



**SOUTHERN REGION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 2, 2017, Conference Call 1-712-432-0075, 932643#**

**Southern Region Board Members:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Lamkin, President       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Stice, Int. Vice Chair    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Keltner, Pres. Arkansas      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tim McClure, President Elect            | <input type="checkbox"/> Kerri Ranney, Int. SR Dir.                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Courtney, Pres. Central TX |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dillon Brady, Vice President            | <input type="checkbox"/> Irene Nigaglioni Chair SR Fnd.            | <input type="checkbox"/> Todd Lien, Pres. Gulf Coast                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Irizarry, Past President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Chilcote, Ark. State Dir. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TBD (Kevin Moran), Pres. LA      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clay Clayton, Treasurer      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Holly, LA State Dir.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Reynaud, Pres. North TX    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Kaczynski, Secretary              | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Armbruster, OK State Dir.            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Hansen, Pres. Oklahoma      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Hutton, Communications  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Tacker, TX State Dir.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Mullins, Pres. South TX       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Glenn, Membership               |  |  |

**Non-Board Members at the Meeting:**

- John Ramsey, CEO       Donna Robinson, Dir. Member Care

A. Opening/Introductions and President's Report:

- Call Meeting to Order (Lisa Lamkin) (3: PM CST)
  - Establish Board Quorum (12 Present?)  Yes/ No (14 Present)
- Opening Remarks (Lisa Lamkin)
  - Strategic Plan –
  - 2017 Awards Nominations – See handout for Nomination Form and Award Criteria
    - Nomination forms to be submitted no later than March 10, 2017. Central Texas, North Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma chapters have submitted their nomination.
    - Preparation of last year's planner of the year package (Clay and Donna to assist)
      - Submit to International for this year's lifetime achievement award
  - 2017 International Strategic Plan Survey – See handout for Survey Form.
    - Responses due to Lisa and Dillon by 3/9/17.
  - 2017-2108 Elections – There are # positions that the Board will need to fill including:
    - Vice President (3 year commitment)

B. Action Items:

- *Motion to approve the March 2, 2017 Southern Region Board Meeting Agenda*

Motion: Clay      Second: Gary

Discussion:

Vote:      In favor:      Opposed:      Abstentions:

Motion:     *Passed*       *Failed*

- *Motion to approve the February 2, 2017 Southern Region Board Management Meeting Minutes*

Motion: Brad      Second: Wayne

Discussion: *Correction – Dillon Brady listed as Board Member and Non-Board Member*

Vote:      In favor:      Opposed:      Abstentions:

Motion:     *Passed*       *Failed*

C. Informational Items and Discussion

Chapter Updates:

- Arkansas – Bob  
Planning upcoming activities.
- Central Texas – Linda
  - I surveyed my CTx Board and everyone was in favor of mentoring the Arkansas Chapter.
  - I plan to try to rendezvous with any Arkansas Chapter reps that are attending the Conference in New Orleans.
  - Funding for our SchoolsNext Team to attend the Southern Region Conference was approved by A4LE.
  - Lake Travis ISD School Board approved the out-of-state travel by the five students selected to represent the team.
- Gulf Coast – Todd
- Louisiana – Kevin  
Focused on supporting Southern Region conference.
- Oklahoma – John  
Executing action items from Oklahoma planning session and setting new goals. Hosting open house for Vocational Technology facility. Participating in 3 complimentary association conferences. Working with North Texas Chapter president on chapter Mentor Protégé’ initiative. Linking OK board members with North Texas chapter peers.
- South Texas – Ed  
Focused on increasing chapter program attendance this year. So far, averaged 100+ participants for January and February programs. Also added 6 new members.

Finances (Separate accounts for SR and Chapters)

- SR Balance: Approximately \$185,313.35 in checking
- Expense reports for Dallas planning session.
- \$16,725.23 (Budget was \$40,000)
- Conference Expenses to Date: \$8,741.34    Conference Revenue to Date: \$74,190.00
- Chapter Balances: No report  
Donna will provide chapter finance information to SR Secretary prior to board meetings.
  - Arkansas: \$

- Central Texas \$
- Gulf Coast \$
- Louisiana \$
- North Texas \$
- Oklahoma \$
- South Texas \$

