

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS  
TSTA HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
April 15-16, 2011

**NOTE: Items in parentheses at end of line indicate the time for the same item the previous year for comparison purposes.**

House of Delegates Opening Session called to order at 2:40 p.m., Friday, April 15 (2:39)

**First Business Session**

Called to order at 3:45 p.m. (4:50)

Adopted by voice vote Credentials Committee Report prepared at 3:20 p.m. (4:41)

138 Local Delegates (300)  
30 Board Delegates (31)  
2 TSTA-SP Delegates (8)  
0 TFA Delegates (0)  
9 TSTA-R Delegates (17)  
2 Supervisory Delegates (5)

181 Total Delegates (2010=361, 2009=190, 2008=401, 2007=270; 2006=314; 2005=284; 2004 = 253; 2003 = 266, 2002=282, 2001=343)

Motion to adopt Standing Rules

Standing Rules adopted by standing division without amendment

Chair announced that 4:58 p.m. would be the deadline for submitting NBIs (6:05)

Agenda adopted, with flexibility of the chair, on voice vote

Report received from Credentials, Bylaws and Elections Committee (CB&E)

Proposed Bylaw Amendments (to be voted on by secret ballot on Saturday morning)

Bylaw Amendment 1

No Amendments offered

Bylaw Amendment 2

No Amendments Offered

## Bylaw Amendment 3

No Amendments offered

Discussion on bylaws ended at 4:20 p.m. (6:02)

President called attention to the written reports submitted by all of the TSTA Standing Committees and given to each delegate. She commended the work of the committees and informed the delegates that the written reports were informational; any recommendations from Standing Committees that require action by the delegates will be presented as an NBI.

Executive Director Report

Chair announced that time had expired for NBIs at 4:58 p.m. (6:05).

PAC Pitch, 4:59 (6:06)

Membership Awards

Speeches by Candidates for TSTA Vice President began at 5:43 p.m. (None)

Speeches by Candidates for NEA Director, Place 3, began at 6:15 p.m. (None)

Speeches by Candidates for Third Alternate NEA Director began at 6:35 (None)

Speeches by Candidates for ESP at-large Board members began at 6:47 (None)

Announcements

Recessed at 7:00 p.m. (7:20)

## **Second Business Session**

Called to order at 10:07 a.m. (10:04)

Adopted by voice vote Amended Credentials Committee Report prepared at 9:59 a.m. (9:59)

335 Local Delegates (406)  
30 Board Delegates (31)  
8 TSTA-SP Delegates (8)  
0 TFA Delegates (0)  
17 TSTA-R Delegates (19)  
3 Supervisory Delegates (6)

393 Total Delegates (2010= 470, 2009=480, 2008=631, 2007=426;  
2006= 417; 2005=537; 2004 = 426; 2003 = 390, 2002=414, 2001=462)

Began the required one hour of action on NBIs at 10:11 a.m., starting with GIO items.

GIO-1 Motion to refer to appropriate committee; motion to amend to specify referral to NEA RA Caucus. Debate on amendment closed on standing division vote. Chair declared amendment adopted on standing division vote. Counted vote requested and granted by majority on standing division vote. Amendment failed 87-222 on counted vote.

Motion to amend to refer to Communications Committee. Debate closed on all pending questions on standing division vote. Amendment failed on voice vote.

Motion to refer declared failed on voice vote; division requested and granted; motion failed on standing division vote.

GIO-1 adopted on standing division vote: GIO-1 as adopted:

I move that TSTA/NEA create an online membership form. This would allow for members and potential members to submit an application for membership, pay dues, and update personal contact information.

[After other intervening business, Motion made to reconsider vote by which GIO-1 passed; motion to reconsider was defeated on a standing division vote.]

Chair announced that the body had completed more than the required one hour of debate on NBIs, but because of having completed only one NBI, she intended to do some more before moving to other items on Agenda.

GIO-2 Without objection, withdrawn by maker.

GIO-3 Without objection GIO-3 was withdrawn by maker after he learned of Board action from previous day to establish a Task Force to study rotation and timing of HoD,

GIO-4 Debate closed on standing division vote. GIO-4 defeated on voice vote.

Having completed more than one hour of new business, Chair moved to other business at 11:40 a.m.(11:21).

Received Report of Board of Trustees for Permanent Fund

President's Address

Elections Committee Certified and Reported the following results at 12:40 p.m.(11:57 a.m.):

Proposed Bylaw Amendment 1

376 votes cast, majority (187) required for adoption. 330 for, 46 against; bylaw (revising method for calculating required ethnic minority representation) passed.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2

372 votes cast, two-thirds (248) required for adoption. 352 for, 20 against; bylaw (setting uniform due date for most local compliance documents) passed.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment 3

366 votes cast, two-thirds (244) required for adoption. 328 for, 38 against; bylaw (defining nature and terms of TFA affiliation with TSTA) passed.

