

# TexaSpeaks

TexaSpeaks is a publication of the Texas Speech Communication Association

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## A Change in Perspective

Kandi King's presidency culminated in a fun-filled and inspirational convention. The schedule, a new take on the old model, allowed members to experience the conference in a fresh new format. Stand-out events such as the new Membership Appreciation Reception were well-received.



## Some Statistics From Convention 2011

- 244 Total Attendees
- 72 New Members
- 415 Total Members

These membership statistics were down slightly from last year due, in part, to conflicts

and budget cuts. We would love to have our membership numbers grow. Help us get the word out about TSCA to new teachers and professors as well as those who have been in our profession for a while and have never joined our ranks.

TSCA has so much to offer us all, including instructional aids, governmental awareness to issues surrounding our profession, and connections to friends.

Next year's convention will be held in San Antonio.

## Communicator of the Year- Abby Rike

2011's Communicator of the Year, Abby Rike, provided this year's keynote address.

Chosen for the publication of her memoir, her appearance on THE BIGGEST LOSER, and her tireless work as a motivational speaker, Abby, a former member of TSCA, reminded us all why we should stop and give thanks for our blessings.

A past speech, debate, and theatre teacher, director, and coach, Abby inspired, entertained, and enlightened us all with her touching speech and

Power Point based on her experiences with her family, the reality show, and life since the tragedy. Borrowing from the convention theme, she encouraged us all to change our perspectives for the better because, "Even in your darkest hour, there is always HOPE!"



## Menu of New Membership Fees

*Membership fees for next year are changing.*

Sustaining-: \$150

Regular: \$90

Institutional: \$110

Student: \$25

\*Retired Instructor: \$50

Convention Fee: \$75

\*Retired Instructor is a new fee category

Please make note of these changes for your own records for next year.

TSCA prides itself on being a "good buy for the buck." As a result, new fees, though slightly elevated, still reflect a desire to keep membership accessible to the largest number of people possible.



## Good Fiscal Health for TSCA

When Mike Jones took over as Comptroller just a few years ago, TSCA was facing a budget crisis. Today, even with a slightly lower convention attendance and many schools' budgets being cut, TSCA can boast a healthy balance of \$49,433.63, according to Executive Secretary Brent Hinkle's post-convention records.

Executive Secretary Brent Hinkle



## District Chairs Listed

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1- Stanley Klein      | 11- Sami Womack         |
| 2- Mendy Meuer        | 12- Debby Haren         |
| 3- Joanna Hickey      | 13- Terri Robinson      |
| 4- Gay Hollis         | 14- Seth Pietsek        |
| 5- None Listed        | 15- Christopher Collins |
| 6- Cindi Havron       | 16- Lacy Venhaus        |
| 7- Nicole Yeakley     | 17- Michelle Pittman    |
| 8- Danny Moss         | 18- Jenny Pippin        |
| 9- Shawn Duthie       | 19- Doris Velez         |
| 10- Wendi Brandenburg | 20- Barbara McCain      |

TSCA Districts numbers correspond with Education Service Center numbers. You can help your district chair by gathering names and contact information for speech teachers, new and veteran, in your region to contact about our association, upcoming events, convention, and speech information.

## Interest Group Chairs

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| <b>TFA</b> - Shawn Mena   | <b>Argumentation &amp; Debate</b> - Greg McGee |
| <b>Theatre</b> - Ronda Craig                                      | <b>Interpersonal</b> - Miranda McDonald        |
| <b>Rhetoric</b> - Charles Green                                   | <b>Mass Communications</b> - Debbie Hatton     |
| <b>Oral Interpretation and Performance Studies</b> - Barbara Ixba |  |
| <b>Instructional Development College</b> - Mendy Meuer            |  |
| <b>Instructional Development High School</b> - Mellessa Denny     |  |
| <b>Instructional Development Middle School</b> - Jamie Uphold     |  |
| ***Neither <b>TIFA</b> nor <b>TACA</b> listed chairpersons        |  |

## 2012 Convention Information

San Antonio  
 October 11-14, 2012  
 Thursday through Sunday  
 Omni Collonade  
 \$119 Rate if booked before September 19, 2012  
*See you on the River Walk!*

*Interest Groups provide  
 a great way for you to  
 get in on the planning  
 for the next year's  
 convention!*

## Kandi King's Presidential Address

OKAY, EXCUSE ME... people... Can't you see? Why don't you move out of the way? PEOPLE-- MOVE IT!! You can't just stop in the middle of the grocery aisle and have that conversation. What do you think? I have all day? YOU may have all day, but I sure don't!

