

## North Texas UTPA Alumni Meeting Creation of Alumni Association

Saturday, July 23, 2005  
Avalon Park, Lake Lavon

The first meeting to create an Alumni Association was called to order by Minerva Moreno. A packet with general information was handed out to the alumni.

The following were present:

### Alumni:

Alex Quezada  
Ginger Quezada  
Gilbert Moreno  
Minerva Moreno

José L. Sánchez  
Russelle Wade  
James Murphy  
Lolo Pulido

Cruz Salinas  
Blanca Salinas  
Alberto Rincones, Jr.  
José Martinez

### Staff:

Debby Grant  
Velinda Reyes  
Ann F. Minnis

### Action Items:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Minerva Moreno at 5:50 p.m.

### Discussion items:

Debby Grant, UTPA Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, discussed the importance of chapter alumni organizations, responsibilities, links to university, and expectations of organizations. She explained that there was only one other alumni organization group in Houston, others were in the process of being formed, and there is much local interest and anticipation of a Dallas/Ft. Worth area alumni chapter being formed.

Minerva Moreno asked for a vote to approve the creation of an alumni organization. It was unanimously supported. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> alumni organization formed.

Minerva Moreno discussed recommended officers and duties for the officers. She asked for nominations for the offices of President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. She explained that the office would be for one year and that the President Elect would be expected to step into the Office of President in the next year. The officers elected were:

President	Minerva I. Moreno	Class of 1980
President Elect	Russelle Wade	Class of 1972
Secretary	Blanca Salinas	Class of 1987
Treasurer	Ginger Quezada	Class of 1979

A recommendation for an Alumni Name was discussed. Recommended names were:

- UTPA Dallas/Ft. Worth Alumni Chapter – 2 votes
- Alumni Association for UTPA – 2 votes
- North Texas UTPA Alumni Association – 6 votes
- North Texas Broncos Association – 2 votes

By majority vote, the name chosen was the North Texas UTPA Alumni Association.

Discussion on the adoption of bylaws was next introduced. Alberto Rincon asked what our fiscal year would be. Following discussion it was unanimously decided that the fiscal year would be from July 23, 2005 to July 23, 2006. Debby mentioned that we could ratify our bylaws at a later date, but that she needed the Initial Chapter for Authorized Regional Chapter of the University of Texas-Pan American Alumni Association approved and signed by the President. She mentioned that it would go before the Board of Trustees of the University of Texas-Pan American Alumni Association in August for approved of the new alumni branch. She read the one page document to the group. Minerva then asked for discussion and a vote. It was moved and seconded to accept the authorization as read by Debby Grant. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion followed on the Committees. A list was distributed on the Recommended Committees and duties. They were as follows:

- **Executive** (legal administrative functions, policies, procedures, bylaws, and goals)
- **Development** (annual campaign, special events, fundraising events)
- **Marketing/Public Relations/Membership** (interface with UTPA Development staff and other community organizations; media and public relations)
- **Programs/Grants** (grants and scholarships to UTPA and programs)
- **Mentorship/Recruitment/Career Relocations/Advancement** (Mentor new graduates in the area, career opportunities posted by UTPA on college website)

Minerva requested volunteers to chair and serve on the committees. Vacant slots and additional volunteers would be recruited from other alumni not in attendance at this meeting. The appointments are as follows:

- **Executive Chairman** – Chairman: Alberto V. Rincones, Jr.
- **Development** - Chairman: James A. Murphy
- **Marketing** – Chairman: (Open). Webmaster: Cruz Salinas
- **Programs/Grants** – Chairman: Gilbert Moreno
- **Mentorship** – Chairman: Jose Luis Sanchez, with Lolo Pulido serving also.

Discussion of UTPA Alumni Memberships dues followed. Debby explained that the UTPA Alumni Association would work with us on dues for the Alumni Association. Minerva explained that in the packet handed out earlier was the website for the main association, a list with membership dues and benefits. Debby mentioned that the Houston Alumni Association had \$35.00 for individual membership and \$50 for joint membership. Following discussion, a motion was made and approved unanimously that we adopt the same fees for our newly created association.

Debby encouraged all that were not current on their memberships to fill out and send in the membership form in the packet. Additional membership information can be found on-line <http://alumni.panam.edu/membership.html>.

Discussion followed on meetings, calendar of events and activities. The group decided that quarterly meetings would be held. The meetings would be held at different cities and locations throughout the Dallas and Fort Worth Metroplex.

The group expressed a desire to target:

- 1) Scholarships based on need for students in the Rio Grande Valley;
- 2) A link to the UTPA Career website through Velinda Reyes' office posting job opportunities in the area;
- 3) A Mentoring program to help guide new alumni new to this area and
- 4) Develop a strong link to UTPA and help promote it.

Minerva mentioned that e-mails would be sent periodically to inform the group and request assistance on projects.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.