

Summer 2008

# TexasSpeaks

## A Message From TSCA President Barbara Mayo

Summer is almost over and convention time is nearing. Be sure to mark your calendars for October 8-11, 2008 to attend our annual convention to be held in Corpus Christi. Not only do we have a fabulous venue planned (who doesn't like to wiggle their toes in the sand on occasion?), we have a fantastic convention program packed with both educational and fun sessions. Your Vice-President, Lois Davis, has been busily planning the convention with the assistance of all of the interest group chairs and local arrangements. Be sure to check out the program on line in September and don't forget to **register early for the convention!** As you can see from our website, your Secretary and Webmaster, Brent Hinkle, has worked continuously throughout the year to improve our website and make the registration process as smooth as possible. Thanks to the coordination between Brent and Bill Schuetz, our Comptroller, you can now also pay for your membership and registration on line.

Since you are most likely reading this newsletter online, you know the fantastic job your newsletter editor, Amy Tilton Jones has done in gathering the information you like reading. If you have a story or item of interest, be sure to send it to Amy.

We recently had a very productive spring officer's retreat in Corpus and were able to tour the facilities, meet with the hotel convention staff and discuss various TSCA business matters in conjunction with organizing the October convention. Lois Davis reviewed the convention plans and is working closely with Local Arrangements Chair, Charlene Dietrich on the final touches for the convention. Your Interest Group Chairs have done a great job in providing Lois with a variety of programs addressing our theme. Ralph Long, your VP-Elect, is busy recruiting vendors for the convention, so if you know of a vendor who would like to buy a table, please send the name to Ralph right away. Bill Schuetz reported that he has successfully negotiated our next four years of convention contracts with the '09 convention sight planned at the Omni Mandalay Hotel in Dallas. Amy's report on the newsletter updated us regarding the number of postcards returned for lack of correct mailing address, so please update your address in our online directory if you have not already done so. Additionally, please extend your appreciation to Del Mar College for their generosity in covering the expense of mailing these postcards and producing the newsletter each year. We are currently reviewing the need to continue the postcard mailings, so let Amy know your thoughts on this issue. Shawn Wahl, our Journal Editor, has followed in Trudy's footsteps successfully by producing a first class publication and will represent TSCA at NCA in November. Jana Riggins, our Archivist, was unable to attend due to her husband's illness, but she wanted to make sure all knew how grateful she has been for your thoughts and prayers. She has successfully compiled the '07 TSCA archival documents, but always welcomes additional materials. If you know anyone who should be receiving their 25 year membership pin, please drop her a line to confirm that with our records. I have renewed our CPE provider forms and we will have certificates available for those earning credit at convention. This is an excellent opportunity to earn those credits, so be sure to spread the word.

Our TSCA Committees have also been hard at work all year and in particular, a special thanks goes to our Public Relations Co-Chairs, Michael Merritte and Charles Wise and their committee members for their tireless efforts in finalizing the TSCA recruitment brochure and getting the word out to potential members at the UIL Capital Conference in Austin. District Chairs have done an excellent job in spreading the word of the advantages of belonging to TSCA to their colleagues, but if you would like a copy of the brochure to send to your colleagues, please contact Michael directly. He can send you a copy via e-mail or send hard copies in regular mail. The Educator Training Committee will be replacing the large materials notebook with a sleek CD of the handout materials. This will definitely make your packing easier! Additionally, they are working on linking resources to the web so members can access lesson plans, and other useful teaching materials. A few changes to the by-laws were recommended to be forwarded for consideration by the By-Laws Committee and they will be working diligently to get those to you at convention so be sure to attend the General Sessions to let your voice be heard. The Educator of the Year Committee, led by Sammy Green, has received the nomination portfolios and is reviewing them to honor those recipients as one of the highlights of our convention.

As most of you are aware, we have had a number of sad losses to our TSCA family. We have mourned the loss of Rita Harlien, Jackie Jarrett, Sandy Lucaa and Virginia Myer's husband along with dealing with other losses and illnesses. The families appreciate your expressions of sympathy and ongoing support. Each time I hear of members supporting one another in times of need, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to belong to an organization that is not only professional, but provides a sense of community. Thank you for the opportunity to work with and serve such a fine organization. As we go into the Fall, know that I look forward to seeing each of you at convention!

