

East Texas District Meeting
April 21, 2022

The East Texas District met in a hybrid format at Kilgore College and via Zoom.

Agenda:

TPTA website has added a “communities” button the website, which is still difficult to use at times. There are communication issues with the TPTA staff, perhaps due to problems on both sides. No CCUs were given for tonight’s presentation, since it was not clear to the staff that the presentation merited CCUs.

Treasury: There have been no recent expenses. The only income has been dues.

Vice Chair: Carla Holmen reported that the next district meeting will be on September 15 at TJC. There will be a summer board meeting, probably in August to finalize plans for the seminar in October.

This is an election year for vice chair and for secretary. It was moved by Ann that the elections be held online. Laurie seconded the motion which passed. Ann Huffstetter is willing to serve as secretary, and Carla Holmen as Vice Chair, if elected.

TPTA executive board report:

Fair pay will be an issue at the next Texas legislative session. CMS is limiting providers in certain areas. The TPTA payment committee is working on the limitations imposed.

Direct access: commercial insurance will pay. Federal will not.

The chapters will be restructured; restructuring is still in the talking stage. TPTA website is still not user friendly; a “communities” button has been added. There are problems with member engagement statewide, not just locally.

Membership: ETD has 285 total: PT: 123, PTA: 55, Students: 107

PT month: We are considering having a picnic in the park with a silent auction and donations for the scholarships.

APTA HOD: will be August 13-15, 2022. Laurie needs to know our concerns.

The speaker for the evening was Denise Gobert, DPT, on the topic of the Tom Waugh leadership Program.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Ann Huffstetter
District Secretary