Doesn't anyone know how to drive? Go to Dallas and learn how the big city people do it!! When you are merging into traffic, you have to speed up... ah, San Antonio drivers... And what's with changing lanes and not indicating that, Hummer person?? Don't you know someone is behind you?

OOPS-- that was my blind spot-- SORREEEEY! EEKS-- I just didn't see you... but I am a good driver... well, maybe...

And that's when it hit me... my blind spot... MY BLIND SPOT... What I saw and what that misfortunate person who was doing a great job of driving defensively behind me saw were very, very different.

Perspective... in the grocery store... maybe they did have all day... maybe this was the one day a week they got to see each other... maybe that person changing lanes was actually looking for an address and not talking on that cell phone... and, well, that blind spot of mine was just that... a view I didn't see.

How many times have we each found ourselves in a similar situation? When the view we

have is not the view of another? We feel happy and don't know why someone just wants to bring us down?? How many times have we heard debate coaches say, "Perception is key?" And it is... The challenge we have is not understanding the abstract concept-- that we do well; the challenge we have is understanding the application of the concept, the concrete concept and how our perspective functions, how it works in and impacts our lives. We as communication educators uniquely have the opportunity, ability, and responsibility to teach perspective. And the irony of that statement isn't lost on me-- I know that is my perspective. During Convention, I promise I'll make the time to listen to your perspective, but, just for a little while, I ask your indulgence in listening to mine!

My earliest recollection of different perspectives was watching television and reading with my Poppa. The media frequently referred to Italian-Americans, Irish-Americans, Mexican-Americans, African Americans, Jewish Americans... and each and every time my father would, in his frustration, loudly proclaim, "Why do they say that? We are AMERICANS." That early lesson was codified when I began to study speech communication. I learned then that we speech educators have tremendous opportunities to use our life experiences and our research to share the importance of perspective with our students. We know, for example, that parents are asked to get down on the floor to see what the little ones see. That's what kinder-

garten teachers do! We can't be the "big people" and see what the little people see. We have learned that colors have different meanings that change with time and culture. What do you think when I ask you to see yellow? Do you imagine something bright and sunny? Do you envision cowardice? What about red? Do you picture passion and love, or do you see all of those wrong answers? Maybe your heart was also warmed by Ken Sasaki in the October 2nd "Sixty Minutes" segment filmed after the Japanese tsunami. The reporter asked Ken-San, "Are you going to rebuild your house?" Ken-San points to a hydrangea plant growing in the midst of the devastation and, smiling, replies, "Yes, THAT is life."

We can all agree on the inspiration of this perspective. But would it have been our perspective? Where are our blind spots? Perspective is defined in its literal sense as our physical point of view, our angle of vision. In its metaphorical sense, perspective includes our emotional and psychological outlook. It shapes the stories we tell ourselves and others about us and about our relationships to our environment. Every moment of every day our senses are bombarded with so much information and it is physiologically impossible for us to recognize it all so our filters get to work. It is from those filters that our brains process and, based upon our knowledge and our emotions, that we form our perspectives.

Yet, it is those filters that lead us to label, lead us to "see"

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## Presidential Address Continued

what we see and don't see. And when we do what is only human for us to do we develop what Michael McMillan calls in his book, *PINK BAT*, perceptual blindness. An excellent example of this filtering process is a research study conducted by Professor David Simons and his students. Volunteers were asked to watch a short video in which team members, one in black shorts and the other in white shirts, passed a basketball back and forth. The volunteers were asked to count the number of passes made by the team in white. During the game, for just seconds, a person costumed in a gorilla suit appeared. At the end of the video, the research team asked if anyone had seen anything unusual. The result? Only half of the volunteers answered yes. HALF!

