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## **Message from the Executive Director**

*Happy April First!*

*While March proved to be exceptionally busy, it also passed by very quickly.*

*April goes a long way toward wrapping up the spring semester as well as establishing plans for conferences through the summer and fall. To that end, I'd like to remind you about the summer ICPEL conference in Denver as well as the fall TCPEA meeting in Dallas, in conjunction with the Graduate Research Exchange.*

*Recently, Dr. Ken Young and I were invited to participate with a phenomenal group of peers who meet monthly and discuss principal preparation and the issues that their programs encounter. The interaction and dedication to improving the quality of principal preparation in Texas is not only laudable, but also a wonderful model for us to follow as we investigate addressing other needs among our members and member institutions. To that end, if there is an interest in starting similar groups with different foci, TCPEA is happy to endorse and support these types of professional networking endeavors. Please don't hesitate to contact me.*

*Finally, if I or the Executive Board can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Regards,*

*John Decman*



## ***Message from the Executive Board President***

For a long month, March sure went by quickly! As we head into April, there are a lot of exciting things on the horizon. First, I am excited about the good work of the Principal Program Resource Group (PPRG) and the embodied collegiality in helping our principal preparation programs across the state be successful. Dr. Decman and I had an opportunity to visit with this group of professors a few weeks ago and talk to them about TCPEA and the work we are doing. If you are unfamiliar with their work, you can read about it in Dr. Tia Agan's newsletter contribution below.

Second, we are getting the Spring issue of *School Leadership Review* ready for publication. As always, we need willing reviewers who will help us assure that the journal not only provides a great platform for our members to publish, but that we are leading the way in providing educational leadership faculty and practitioners with meaningful research that they can use. As the flagship journal for our organization, it is only as strong as our reviewers.

Third, we hope you are planning to participate in the TCPEA Fall meeting and the International Council of Professors of Education Leadership (ICPEL) Conference. As many of you know, **the TCPEA Fall meeting** coincides with TASA/TASB TxEdCon in September, but it is not too early to talk with your graduate students working on research about submitting to the **Graduate Research Exchange (GRE)**.

**The ICPEL conference** will be in Denver this year and will be back to face-to face. **The proposal portal closes on May 1**, so time is quickly running out. In addition to preparing proposals for the ICPEL conference, we hope you are also encouraging any of your graduating doctoral students to submit their dissertations for the Morphet Dissertation Award. Information about the conference and the Morphet Award can be found on the ICPEL website (<https://www.icpel.org/>).

If that wasn't enough, we are also in conversation about adding a summer meeting with a focus on research to our members. This would be a time to not only have great conversation with colleagues with similar research interests, but also hone some research skills and build a research network that will help our field and our membership.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of our members who support TCPEA and are actively contributing to the important work of our organization. We exist to support you in your professional goals, as well as the important work you do with your students, but we could not do it without your active participation and support. If you are interested in being more involved or have colleagues that need a supportive place to belong, just let us know and we'll make the call.

Take care and have a great remainder of the semester!

Ken

2022 TCPEA Board President

## ***Principal Program Resource Group (PPRG)***

Twenty Educational Leadership/Principal Certification program coordinators from Educator Preparation Programs across Texas formed a Professional Learning Community (PLC) named the Principal Program Resource Group (PPRG). During monthly zoom meetings, they share best practices for instruction, resources for the 268 and 368 certification exams, and professional development opportunities through meaningful, constructive, positive conversations. Elaine L. Wilmore Leadership Initiatives is a vital part of the group, as well, to lend research-based strategies. Although market competitors, PPRG is a united team who encourage one another and work together to ensure all of their candidates have the best resources for success. Together, they are creating stronger candidates who are equipped with skills and dispositions to become successful instructional leaders. PPRG is happy to have others join the group as thought partners, so if any program coordinators need support and would like to be part of this innovative PLC, contact Dr. Tia Agan: [tia.agan@angelo.edu](mailto:tia.agan@angelo.edu)

## ***Standing Committee Updates***

### **Social media/virtual presence**

The TCPEA LinkedIn account has been created. It was set up utilizing the executive director email and information directly from our website. It can be used to share vital information related to conference, workshops, member achievements, etc. We are totally open to ideas on how to utilize the site best. I've included the link below and please make sure that you connect so that we can build the audience for the organization.

