There are 5-6 members on the committee. Names are on the website. This year, they will follow the same process. If someone in this room wants to participate as reviewers for the selection of awards, they are welcomed to come to Dallas, TX., May 14-18. If we approve the budget, we will also offer \$12,500 for this year. Valerie is involved in Edudaris and she just dropped in the AMET scholarship and any migrant student that has 2.0 GPA is triggered and emailed to apply.

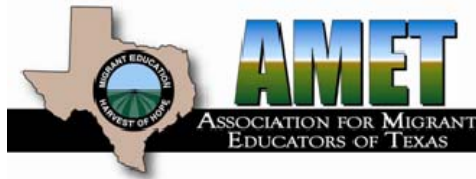
Fundraising Committee

- Jennifer Rutherford (Treasurer) said we raised \$1,145 at 2011 AMET Conference. The Hat with State pins brought most money (\$200). Patsy Caudill might be able to make another one for 2012 Conference. If we have any State pins, please give them to Jennifer. Simon Silva's prints brought the 2nd highest amount. Veronica can bring a Ramon print. Jennifer said the best idea was the silent auction because it brought more money. Vendors also gave some items as fund raisers. Lakeshore also donated items.
- Sigi thanked Jennifer for volunteering to chair this committee.

D. Action Items

Approval of Budget

- Wade explained that 2011 Conference brought in \$39,499.69. Expenses were \$76,527.78, leaving a deficient of \$37,028.09. Costly items were food and hotel. AMET spent \$82,000 for hotel and AV equipment. We had \$38,681.85 net. Projections for 2012 are \$188,000 based on 600 attendees and 15 vendor booths. Total expenditures \$103,350 for a net of \$85,650. If this is approved and is accomplished we would have a profit of \$16,658 after balancing the budget, including the Harvest of Hope (HOH) donation if we decide to contribute again.
- Sigi asked for questions. Tomas asked if scholarships were included and they were not. Tomas asked if the \$500 for each exemplary student was included (5-6) and it was. Dick VanHoose (VP) moved to approve 6 scholarships; Carie Downes (ESC 12) seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wade acknowledged that the items above will be added to the budget.



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- Mari Lester (ESC 13) asked if we were going to make another donation to HOH for \$5,000. Carie Downes (ESC 12) made a motion to approve the budget with inclusion of the added scholarships. Brenda Thompson (ESC 5) seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Jennifer Rutherford (Treasurer) asked if the conference budget is approved, does that mean Valerie Peake's fees are also approved.
- Paula Renken (ESC 20) moved that the conference committee budget be approved as presented. Mari Lester (ESC 13) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Other Business

- Paula Renken (ESC 20) announced that she will have a new position at ESC 20 as Field Service Agent and will stay as ESC 20 regional director of AMET until the November 2012 election.

V. Adjournment

- Carie Downes (ESC 12) moved to adjourn the meeting. Emilia Moreno (ESC 14) seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.