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## CTEN Board Meeting

May 2, 2007

Attendees: Dr. Marlene Zipperlen, Ben Saage, Joe Shaughnessy, Steele Cooley, Annette Scott, Lance Zimmerman, Dale Norwood, Stanley Harris, William Roming. TSTC Representatives: Pat Davison, Jake Beaver and Sherry Tucker

Dr. Zipperlen called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their time.

The first order of business was to review the draft minutes from the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Saage made a motion to approve and Mr. Roming seconded. With no questions all were in favor and the motion was passed unanimously. The Minutes will be posted on CTEN's website.

Old Business, CTEN sponsored a lunch for an alternative event for Waco ISD and CTEN received thank you from President Stuckly and the Board of Regents for our donations. This is the type of support and partnership CTEN will continue to nurture and support when possible.

Old Business, CTEN has opened a checking account Educator's Credit Union and the Board needs a resolution so that others can sign checks. CTEN opened the account with \$35,879.45 from the Membership Dues TSTC was holding from prior years.

Dr. Zipperlen opened discussion about expenditure amounts and authorized signers. Mr. Cooley requested approval to be made via e-mail and any expenditure in excess of \$500.00 would require Board approval. A motion was made by Steele Cooley and seconded by Ms. Scott adopt the resolution. With no questions, all were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Scholarship Award Committee met (Ms. Scott, Mr. Saage, and Jan Hungate) reviewed the applicants and \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to:

- Kevin Fikes, Rosebud-Lott ISD
- Rebekah Soukup, West ISD
- Carlos Garcia, Cameron ISD
- Justin Law, Crawford ISD

The criteria used were enrolling at TSTC, a senior at a school who is a CTEN member, 2 letters of recommendation, photos, and an essay. A letter will be given to each recipient instructing them to contact Sherry Tucker at TSTC upon enrolling and she will deposit

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the scholarship into their accounts. Ms. Scott will make the presentations at the General Membership Meeting and respond to any late applications, as well as their superintendent notifying them of the award. The recommendation was made to also contact local newspapers to have announcement in the local newspaper.

Mr. Cooley was in charge of the Lynn R. Francis Technology Award nominations. The committee and received 4 nominations and after much review, it was awarded to Sherry Tucker for her overall support of CTEN and their customers.

The Board member election results will be announced at the General membership Meeting.

Mr. Cooley is working with Edley ISD and will be glad to introduce them to the CTEN membership.

The update to the 501©(3) status is that there is one item needed to complete the entire process, which Sherry Tucker has been challenged to complete. She is very close to having everything done and has been requested to keep up with the hours she spends on this project.

Mr. Davison has visited with Belton ISD and found that the transport cost is what the issue was that led to their leaving CTEN. Cost-wise CTEN was very competitive; however, the winner did not charge the transport cost and we lost the customer. The meeting was a good ice breaker and Belton is stilling wanting to remain in good standing with CTEN and the good news is they only signed a one-year contract with Time Warner.

Mr. Davison updated the board on the large staff turnover he is experiencing and ensured them he is focusing on the applicants' charisma because while we can train technical, we cannot train people skills and the ability to market CTEN. He is focusing on pushing forward and bringing in new customers. He is also focusing on the Internet2 and is working to re-staff and then move forward on Internet2 because he believes it is a huge opportunity. The customers do not need any additional equipment on their end.

Mr. Will Roming has a customer (Plutonia ISD) who has expressed concern with their current provider and it is the opinion of the Board that all new customers are welcome if it's still cost-effective for the customer.

Dr. Zipperlen expressed the need to make sure we are not a well-kept secret and with the dedication of the Board and the willingness to get the word out to prospective members.

Briefly the board reviewed the events of the day.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Saage to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Roming.