[https://www.linkedin.com/in/tcpea-members-3b04a7233?lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Ad\\_flagship3\\_profile\\_view\\_base\\_contact\\_details%3By4Bx8coETkex5mXPwnfB4g%3D%3D](https://www.linkedin.com/in/tcpea-members-3b04a7233?lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Ad_flagship3_profile_view_base_contact_details%3By4Bx8coETkex5mXPwnfB4g%3D%3D)

Felix Simieou (UHCL), Committee Chair

Nate Templeton (TAMU-C), Committee Co-Chair

### **Professional Advocacy Committee**

During its recent meeting at Midwinter Conference, the TASA Higher Education Committee successfully reviewed and provided input on the strategic components drafted by the working group. In addition, three subcommittees—Learning, Engagement, and Advocacy—formed to finalize the HEC Strategic Framework and begin implementation. Each subcommittee discussed barriers and levers for proposed strategies.

Over the next few months, the subcommittees, in conjunction with the TASA HEC will be working to complete assignments related to, among other things, measures of success, actions plans, and possibly implementation, before the committee reconvenes.

J. Kenneth Young (LU), Committee Chair

## **Membership engagement/programming**

The Membership Engagement & Programming Committee (MEPC) is committed to increasing TCPEA's membership and expanding our programming to ensure our organization adds value to our members' professional growth. The MEPC is seeking volunteers to serve as their institution's liaison or point of contact. We appreciate those that have already volunteered and look forward to adding a representative from each Texas institution that offers educational leadership programs. The liaisons will be responsible for inviting and encouraging their colleagues to join TCPEA and becoming actively engaged in our organization. Moreover, this team will be invited to be part of the sub-committee charged with actively engaging members in our organization. The subcommittee will design, plan and host activities to promote TCPEA members' continuous engagement and professional growth. If you are interested in serving as your institution's liaison/point of contact, please email Dr. Yanira Oliveras at [yoliverasortiz@uttyler.edu](mailto:yoliverasortiz@uttyler.edu).

Yanira Oliveras-Ortiz (UTT), Committee Chair

## **Publications**

We are excited with the number of manuscript submissions for the Spring 2022 themed issue of *School Leadership Review*, which will begin publishing as reviews and revised manuscripts come in.

Congratulations to the authors of the following articles, which were listed as the most downloaded articles for February:

- Improving School Leadership: The Connection of Transformational Leadership and Psychological Well-Being of the Followers (63 downloads)  
<https://scholarworks.sfasu.edu/slr/vol11/iss2/6>
- Emotionally Agile Leadership Amid COVID-19 (59 downloads)  
<https://scholarworks.sfasu.edu/slr/vol15/iss2/1>
- Student Perceptions of Enhancing the Internship Experience for Online Principal Preparation Programs (54 downloads)  
<https://scholarworks.sfasu.edu/slr/vol13/iss1/3>

J. Kenneth Young (LU), Committee Chair

Jennifer Butcher (ACU), Committee Co-Chair

## **Annual Awards**

No Report

## **Fall GRE**

It's never too early to prepare for the Fall GRE! If you are working with doctoral students this year, please make plans to have them submit their work for the Fall 2022 Graduate Research Exchange. This is a great opportunity for them to gain invaluable experience and feedback from leaders in the field, while also building their network in higher education. Submission dates will be sent out in future newsletters and on the TCPEA Website.

Yanira Oliveras-Ortiz (UTT), Committee Chair

### ***ICPEL Denver 2022***

The ICPEL Annual Conference will be held in Denver, from August 4-5 this year.

Information regarding this conference is available [HERE](#)

In addition to proposal calls, travel and lodging information, there are two awards that are open for nominations.

ICPEL Morphet Dissertation Award

[2022 ICPEL Morphet Award Call](#)

ICPEL Creighton Publication Innovation Award

[ICPEL Creighton Award Information](#)



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