Our association is so diverse and we have so many filters. Think about it... we have middle school, high school, community college, college and university... we have public schools and private schools; we have religious schools and secular ones; we have schools from large urban areas and schools miles from another town with maybe 200 students; we have debate— with CX, LD, PF, Congress; we have speech— with oratory, dramatic, prose, extemp and let's not even talk about duet and duo— where one member cannot even look at the other! We have old and young; experienced and novice. It is no wonder we have such different ideas and that our perceptual blindness imbues our communication. These are challenges for sure... and they present not only challenges for us as members of our organization but as educators.

While we need to accept philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer's words that, "Every man takes the limits of his own field of vision for the limits of the world," we don't

need to remain in that comfort zone. We can listen to psychiatrist R.D. Laing's words when he notes that, "The range of what we think and do is limited by what we fail to notice. And because we fail to notice that we fail to notice, there is little we can do to change; until we notice how failing to notice shapes our thoughts and deeds." And we CAN change our perspectives. With such great diversity comes great strength. As speech educators, we already have a broader field of vision than most people have. We are uniquely blessed. It is our responsibility to push the limits of our blind spots, to do, as Michael McMillan encourages us to do, to find and opportunity in every problem. An item under "News of the Weird" in a recent *San Antonio Express* told the story of William Falkingham of Idaho who "pushed those limits." It seems he had been warned by the local police to change his public attire. They had received complaints that his manner of dress was "greatly disturbing" and had even frightened children. I wonder if William's dress would have been so controversial had it been October 31st? Perhaps on THAT day they would have applauded his creativity as he walked down Main Street in a large, black bunny-rabbit suit with a white tutu!

Perspective — limited by our filters. Gravity pulls objects down. It is the way things are, and we accept that; don't even think about it. But what if we, like Elphaba in *WICKED*, could defy gravity? In our world, the marketplace of ideas can exist because we have the nature of explorers. As speech educators, we have the responsibility to take it further — to teach it, to do as we say. We can defy that gravity and impact our lives, our association's life and our students' lives. What if we reshaped our perspective? I believe we can. I believe that, as members of an organization com-

posed of amazing, insightful, giving individuals, we have the power to broaden our perspective— to defy gravity— and to guide our fellow speech educators, our community to soar with enriched understanding.

Harry S. Truman poignantly said, "It is understanding that gives us an ability to have peace. When we understand the other fellow's viewpoint, and he understands ours, then we can sit down and work out our differences." The value of our diversity manifests when we are willing to look beyond "my perspective" and explore someone else's. When we, as an organization, come together in our glorious diversity, when we truly listen to one another, when we learn from one another, when we set aside petty grievances and judgments and focus on the gems within our ranks, we are empowered and empowering in our strength and unity. We defy gravity. We must get past our blind spots, our different perspectives. In a country torn apart by divisiveness, where according to the SPLC, hate groups have grown to new numbers, we must lead the charge. We can be heroes each and every day in our classrooms. We can defy gravity.

When our svelte past president, Ralph Long, once arrived to perform for the prestigious Professor's Reading Hour wearing a black wet suit with a bright orange speedo— he definitely defied gravity. Defying gravity can be fun! And meaningful. It can change our perspective; it can change the world. I challenge each of you to return home with enriched perspectives. You will make a difference. I am humbled by your dedication, your wisdom, as speech educators. I know you will defy gravity.

Thank you for your wise words, Kandi!

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Myrna Bass and other TSCA members enjoy the delectable goodies at 2010 President Kandi King's reception.

## 2011 Resolutions

**WHEREAS,** This year's convention theme has been, "It's All a Matter of Perspective" ; and

**WHEREAS,** President Kandi King has taught us to look at things from a totally different angle (step on the stool); and

**WHEREAS,** She also reminded us to see past our blind spots, and

**WHEREAS,** She advised us that when we do this, we will be able to defy gravity; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**

That we thank our vertically-challenged president for her reminders of the legacy of our past and of our challenges for our future; and , be it **FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That we encourage Kandi and Jana in their pursuit of finding their roots in Munchkinland.