**SURF'S UP IN CORPUS!**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## Welcome to Corpus Christi

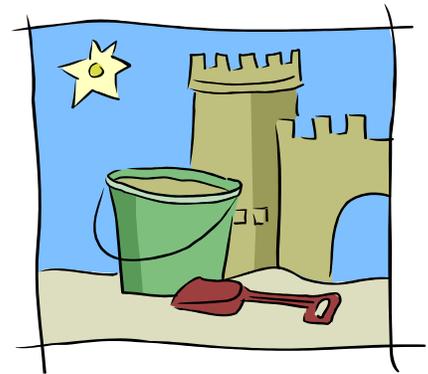
On behalf of the local arrangements committee, I would like to welcome you to Corpus Christi, The City By the Sea. Because the Omni is located downtown, there are a lot of activities to do downtown and you can reach most of them by walking. You can walk across the street and ride covered bicycles (it takes at least two people), go swimming, build a sandcastle on the beach, and watch the sun set while drinking champagne (or water) and eating strawberries. If you're looking for that ole' 1950's feeling, check out the *City Diner & Oyster Bar*. If you are more the "Café" type, we have the *Café Passionne*. Great seafood, pasta and steaks are at the *Water Street Restaurant*. After you eat there, check out the club that's next door. Go shopping at the specialty shops in the Water Street Square. The *Executive Surf Club* is designed for shorts, jeans, sandals and those liking music, beer and friends. Go across the Harbor Bridge to check out the World War Two aircraft carrier, the *Lexington* (wear your walking shoes). At the bottom of the *Lexington Pier* are restaurants and gift shops (plus more sand for those sandcastles!) such as *Pier 99* or *Blackbeard's* for music, great conversations with your new TSCA buddies. Don't forget we have the Texas State Aquarium, art museums plus Harbor Playhouse for added enjoyment. If you just want to "sit", there is a really long seawall for just that purpose (well that and defending the city against "hurricane force water" spills!).

Let us know how we can help make your TSCA experience in Corpus Christi more beneficial. We can direct you to shopping malls, fishing experiences and trips around the bay on a boat or find a quiet place to take a well deserved nap.

Enjoy your stay, learn a lot, eat your veggies, take more naps, have wonderful conversations, laugh with your friends and take care.

Charlene Dietrich

Chair, Local Arrangements Committee



## 2008 Convention Hotel Information



Make your reservations now for the 2008 TSCA convention in Corpus Christi!

Omni Hotel Bayfront

900 N. Shoreline Blvd.

Corpus Christi, TX 78401

(800) 843-6664 or (361) 887-1600

Make reservations by calling: (800) THE-OMNI or [www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com)

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS: September 18th!!!

## Pre-Register Online for Convention 2008!

Browse to [www.etsca.com](http://www.etsca.com)

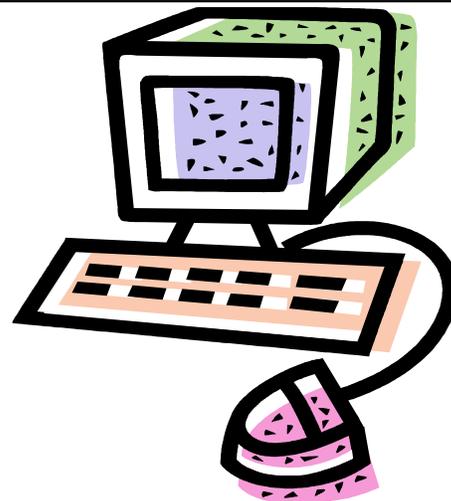
Click "Join TSCA" in the left-hand menu

CURRENT MEMBERS can use their e-mail address and password to login. Using this option allows a quick and easy membership renewal process which remembers all of the information you provided last year.

NEW MEMBERS can click on the "Sign Up Now" button near the bottom of the page.

Fill in the requested information on the website. At the end of the process, you will be able to pay with a credit card (via PayPal), or you can download a membership application form to send along with your check or purchase order.

**THE PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CONVENTION IS SEPTEMBER 19TH!!!!!!!!!!!!**



## Committee Meetings at Convention 2008

Are you on a TSCA committee? If you don't know, log on to [www.etsca.com](http://www.etsca.com), click on the committee link on the home page, and view the 2007-2008 committee assignments. Committee meetings will be held on Wednesday night at the convention. If you are on a committee, please keep this in mind when making your Corpus Christi travel arrangements!



**"Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still"**  
-Chinese Proverb

## 2008 Educator of the Year Nominees

Middle School  
Sandra Jones  
Cheryl Miller  
Gwen White

High School  
Deanne Christensen  
Ross De Leon  
Kim Falco  
Barbara Garner  
Aimee Kasprzyk  
Russell Kirkscey

Community College  
Stephanie Stanley Allen  
Amy Tilton Jones  
  
University  
Martha Hawn  
Shawn Wahl



2008 Candidates for  
TSCA Executive Office

Vice President-Elect

Linda Alderson

Racy Grant

Kandi King

Comptroller

Mike Jones

## Cast Your Vote at the TSCA Convention



### Statement from Vice President-Elect Candidate Racy Grant

Dear TSCA Fellow Members,

It is with great humility and honor that I have accepted the nominating committee's request to run for Vice President-Elect of this amazing organization. During my short time in TSCA, I have been overwhelmed by the desire to spread the word about TSCA to every speech and debate educator in our state and beyond. Current and former officers of this organization have brought insight, assistance, and support to untold numbers of educators in Texas and beyond. I would love the opportunity to serve TSCA, its' members, and those educators who have yet to be brought into the fold of such an unbelievable organization.