#### Southern Region Foundation (Irene Nigaglioni)

- Accounts:
  - Bank Account: Balance: \$65,862.77 in checking account
  - Investments: 2 CD: \$219,253.69
- Conference Scholarships Awarded
  - Foundation awarded \$14,000 in scholarships for 13 folks to attend the New Orleans conference. \$14,000 was the allocated budget figure for 2016-17. Scholarship amounts were determined based on merit, application completeness and travel costs. Kudos to the Louisiana chapter for bringing in five (5) public sector representatives that are first time attendees to the conference. Other recipients include three (3) attendees from Oklahoma, Two (2) attendees from Austin, Two(2) attendees from DFW and One (1) attendee from Houston.
  - Next up is the application for scholarship for tuition in the Advanced Academy.
    - One (1) scholarship is issued yearly. The application will be out later this month.

#### International Representation - Bill Stice (International Vice Chair), Kerri Ranney (International SR Director)

Kerri - Planning at International level, collecting information and input from members, various topics to discuss include the vision going forward, mission/vision statements post rebranding, set goals and objectives

Bill – The three areas of focus from International will be:

- Membership- emerging professionals, membership recruitment/retention, global mindset and communications
- Knowledge Center Steering Committee- content, future content planning, Schools Next, the Guide
- Development Steering Committee- Main Annual event/conference, Schools Next, partner sponsors  
There will be opportunities for folks to serve on these and subcommittees to these main committees. There will be representation from all 7 regions on each of these committees.

#### International Committee: (For reference)

- Innovation is focused on early childhood education, pedagogies and conference content/format.
- Membership has been focused on the emerging professionals program.
- SchoolsNEXT committee has been working on fine-tuning the existing model and program growth
- SchoolsNext Task Force has been focused on financial development, sustainability of the overall program and expansion into the high schools.
- Global Organization Task Force is focused on shifting the mindset of the entire Association into an international group that approaches every decision, situation, issue and opportunity with a global mindset.
- Content Steering Committee is focused on conference structures, format, content, etc. in an effort to continue to bring the highest value to the membership.
- The International staff focus is on the conference in Atlanta, GA, October 25 – 30, 2017.

2017 Southern Region Conference Update – New Orleans (Tim McClure )

- Site: Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA, April 1 – 4, 2017  
Currently 183 people registered; 2/3 of booths sold; 17 sponsors; programs to be announced soon.

2017 Southern Region Items

- Communication – Newsletters (Gary)  
Next issue after SR conference
- Initiatives – No update
  - Professional Development –
  - SchoolsNext (Dillon Brady) –
  - Emerging Professionals –
- New Business Items:
  - Outgrowth of the Strategic Plan  
Member Mentor/ Protégé Program – Wayne  
Mentor and Protégé chapters have been matched. North Texas and Oklahoma activities already are underway. Wayne and committee will provide other written direction.  
Steps: 1 Identify Mentor Chapters, 2 Identify Protégé Chapters, 3 Paring  
Possible pairings: North TX – Oklahoma; Gulf – Louisiana. Central TX – Arkansas  
Other possible Chapters to be developed:
    - Corpus Christi or Valley Chapter, distance issues
    - Midland/West Chapter
- Chapter Leader Development Program
  - Chapter Leadership Development Conference Calls – No Update

Meeting Month	Meeting Date	Time	Topic

D. SR Board Meeting/Event Schedule

<b>Meeting Month</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Conduct Business</b>
<i>April</i>	<i>April 1, 2107</i>	<i>9 AM</i>	<i>SR Conference, New Orleans, LA</i>	<i>Y</i>
May	May 4, 2017	3 PM	BoD Conference Call	Y
June	June 1, 2017	3 PM	BoD Conference Call	Y
July	July 6, 2017	3 PM	BoD Conference Call	Y
August	August 3, 2017	3 PM	BoD Conference Call	Y
September	September 7, 2017	3 PM	BoD Conference Call, 2018 Budget	Y
<i>October</i>	<i>October 25-30, 2017</i>		<i>A4LE International Conference, Atlanta, GA</i>	<i>N</i>
November	November 2, 2017	3 PM	BoD Conference Call	Y
December	December 7, 2017	3 PM	BoD Conference Call	Y

E. Adjournment

*Move to Adjourn the SR Board Meeting for March 2, 2017*

Motion: Ed                      Second: Wayne

Discussion:

Vote: In favor:              Opposed:              Abstentions:

Motion:  *Passed*     *Failed*

Time: 4: PM