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Message from the Executive Director

Happy Spring Break!

After our Midwinter meeting, the Board has engaged in activities designed to "spring" us into a very productive 2022.

Recently the Board acted to move dues collection and website maintenance to ICPEL, as part of an affiliation and alignment measure. While this move will function to save the organization expenses, it will NOT impact our affiliation and commitment to work with TASA. In other words, TCPEA will continue to meet in conjunction with TASA in the fall and spring TASA meetings and will continue to be part of the TASA program.

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

In his classic book, *Learning as a Way Of Being: Strategies for Survival in a World of Permanent White Water*, Peter Vaill used the imagery of permanent whitewater to convey the complexity and everchanging nature of organizations. Over the last couple of years, the TCPEA executive board has been paddling hard through the changing whitewater in our state, with all its surprising twists and turns, to set the course for the future of our organization. With a strong emphasis on honoring the past, while also re-envisioning who we are to be as an organization in the rapidly changing field of educational leadership preparation, we want to make sure that the work we do is meaningful and in the service of Texas public education.

As part of our conversations and planning, we have focused on improving existing systems of support for you as professors of educational leadership, as well as your students and the children they serve. We are seeking ways to strengthen our relationships with external stakeholders, as well as maximize the voice and involvement of our membership. In essence, we are working hard to make sure this organization continues to be a relevant voice and a meaningful organization in which to be involved for years to come.

The history of this organization rests on the foundation of relationships between colleagues from educational leadership programs across this great state, rowing together in the same direction. In other words, we cannot do it without you! Your role as a member is one of the most important aspects of our discussions because without you, there is no us. So, I would like to encourage you to be involved in 2022. Join a committee, run for the board, nominate students and colleagues for awards, come to the meetings, and invite your colleagues and students who aren't currently members to come be a part. In doing so, we make memories and differences to last a lifetime as we navigate the whitewater together.

Peace,

J. Kenneth Young

2022 TCPEA Board President

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

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 engage 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.

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. Likewise, we are encouraged by our February report that indicated we had 1455 downloads in January!

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

- 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

Midwinter Memories



2021 Dissertation of the Year

Dr. Darlene Breaux, presented award from John Decman, Executive Director



Dr. Darlene Breaux, 2021 Dissertation of the Year Award Winner, presenting her research.



Dr. Jennifer Butcher, Chair of Dissertation of the Year with Dr. Darlene Breaux



Dr. Darlene Breaux with Dr. J. Kenneth Young, 2022 TCPEA Executive Board President



2021 Executive Board President Dr. Jennifer Butcher receiving Recognition Award



TCPEA News

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](#)

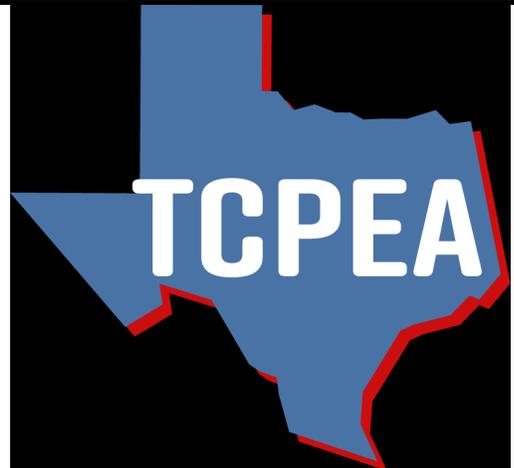
In addition to proposal calls, travel and lodging information, there are two awards that are open for nominations.

ICPEL Morphet Dissertation Award

[2022 ICPEL Morphet Award Call](#)

ICPEL Creighton Publication Innovation Award

[ICPEL Creighton Award Information](#)



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Questions or comments?

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