**2019 TAER Business Meeting Minutes**

**03/30/2019**

**I. Meeting called to order: Jill Brown, 8:25 AM.**

**II. Treasurer’s Report: as of 3/30/2019**

Checking Account Balance: $92785.70

Business Investment Account: $7757.28

January-December 2018 Budget:

Income: $56462.23

Expenses: $70009.93

Final Balance: $67235.74

The audit committee reported on the audit conducted at the conference. The books were reconciled.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report: Chris Tabb moved to accept the Treasurer’s report as read. The motion was seconded and approved.

**III. Secretary’s Report:**

Business Minutes from TAER 2018 Read by Janice Moran

Motioned to accept minutes from TAER 2018 Business Meeting: Angela Howe moved to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and carried.

**IV. Old Business**

Co-Treasurer Position:

Membership unanimously voted to add a co-treasurer position to the TAER Board of Directors.

**V. New Business -**

***A. 2019 TAER Conference Committee Report -***

Reported that there were 340 registered for this year’s conference. States represented were TX, OK, MA, AL, IN, and AR. We have 224 AER members and 3 renewals at the conference. There were 21 volunteers who signed up to serve on conference next year.

19 Vendors Present

2 Pre-conference Sessions which were full with waitlists of at least 50 people.

48 Breakout Sessions

3 Division Meetings

Silent Auction: 43 Items were donated. We raised $1618.00.

***B. Legislative Committee Report* – Jill: There are currently 3 bills up for discussion within the TX Legislature. Senate Bill 522; Taking the wording out of Functionally Blind during a Learning Media Assessment to replace with visual impairment. Tactile learning assessments must be done on all students.**

**DBMAT is working to increase Medicaid Waiver slots so that service providers can be added to help serve our population. Both bills are on the Senate floor.**

**The Support Service Provider bill introduces the addition of SSPs, which are different from intervener positions.**

***Stephanie Walker reported on legislation related to TEA, OSEP, the IDEA code, and Special Education. The definition of IDEA has been revised. Further information is forthcoming.***

***D. Election Results* – Jill**

Past-President: Michael Munroe

President Elect: Belinda Rudinger

President: Dr. Rona Pogrund

Member-at-Large: Kathie Preece and Mary Shore

***Secretary: Janice Moran***

***Treasurer II: Cheryl Austin***

***E. 2020 Conference***

***April 2-4; Embassy Suites, San Marcos, TX***

***F. From the Floor: None***

**VI. Outgoing Board Member Recognition**

* Tracy Hallak
* Stephanie Walker
* Andrew Bernet

**VII. Business Meeting Adjournment: Michael Munroe moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Adjourned at 8:45 AM