

East Texas District Meeting
April 19, 1018

The East Texas District met in Nacogdoches at the Women's center classroom of Nacogdoches Medical Center.

The TPTA board meeting is April 21 in Austin, Texas and Polly Bowers-Maness will attend. She was asked bring the issue of reimbursement for PTAs being reduced beginning in 2022 before the board.

Polly also attended the Lone Star Legislative Summit in Nacogdoches last week and the PTA SIG board meeting.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

The treasurer reported that there has been no change to the treasury.

Rubye Kendrick, our delegate to the APTA HOD is looking for a roommate for the HOD meeting.

Technology: Amanda Storer reported that we have GoTo Meeting capability, but because of the lab portion of tonight's presentation it was not used. SED is helping us with a trial of GoTo Meeting.

Elections: We should have on-line voting before the end of April. We hope to get more participation using on-line voting.

GAC: no one from the ETD is able to go, due to expense and schedule conflicts.

Laurie Hurst has the list of key contacts, and still needs some for the northern part of the district. She has talked with Senator Nichols.

Polly gave a brief rundown of current membership. Polly's question to us: "Do your patients know that you are a member of a professional association?" An effort is being made to obtain something for the clinics that mentions a therapist's professional membership. Comments should be sent to TPTA.ETD@gmail.com.

An education coordinator is needed for the district, as the current coordinator is finishing a term.

Someone is needed to help attend the payor relations committee meetings.

The next meeting is in September, TBA.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by a presentation by Dr. Jurist, MD, about shoulder and elbow pathologies and current treatments. A second presentation was given by Russel Maness and Polly Bowers-Maness: Tae Kwon Do: an Adjunct to Physical Therapy.

Respectfully,
Ann Huffstetter,PTA
District Secretary