*Thank you to the 2011 Resolutions Committee for their hard work and clever words to commemorate this year's events, personalities, and happenings!*

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**WHEREAS,** All TSCA members have felt comfortable and welcome; and

**WHEREAS,** The service was superb and the food fantastic; and

**WHEREAS,** The door prizes were delectable and delightful; and

**WHEREAS,** All members received wonderfully welcoming and goody bags; and

**WHEREAS,** The concierge provided appetizing apples and bubbly beverages; and

**WHEREAS,** The ambiance and décor of the hotel were tranquil and relaxing; and

**WHEREAS,** Ralph Long donated the fresh flower arrangements to further beautify our convention; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**

That TSCA express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Irving Convention and Visitors' Bureau, to Bob Berry, Customer Service Manager, to Ronda Craig, Sami Womack, Aimee Kasprzyk, Melissa Witt, Myrna Bass, Ralph Long, and to everyone who loves Ronda Craig and who made up the Local Arrangements Committee.

**WHEREAS,** When a member of our TSCA family grieves, we all grieve; and  
**WHEREAS,** Connie McKee lost her father Roy Leslie Whitmore; and  
**WHEREAS,** Michel Brown, husband of Laura Day Brown passed away; and  
**WHEREAS,** Helen Kiessling, mother of Jackie Ganchow has passed; and  
**WHEREAS,** Lee Spratt, father of Kaye Magill has passed away; and  
**WHEREAS,** Mike Jones lost his uncle, Rick Gottlieb and his grandmother, Beatrice Gottlieb this year; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,** That we offer our love and support to Connie, Laura, Jackie, Kaye, and Mike and give them collective TSCA hugs.

**WHEREAS,** He created in our minds an image of the “Old West;” and  
**WHEREAS,** He took the audience on a remarkable journey into the world of poetry; and  
**WHEREAS,** He improved the looks of Shawn Duthie by adding western attire; and  
**WHEREAS,** He took the audience on an emotional rollercoaster from laughter to tears; and  
**WHEREAS,** He compared life experiences to color chips; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,** That TSCA members respect and appreciate the talents shown and expressed by Doyle “Doc” Wood, poet extraordinaire.

*Therefore, be it resolved that we offer our love and support... and give them collective TSCA hugs.*

**WHEREAS,** As soon as he entered the room, you knew it– his jewel-toned suits, the waft of his cologne, and his booming voice saying, “Bienvenidos, mis carnales!” ;and  
**WHEREAS,** Even when he was not teaching in Texas, he was always a devoted TSCA member and faithful convention attendee; and  
**WHEREAS,** He was the heart and soul of the Mass Comm Interest Group and an active member in every aspect of our organization; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,** that TSCA add a pop of color to our wardrobes in memory of valued member, Raymond Puchot.

A special thanks goes to Kim Falco and the Resolutions Committee as well as those of you who filled in when and where Kim needed you!

WHEREAS, This man’s stature is small in comparison to his heart; and  
 WHEREAS, This man seems to know ALL of the answers and gives them with a smile; and  
 WHEREAS, He managed to make it through TSCA and St. Mark’s simultaneously and still looked spiffy; and  
 WHEREAS, He has brought much Joy in Tournaments; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 that TSCA always appreciate our joyful Brent Hinkle.

WHEREAS, Don Streeter served as President and Executive Secretary of TSCA; and  
 WHEREAS, He was a valued member of the faculty and chairman at University of Houston; and  
 WHEREAS, He authored numerous books and has been described by his colleagues as very pleasant and highly intellectual; and  
 WHEREAS, Don was a spelling bee pronouncer for the *Houston Chronicle*; and  
 WHEREAS, Don would don a sombrero from a convention in el Paso, had a ready smile, strong handshake, and was an ambassador of TSCA; and  
 WHEREAS, TSCA has honored him by naming the Past President’s Luncheon after him; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That TSCA mourn the passing of Don Streeter.