TSTA President and First Alternate NEA Board Member

Rita Haecker was the only person to file for either of these position and was declared elected to both.

TSTA Vice-President

381 votes cast, 192 necessary for election. Jason R. Hillman, 161; Noel Candelaria, 195; David M. DeLuca, 25. Noel Candelaria declared elected.

NEA Director, Place 3

381 votes cast, 192 necessary for election. Rae Nwosu, 230; Glenda S. Hawthorne, 150. Rae Nwosu declared elected.

Second Alternate NEA Board Member

340 votes cast, 171 necessary for election. Jason R. Hillman, 132; Noel Candelaria, 161; David M. DeLuca, 47. No candidate received a majority, so a runoff election was declared necessary, to be held during the lunch break, between the two with the highest vote totals, Jason R. Hillman and Noel Candelaria.

TSTA Board of Directors, ESP At-Large (2 positions)

383 votes cast, two with highest vote totals elected by plurality. Maggie Uzzell, 131; Bobby Lerma, 229; Jeannette Garcia-Avila, 223. Bobby Lerma and Jeannette Garcia-Avila declared elected.

The Chair announced that the polls for the runoff election would be open from 1:30 to 2:30.

Recessed for lunch at 1:10 p.m. (12:04)

### **Third Business Session**

Called to order at 3:01 p.m. (2:11)

Adopted by voice vote the third and final Credentials Committee Report prepared at 2:57 p.m. (1:57 p.m.)

335 Local Delegates (406)  
30 Board Delegates (30)  
8 TSTA-SP Delegates (8)  
0 TFA Delegates (0)  
17 TSTA-R Delegates (19)  
3 Supervisory Delegates (6)

393 Total Delegates (2001= 470, 2002 =418, 2003 = 397; 2004 = 432;  
2005 = 548; 2006=420; 2007=428, 2008=632, 2009=480; 2010=470)

Chair recognized Vice-President Hillman for a special announcement.

Vice President Jason Hillman announced that he had submitted to President Haecker his written withdrawal from the runoff election for the position of Second Alternate NEA Director because he believed that those duties should be performed by the TSTA Vice President and that the delegates had already elected that office.

The Chair declared that, because of Jason Hillman's withdrawal from the runoff, Noel Candelaria was declared elected as Second Alternate NEA Director.

The Chair recognized Elections Chair Russell Teeter for a supplemental report.

The Elections Committee reported and certified the results of the election for Third Alternate NEA Director as follows:

319 votes cast, 161 necessary for election. George Edward Borrego, 157; Tony Uzzell, 161. Tony Uzzell declared elected.

Began New Business Items at 3:30 p.m. (2:14).

GIO-5 Editorial changes accepted without objection. Approved on a voice vote.  
GIO-5 as adopted:

Whereas Texans value the benefits of a strong public education system and the invaluable contributions of teachers and other public education employees. This public support is particularly strong during difficult budgetary times because strong public schools are key to a stronger, future economy.

Whereas the Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to make “suitable provision” for an “efficient system of public free schools.”

Whereas there is nothing suitable or efficient about a public education system that ranks a poor 37th among the states in average expenditures on per-pupil instruction, more than \$1,300 less than the national average, and 37th in average teacher pay, almost \$7,000 less than the national average.

Whereas there is nothing suitable or efficient about a school finance system that faces a \$10 billion deficit for the upcoming biennium because of the Legislature’s failure to fully pay for school property tax reductions ordered in 2006.

Whereas budgetary plans to cut billions of additional dollars from the public schools would cost tens of thousands of educators their jobs, would cripple the education opportunities for tens of thousands of Texas children and would be a complete abdication of the Legislature’s constitutional duty.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the House of Delegates of the Texas State Teachers Association, meeting in El Paso, Texas, on April 16, 2011, demand that the Legislature meet its revenue shortfall and adequately and equitably fund the public schools and other critical public needs by taking the following, balanced steps:

1. Spend ALL of the money in the Rainy Day Fund, a projected \$9.4 billion. Texas taxpayers approved this fund as a savings account to help meet financial emergencies. They don’t want that money to sit in the bank while classrooms become overcrowded and neighborhood schools are closed.
2. Make the maximum use of federal dollars, including \$830 million in education jobs funds that finally may be coming to Texas.
3. Examine exemptions from state taxes to determine if any have outlived their usefulness and should be repealed. TSTA, however, supports continued sales tax exemptions for essentials such as groceries and medicine.
4. Find new tax revenue. Enrollment in Texas’ public schools is growing by 85,000 children a year. Texas’ outdated, inefficient tax structure cannot keep pace with this growth or dig the state out of its budgetary hole.

GIO-6 Debate closed on standing division vote. Adopted on voice vote. GIO-6 as adopted:

I move that TSTA Member Benefits look into integrating our member discounts onto our membership card.

Without objection, the required one hour of New Business action was interrupted at 3:58 to receive special guests.