As a presenter, district chair, and interest group chair over the span of my participation and membership in TSCA, I have been privileged to learn from unbelievable mentors, help in the development of young teachers, and participate in the development of an organization that gives much needed support to a group of educators who work very hard year round yet rarely see the opportunity for professional development in their field. As Vice President-Elect, I would hope to continue to develop this organization to reach even more educators in our field so as to develop the educational value of students across the state in the most important field of study, that of Communication!

As I begin my 14th year in education and my 12th year as a speech and debate coach, I feel privileged that I have had the opportunity to be exposed to educators who truly share the same values that I do. Coming from the North Eastern part of the state, I have participated in a speech and debate organization, NTDA, that cherishes the values and standards of UIL style debate. These values of honesty, integrity, and articulate communication are at the very core of my educational philosophy; however, as a 4A coach with 8 years of experience at the state level, I also have an understanding and appreciation for other debate circuits within our state.

I have coached at Hallsville High School for 11 years teaching Communication Applications, Dual Credit Speech, Debate, Sociology, Technical Theater, and Theater. All of these courses have afforded me the opportunity to see the various areas of interest at TSCA. I would feel honored to work alongside our other esteemed officers to help develop our organization to reach even more members, provide more information to existing members, and make communication studies in Texas something to be admired and spoken of across the USA.

I hope to see you in Corpus for some unbelievable opportunities to expand your knowledge about our field. Please come support our organization and give yourself the charge to have a superb year instilling in students the importance of communication in their life.

Sincerely,

Racy Grant

## Statement from Vice President-Elect Candidate Linda Alderson

Dear Texas Speech Communication Association Membership,

I am truly honored to accept the nomination for the TSCA Vice-President elect. Thirty conventions ago in Corpus Christi, I began my membership in the largest state speech communication organization in our nation. I have attended every convention since that date, serving as a program presenter, program coordinator, program moderator, various interest group chairs, and the District 3 chair for 24 years as well as numerous committees and committee chairs.

I recently retired after 35 years in the classroom. Twenty-four of those years, including the last 10 were in public school. I have taught grades 6 through university seniors. I am currently substituting, primarily in elementary and middle school. So, my experience spans the scope of our organization.

I am familiar with TEA, the State Board of Education, State Board of Educator Certification, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, and with the SACS accreditation process. I was active in the review of the Essential Elements and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills even while I was a community college educator. I have been very active in UIL since my high school days.

I have coached forensics in A-AAAA schools and on the college level. I was active in TIF, TCCSTA, and Phi Rho Ti. I have taught the required courses on the high school and college levels as well as elective speech courses. I have taught theatre courses, directed One Act plays along with serving as a contest manager for OAP, and served as a college Technical Director. I frequently do workshops for teachers and students as well as run UIL district meets.

I have a vision for TSCA. That vision is to maintain our unity even though our diversity does not give us uniformity. I am running for this office in order to SERVE the Texas Speech Communication Association as the leadership and other members have mentored me in my career. I learned what professionalism is through TSCA, and I wish to further that professionalism within the state of Texas.

Thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to serving TSCA in whatever capacity needed. Teaching speech communication and serving students and educators are my passions.

Sincerely,

Linda I. Alderson

## Statement from Vice President-Elect Candidate Kandi King

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee and the TSCA Membership:

I am writing to accept the nomination to the office of Vice-President-Elect of the Texas Speech Communication Association's Nominating Committee. I do so with pleasure and after having given much consideration to taking this action. For the past twenty-seven years, I have been an active member of TSCA; have undertaken many committee positions; participated in more panels than I can begin to count; and, yet, have never gone beyond serving TSCA in any way other than smaller leadership roles.

It is now time for me to make a larger commitment. I believe I can bring to this position an understanding of a small segment of the history of this organization, an understanding of ALL the different interest groups of this organization, and, perhaps, most important for the future of TSCA, our discipline and our students, both secondary and collegiate, an understanding of the challenges we all face as we continue to passionately care about the art and science of communication.

Service begins at home – at least that is what my Poppa always told me. Well, TSCA has provided me with a good “home” since Dr. Beverly Martin helped me find my first teaching position. Along the way I have discovered “good family” with Lanny Naegelin, Bob Jeffrey, Jackie Jarrett, Sandy Lucaa, Rita Harlien. . . . (and now I feel badly because there are so many of you to include!) All of these family members gave me so much, and, now, I would like to “pay it forward.”