*...Don Streeter served as president and Executive Secretary of TSCA....*

WHEREAS, Speech and debate coaches are usually creatures of habit; and  
 WHEREAS, A Thursday night TFA meeting seemed a bit unusual to us; and  
 WHEREAS, Shawn Mena is known for her (clap-clap) efficiency and straightforwardness; and  
 WHEREAS, Lots of business was discussed; and  
 WHEREAS, TFA finished all of its business by 9:45-ish; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That TFA members find something productive to do with their time off and not be weirded out by this unusual alignment of the stars.

Make sure you alert Resolutions Committee Members, of all events, deaths, illnesses, and congratulations you wish to commemorate in an official TSCA Resolution.

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**WHEREAS,** Speech education in Texas must be vigilantly protected; and  
**WHEREAS,** In times of nationwide cuts to education, we find ourselves in a crisis situation; and  
**WHEREAS,** What's a crisis situation without sending in the appropriate "troops" to help us; and  
**WHEREAS,** Our TSCA Army stood up for us, some even at the last minute; and  
**WHEREAS,** Our jobs, livelihood, and what we love doing was saved (at least until the next crisis occurs); now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,** That the members of TSCA extend all of their gratitude to Lacy Matejowsky, Russell Kirkscey, Jana Riggins, Kandi King, Natalie Bryant, Virginia Myers Dorman, Dr. Richard Cheatham, Shawn Mena, Heath Martin, Racy Grant, Melissa Witt, Travis Cormier, Shawn Wahl, and Meika Forge; and, be it **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That ALL of the body should be ready to enlist in our fight to provide the best education possible to our young Texans.

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**WHEREAS,** TSCA has long had continued support from Custom Awards and Engraving; and  
**WHEREAS,** Norma Coston and Bo Williamson have provided beautiful plaques to honor TSCA nominees over the years; and  
**WHEREAS,** Norma and Bo are our friends and compadres; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,** That TSCA show their appreciation to Norma Coston and Bo Williamson with a giant round of applause!

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**WHEREAS,** Janee and Bill McGoff are longtime members of the speech and theatrecommunity; and  
**WHEREAS,** Bill and Janee, both retired, are still "regulars" at many East Texas theatre productions and speech/debate tournaments; and  
**WHEREAS,** Janee was recently hospitalized after suffering an aneurysm; and  
**WHEREAS,** Her TSCA friends are worried about her; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,** That TSCA members remember Bill and Janee McGoff in their prayers.

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**WHEREAS,** Patrick Mercier was a beloved coach at Cypress Lakes High School; and  
**WHEREAS,** He was active in his church and community; and  
**WHEREAS,** He was a champion of the diversity of students; and  
**WHEREAS,** An award was created in his honor at his school called “The Merciful Heart Award” because of his love and care for his students; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That TSCA send its deepest sympathy to the family, students, and colleagues of Patrick Mercier.

**WHEREAS,** This year’s Communicator of the Year, Abby Rike, is one of our own; and  
**WHEREAS,** We are all much more thankful for our classrooms now that we have seen her very own CART; and  
**WHEREAS,** Abby has found joy on the other side of unspeakable tragedy; and  
**WHEREAS,** She had the strength after her long talk with the Lord, not the “churchy” kind, to appear on national television in spandex and a sports bra; and  
**WHEREAS,** Her Macy-girl, dressed in disco-purple, a cheetah wrap and hot pink sunglasses, encouraged us to “live large;” and  
**WHEREAS,** Abby gave us the advice that, “If you’re not failing; you’re not Living”; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That we all look at things through different lenses and not be afraid to put on that pink tutu and run that marathon.

*...TSCA sends its deepest sympathy to the family , students, and colleagues of Patrick Mercier.*

**WHEREAS,** Yoda says, “Fear is the path to the Dark Side;” and  
**WHEREAS,** Sometimes we teachers forget that our administrators are NOT the enemy; and  
**WHEREAS,** One of our own has “crossed over” and now bridges the gap between speech education and administration; and  
**WHEREAS,** Ferris ISD never had it so good!; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That TSCA congratulates member and friend, Racy Grant, on her new position and extend a welcoming hug and a smile, as long as she comes back to see us.