PAC Pitch

Resumed action on New Business at 4:12 p.m.

GIO-7 Adopted on voice vote. GIO-7 as adopted:

I move that the strategic Focus Form TSTA uses transfer the cells in this MS Word document to an Excel spreadsheet, so the columns can be calculated, and cells contain formulas to ensure the document is balanced and in line with the proposed budget amount.

GIO-8 Defeated on voice vote.

GIO-9 Substitute offered, then defeated on voice vote. Second substitute offered. Debate on substitute closed on standing division vote, then this substitute defeated on a voice vote. Debate closed on standing division vote, Original NBI declared by Chair to be adopted on voice vote; division requested and granted. NBI adopted on standing division vote. GIO-9 as adopted:

I move that TSTA fund an ESP conference annually, centrally located.

GIO-10 Debate closed on standing division vote. Chair declared NBI defeated on voice vote. Division requested. NBI defeated on standing division vote.

CBE-1 Adopted on voice vote. CBE-1 as adopted:

Move that the CB&E Committee is directed to draft and present to the House of Delegates in 2012 a bylaw amendment that would establish a Standing Committee to monitor compliance by local associations and determine eligibility for receiving appropriate rebates. The bylaw shall provide that a local may appeal an adverse decision by the Committee to the TSTA Board of Directors. The bylaw shall provide for the Board of Directors to adopt a policy regarding the process to be followed by the Committee.

CBE-2 Adopted on voice vote. CBE-2 as adopted:

I move that CB&E Committee be directed to draft and present a bylaw amendment to revise substantially the compliance requirements for locals. The amendment shall provide for locals to self-select from among at least three options, each with different compliance requirements and different rebate amounts. The compliance requirements for the highest of the three tiers shall be similar to the current requirements, including the requirement for submitting annually a plan based on the full capacity local requirements and a report on the outcomes from the plan for the previous year, and shall be contained in the proposed bylaw. The rebate for this tier shall be higher than the current rebate amount. The bylaw may delegate to the TSTA Board of Directors the authority to establish by Board Policy the compliance requirements for the other tiers and to set the rebate amount for each tier, provided that none of the rebates for these tiers may exceed the current rebate amount.

CBE-3 Debate closed on standing division vote. CBE-3 defeated on voice vote.

CBE-4 Without objection, withdrawn by maker.

Patrick Hammes, Chair of the TSTA Legislative Committee recognized to give Committee Report at 5:15 p.m. Legislative Chair Hammes concluded the report by moving the adoption of the Legislative Program. All legislative NBIs were presented in the form of amendments to the Legislative Program.

LEG-1 Debate closed on standing division. Adopted on voice vote. LEG-1 as adopted:

Section Amended: 4.2

Beginning Line No. 137

one that includes all campus instructional personnel. In addition, the impact of a growing number of inclusion special education students in the general education classroom requires an additional reduction in class size based on the number of inclusion students in a classroom.

LEG-2 Amended on voice vote. Adopted as amended on voice vote. LEG-2 as adopted:

Section Amended: 2 (new 2.1, renumber accordingly)

Beginning Line No. 49

Legislation that increases the minimum requirements to full certification for holding any supervisor or administrative position and not be eligible for exception by TEA.

LEG-3 Adopted on voice vote. LEG-3 as adopted:

Section Amended: 1.4

Beginning Line No. 23-24

Such as Masters Degree, Specialist Degree, Doctorate or Multiple Certifications

LEG-4 Adopted on voice vote. LEG-4 as adopted:

Section Amended: 4.3

Beginning Line No. 139

Delete the words “registered nurses,”

Add new 4.4 – Legislation requiring at least one full-time registered nurse on every campus. (Re-number accordingly.)

Having addressed all LEG NBIs, the body approved the Legislative Program as amended on a voice vote.

NBIs were completed at 5:42 p.m. (5:10)

Gordon Gauthier, George Cordova and Winifred Jackson, Texas’ representatives on the NEA Resolutions Committee, gave a brief report to the delegates.

Door Prizes awarded while waiting on PAC results.

PAC results were announced at 6:07 p.m. (5:13)

Total New Continuing Contributors 36 for \$8,675 annually (80 for \$9,240)

Total Upgrades 77 for \$7,965 (49 for \$5,760)

Total Cash \$2,443 (\$2,460)

Total Increase \$19,089 (\$17,095)

IGGY Winners:

New Continuing Contributors: Region 2E with 10 (1A, 9)

Most Upgrades: Region 2B with 12 (2F, 6)

Highest Total: Region 3D with \$2,821.50 (3D, \$2,821.50)

Points of Personal Privilege began at 6:12 p.m. (5:20)

Motion to reconsider all actions taken by the HoD. This traditional (though unnecessary motion) was defeated on voice vote 6:35 p.m. (5:18)

Announcements

The 132<sup>nd</sup> TSTA House of Delegates adjourned at 6:37 p.m. (5:53)