Cordially,

*Kandi King*

Director of Debate

Winston Churchill HS

## Call for Manuscripts

Texas Speech Communication Journal

Volume 34

The *Texas Speech Communication Journal* issues a call for papers that focus on nonverbal communication. Papers can examine topics such as nonverbal communication related to technology, personal relationships, health care, organizations, education, etc.

Contributors may approach the topic from a variety of methodological perspectives. Teaching Tips submitted for Volume 34 should reflect best practices in teaching nonverbal communication. Manuscripts should be received no later than **February 10, 2009**. Manuscripts not devoted to the topic of nonverbal communication will be considered for the research section of the issue as space allows. TSCJ follows a policy of blind review so no author identification should appear in the body of the manuscript.

Manuscripts should not exceed 25 pages and be written according to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th edition)*. The title page should include the author's name, academic position, institutional affiliation, full mailing address, telephone number, email address, brief author bio, and a history of the manuscript (presentation at conferences). An abstract of not more than 150 words should accompany the manuscript. The author should also include keywords for the article. Email submissions are preferred for both manuscripts and teaching tips (either in WordPerfect or Word.). The format for Teaching Tips should include learning objectives, description of preparation needed for the activity, a description of the activity, instructions for debriefing and a list of resources.

Queries and manuscript submissions should be sent via email to:

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Texas Speech Communication Journal Online 2009

Focus: Forensics Education and Developing Competitive Speech/Theatre Activity Teams

The *Texas Speech Communication Journal Online* issues a call for papers that focus on forensics education and developing competitive speech/debate/theatre teams. Contributors can focus a variety of debate formats, speaking/performance events, and One Act Play .

The *TSCJ Online* is a publication of the Texas Speech Communication Association that focuses on pedagogical issues in teaching communication. This online format allows contributors to include visual images, as well as links that support their research or explicate a teaching strategy.

Manuscript submissions should be limited to 500 to 1000 words and should fall between academic and journalistic discourse and should be designed to promote discussion, raising important issues about the teaching of communication.

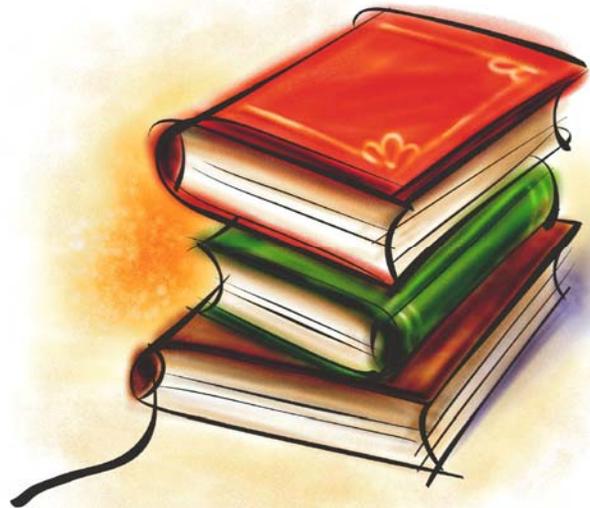
**Deadline: November 30, 2008**

Please send submissions electronically in Word or Word Perfect format to

TSCJ Online Editor

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Look online in September for the Convention 2008 program! Check your panels and presentations, plan your travel, and pick the programs you want to attend. Don't forget:

- Educator of the Year Reception on Thursday Night
- Convention Luncheon on Friday Afternoon
- President's Reception Friday Night
- Professor's Performance Hour Friday Night featuring The Ladies of Del Mar College!!!!

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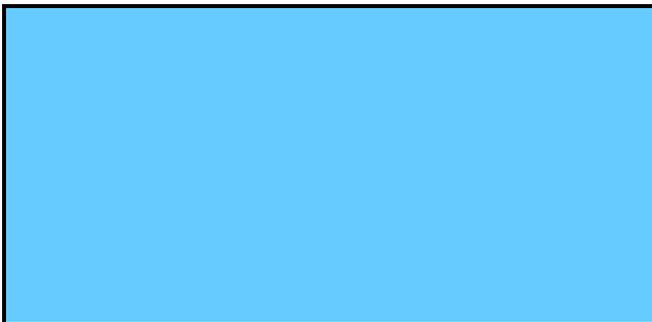
Job Openings!

Scholarship Contests or Opportunities!

News from your Interest Groups or District!



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Thank you for submitting information to the TSCA Newsletter—TexaSpeaks!!!

## Texas Speech Communication Association

TSCA is the largest Speech Communication State organization in the United States! It consists of educators from middle school through University level in the fields of Speech and Theater, Administrators from all levels, and Professionals from corporate America. The Texas State Communication Association has a member base of approximately 700 members and is growing.

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2008!

Corpus Christi

October 8-11, 2008



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