**WHEREAS,** Sami Womack’s husband was taken to the hospital during NFL Nationals in 2010; and  
**WHEREAS,** He has had a debilitating migraine since then; and  
**WHEREAS,** He has just recently gotten a successful diagnosis and is still awaiting a treatment plan; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That TSCA send unified prayers for healing to Dustin Womack.

**WHEREAS,** Convention is a time to see and hear many interesting things; and  
**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kerry Moore advised, “You need to rake everyone over the coals!” ; and  
**WHEREAS,** Barb Mayo was heard telling Russell Kirkscey, “Let me get with you and load my flash drive into your computer;” and  
**WHEREAS,** Ralph Long was exercising some freedom from responsibility by yelling, “Nay!” on floor votes; and  
**WHEREAS,** Ann Shofner told us, “I don’t do technology.” ...ANN! It was a microphone! ; and  
**WHEREAS,** We have also had some incredible nonverbal messages from Scott Baker during the TFA meeting to the looks exchanged between Kim and Yolanda when they rode the elevator with the ladies of the evening Friday night; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
That we embrace and revel in the diversity of communication at our convention.

**WHEREAS,** Paul Newman coached at the Kinkaid School in Houston and St. Mark’s in Dallas; and  
**WHEREAS,** He coached many successful CX teams and National Champion teams; and  
**WHEREAS,** He served as a member of the TFA Executive council; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
That TSCA sends its condolences to the family and Friends of Paul Newman.

**WHEREAS,** It is the responsibility of the Vice President to put together an interesting education program; and  
**WHEREAS,** It is an overwhelming job for one person to put together the TSCA Convention program; and  
**WHEREAS,** Connie called on her wonderful friends to put together the terrific program enjoyed at this conference; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
That Ann Shofner, Shay Ward, Bethany Beck, and Thomas Katara be profusely thanked for helping on a job well done!

Say thank you in an official TSCA  
Resolution at the 2012 Convention in San Antonio.

*Therefore, be it resolved that we embrace and revel in the diversity of communication at our convention.*

**WHEREAS,** Danny Pecquet was a former speech competitor at Southwest Texas State University in the mid-nineties and then coached at Hanks High School in El Paso; and  
**WHEREAS,** He could tell stories about weenie soup and being kidnapped and tied to a tree that would make you laugh so hard you would almost cry; and  
**WHEREAS,** He was passionate about doing what was right, even if it went against his best interests; and  
**WHEREAS,** Danny’s parents are establishing a foundation to provide tournament clothes for students who cannot afford them; and  
**WHEREAS,** His exuberant spirit would cause him to burst into song, followed by, “Thank You!”; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That Danny Pecquet was an interesting and valued member of our community and we are sure to miss him.

**WHEREAS,** TSCA is NOT a tree-hugging bunch of people; and  
**WHEREAS,** “Going Green” is harder than it looks; and  
**WHEREAS,** Many sheets of paper died so we could bring you these resolutions; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That TSCA extends a BIG THANK YOU to the North Texas Debate Association for generously donating 3 cases of paper for the 2011 TSCA Convention.

**WHEREAS,** Opal Hall taught at Denton High School for many years; and  
**WHEREAS,** She was extremely proud of the successes of her students who included actors, politicians, and business leaders; and  
**WHEREAS,** She was a valued member of TSCA, TFA, and UIL; and  
**WHEREAS,** As Ann Shofner said, “Opal just made you smile!” ; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That TSCA smile at Opal and show her how much we will miss her.

**WHEREAS,** An organization’s vision is only as strong as its leadership; and  
**WHEREAS,** TSCA’s EC represents the best of us; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED,**  
 That the membership welcomes our new officers, VP Elect Shawn Wahl, Journal Editor George Pacheco. And be it further resolved that the membership offer condolences... we mean congratulations... to Connie McKee, Russell Kirkscey, Mike Jones, Brent Hinkle, Jana Riggins, and Aimee Kasprzyk and Kandi King for another great year.

