

East Texas District Meeting
November 18, 2021

The ETD met at Kilgore Junior College and via Zoom on November 18, 2021.

*Welcome and thanks were given.

*Texas Annual Assembly: We met quorum for the assembly with particularly good representation from the ETD. Polly received an email from the Speaker of the assembly thanking the district for our attendance which was more than the minimum. Hot topic for the assembly was transitioning new officers and the timing of elections for all districts. The orientation process for new officers needs improvement.

*Financials for the state: We are holding well despite reduced membership. Our reduced travel has saved money. The TPTA staff is working from home with the phones rolling over to homes, and TPTA no longer is renting office space. The office space was costing \$6500.00+ per year.

The ETD has saved on travel, and needs to have fund raisers for our scholarships.

*New Business: A discussion about the type of meeting to hold for the ETD was held, and the consensus was to continue using a hybrid model for now. During the registration process for succeeding meetings some means of getting a head count of physical attendees will be required so we can plan appropriate meeting space, food etc.

*Craig Tonglet, executive director of TPTA has requested that any requests sent to staff be copied to him so he can delegate tasks appropriately.

*CSM will be in San Antonio this year, and persons attending in person will need to bring proof of COVID vaccination or a negative test 3 days prior to be admitted to the conference.

*New officers were sworn in: Shaunda Kwiatek, Chair, Laurie Hurst, Delegate, and Carla Holman, Vice Chair, Vivianna Barrientos, Treasurer.

*Three scholarships were awarded: ETD scholarships to Ashley Schafer, SPTA at Tyler Junior College and Tiffany O'Brian, SPTA at Kilgore Junior College. The Ron Maness Memorial Scholarship was given to Catherine Sellers, SPTA at Kilgore Junior College. The Ron Maness scholarship honors Ron Maness, Polly Maness-Bowers' brother in law, a respiratory therapist who died in 2019.

*Our Tom Waugh leadership development mentee is now a fellow. Congratulations to Shaunda Kwiatek for completing her fellowship.

*Education: Karen Gordon, PT, the PT Coordinator at the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Examiners presented "Regulatory Update: Texas Board of PT Examiners for 1.5 CCUs via Zoom.

*The next meeting of the ETD is scheduled for February 17, 2022. Details will follow.

Respectfully,

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District Secretary