

## North Texas UTPA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Election Meeting

Saturday, July 29, 2006

Plano, Texas

This was the 2nd Annual Meeting of the North Texas UTPA chapter. About 25 members were in attendance. The Guest Speaker was Ann F. Minnis, Sr. Advisory for the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

### Action Items:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Minerva Moreno at 4:35 p.m.

### Discussion items:

Outgoing president Minerva Moreno thanked everyone for their attendance and discussed the goals achieved over the past year, the first year of our chapter's existence;

- Approval of the Dallas/Ft. Worth area alumni chapter by the UTPA Board
- Approval of the Bylaws, Committees, and operating structure;
- Establishment of the first endowed scholarship in the name of Minerva's brother Victor E. Rivera.

Minerva Introduced this years officers:

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

The Financial Report was given. We have a balance of \$470.00.

Guest Speaker Ann Minnis was introduced. She gave an update of what is happening at the university. Highlights:

- UTPA is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest university in the state and the fifth largest in the UT system.
- 68 percent of UTPA premedical students are accepted into medical school, topping the state average of 38 percent.
- UTPA has developed an affiliation with Houston medical centers and is working on developing the same in Dallas to place medical students in their programs.
- UTPA offers 56 bachelor's degrees, 46 master's programs and 2 doctoral degrees.
- UTPA is 1<sup>st</sup> in bilingual education graduates.

After Ann spoke, Door prizes were given out.

The web site and job opportunities link on the site were discussed. Ann Minnis said to contact her if your company are hiring. She will do the work to get you candidates.

Next, all guests introduced themselves and stated the year they graduated. Angel Noe Gonzalez was recognized as the oldest graduate present. He attended the college when it was still know as Edinburg Jr. College. Angel stated that E.J.C. helped all his 8 brothers and sisters get their start. Angel and siblings have created endowment scholarships for the university and encouraged our chapter to do the same.

Next, the election of officers was held.

Russelle Wade, 2005-2006 President Elect, will serve as President for this coming year.

The Secretary position was filled by Isidoro (Lolo) Pulido.

For Treasurer, Roy Becerra was nominated and accepted the position.

For Vice President, Lisa Rodriquez was nominated and accepted the Vice-President and President-Elect for the coming year.

Next, future goals were discussed. Once goal is to increase membership and hold meetings around the metroplex. Spring Creek Bar-B-Q was suggested as a place that allowed meeting rooms free of charge. Another goal is to develop a strong link to UTPA, create scholarships and help promote the university.

Ann Minnis stated next that the UTPA board's next meeting might be held in Dallas. If Dallas is approved for the meeting, Debbie Grant from UTPA Alumni Association would contact our chapter about holding a combined meeting.

A brief discussion on the Committees followed. Not discussed, but present here are the committees from this past year:

- **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)
  - **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.

All were encouraged fill out and turn in their membership cards. Four new members turned in their cards and membership money. Several of the Alumni

stated they would go online to join. Additional membership information can be found on-line <http://alumni.panam.edu/membership.html>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.