*Danny Pecquet... could tell stories about weenie soup and being kidnapped and tied to a tree...*

**WHEREAS,** We have faced many obstacles this year, such as the loss of beloved members of our organization, the uncertainty of the future of our speech course, drastic budget cuts, the important work regarding the SBOE, and conflicts that pull our members away from us; and

**WHEREAS,** Debaters are always ready for a fight; and

**WHEREAS,** We are stronger than the mountains we face; now, be it

**RESOLVED,**  
That we convene again next year in the River City to “Face Challenges and Make Choices.”

# TSCA Luncheon



Member Ronda Craig visits with Shawn Duthie, Ray Dillard, Vicki Dillard, Terri Robinson, Janet Melton, Myrna Bass,, Barbara Ixba, and Sami Womack over lunch.

The TSCA Luncheon took on a new and important role this year, touting the accomplishments of the past year as well as from years past.

Members were treated to a delicious lunch and were able to reminisce about our history and hash out issues facing us today.

*...Be it resolved that we convene again next year in the River City to “Face Challenges and Make Choices.”*

***Get involved by educating yourself about TSCA issues and events.***

Each year, important changes surrounding speech and theatre curricula and requirements occur on the middle school, high school, and post secondary levels. Be on the cutting edge of these issues by remaining active in the largest Speech Education Association in the country.

**Thank You to all of the members  
who helped make my tenure, and  
especially, this convention  
possible!  
2010 President Kandi  
King**

*New Members learn  
about the largest Speech  
Communication state  
organization in the  
United States.*



Vice President-Elect Russell Kirkscey brings new members up to speed on how they can contribute to the Association at the New Member Luncheon.



TSCA boasts a wealth of active past and present leaders.

Row 1 (Left to Right)  
M'Liss Hindman,  
Trudy Hanson, Ann  
Shofner, Martha  
Haun, Barbara Mayo

Row 2 (Left to Right)  
Guy Yates, Lou Ann  
Seabourn, Ralph  
Long, Amy Tilton-  
Jones, Mike Jones,  
Kandi King, June  
Smith, Shawn Wahl,  
Kerry Moore



Oral Interpretation Chair Shawn Duthie and poet, Doyle “Doc” Wood clown, around during this year’s Meet the Author session.

*Perspectives on youthfulness, adulthood, and aging provided for both poignancy and laughs at this year’s Professors’ Performance Hour.*



Ralph Long, Shawn Duthie, Sami Womack, and Ann Shofner show us how it’s done as their Professors Performance Hour literature explored life from childhood to adulthood and beyond.



Vendors are always an important part of the TSCA convention experience!

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Many members had much to celebrate



Outgoing Newsletter Editor Amy Tilton-Jones and newly re-elected Comptroller Mike Jones contemplate events



Archivist Jana Riggins presents Communicator of the Year and former student Abby Rike with her award.



Kandi King and Ralph Long show off one of the beautiful arrangements he provided.



Guy Yates receives recognition for his 50 years of membership and service to TSCA



Newly elected members of the EC: Journal Editor George Pacheco and VP Elect Shawn Wahl

*TSCA applauds, honors,  
and remembers  
contributions of many  
members throughout the  
convention .*



TSCA and TIFA take the time to honor past Educator of the Year Award recipients.

*This year, TSCA spent a lot of time remembering past accomplishments while looking ahead to new challenges.*



Congratulations to the recipients of the prestigious TSCA Educator of the Year Award: George Pacheco of Angelo State University, and Karen Wilbanks of Plano Senior High School, along with Collier Patton, of Lone Star College, TIFA Educator of the Year.



Vice President Connie McKee accepts the gavel from outgoing President Kandi King.

President Kandi King is honored at the President's Reception



## CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS

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We welcome all areas of communication research, including but not limited to:

- rhetorical criticism and theory
- interpersonal communication
- organizational communication
- mass communication
- instructional development
- performance studies

Please submit abstracts, papers, and panel ideas to TSCA Vice President Russell Kirkscey at [russell.kirkscey@ttu.edu](mailto:russell.kirkscey@ttu.edu).

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Sincerely,

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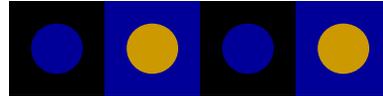
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