

**Texas Association of
Vocational Adjustment Coordinators
February 4, 2011**

Board Meeting

Our 2nd board meeting of the year was held January 29-30, 2011 at the Hilton Lincoln Center in Dallas, Texas.

Conference News-Highlights

The 2011 TAVAC Conference will be held at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol-August 1-4, 2011. The Theme: The Music of Life. Conference Fee-\$215.00, however the Late fee is \$275.00.

Keynote speakers Include: Richard Froeschle-Labor Trends
Jennifer Kemp: US Dept. of Labor Jim Hanophy-DARS
ESC: Rules and Regulations Legal Issues
Vocational Assessment

DARS Liaison-John McCann

Reported that DARS will be rewriting Transition policy for Counselors and should be available by Conference time and they can present the new policy at that time.

ESC Liaison-Angelica Rodriguez

Reported on:

> Graduation: Beginning 2011-2012 school districts will be required to review the content of locally developed courses for alignment with the TEKS to ensure students receive instruction that is aligned with the required course and respective EOC assessment.

>TAKS-M and graduation-Students who have taken modified coursework that count towards graduation requirements will only be able to graduate under the minimum plan.89.1070 (c)

"Graduation by IEP"

>VAC vs. CTE

>SPP Indicator 14 data-state and regional data available through your ECS

>Personal Graduation Plan/IEP-the IEP must contain all the requirements for PGP if the IEP is going to serve as the PGP

>Post-Secondary Goals/Annual Goals/Objectives

>SB 35 & HB 357

Materials and links are posted on

<http://tavac-board.wikispaces.com/>

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee:

Final corrections on the scholarship application and the rubric were made and are on the website. VACs are encouraged to work with their students to turn in corrected applications to their regional reps. Only applications that follow the guidelines will be considered. Students that qualify are paid and non-paid Special Education students that are going to a community college, trade school or continuing education. I will need to have the applications turned in to me by March 10, 2011 during our ADAVAC meeting.

Constitution/By laws Committee:

Go to the website for changes in the Constitution. The changes will be voted on at the Conference.

Web site Committee:

Discussion was held on how to make the Website more user friendly: i.e. will the public have access to the whole website or will there be areas of access for TAVAC members only.

Conference materials from speakers and sessions are being considered to be posted on the Website.

Public Relations Committee:

Will be updating the handbook.

Next TAVAC Board Meeting

April 2-3 in Austin at the Sheraton Hotel. Regional Reps will be arriving on Friday, April 1, to start reviewing all the scholarship applications.

Future Conference Sites

2012-Dallas, Texas Hilton Lincoln Center-The Board is looking at reducing the Conference by one day-Mon-Wed. The Board is also considering having several selected cities to host the Conference and then several regions would assist with hosting.

Texas Transition Conference-February 7-9, 2011

ADAVAC MEETINGS

March 10, April 19, May 20, 2011 (Scholarship Social)

Sincerely,

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