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To the Membership of TSCA:

I am so pleased to accept the nomination of Vice President-Elect for TSCA. This organization has meant a lot to me, and I welcome the opportunity to give back to it. Through a discussion of my qualifications and goals for TSCA, I hope to convince you that I can be an effective member of the Executive Council.

I first joined TSCA in 2006 when I moved to Texas to teach at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton. Since that time, not only have I served as UMHB's Director of Forensics, but I also coach on the middle school and high school levels for Academy ISD as a volunteer. This gives me experience at all levels of TSCA activity. I have served TSCA in many capacities. I have served on the Four-Year University Committee, the Educator Training Committee, the Governmental Affairs Committee, and now serve on the Bylaws Committee. I have tried to vary my involvement in the committees in order to have a broad understanding of the organization. I have also served as the District 12 chair. In addition, I have served on panels and chaired them when necessary. Also, I am a past president of the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association and the recipient of the 2010 TIFA Educator of the Year award. I hope this breadth of experience assures you that I am capable of managing duties on the Executive Council.

I see the goals of this organization as providing advocacy and strengthening membership. These goals are interconnected as improving advocacy should also improve membership and vice versa.

For the purpose of advocacy, I suggest an effort at the local level by our individual members. In addition to building strong relationships with principals, we need to do more public relations with school boards. We need to make our students' public speaking skills public. Once the school boards see the fruits of our labors, hopefully they will advocate on our behalf as well. I would like to see TSCA have a presence at the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) convention. They can't help us if they don't even know we exist.

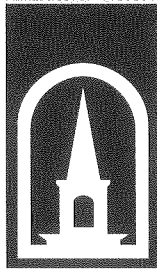
For membership, I think we need to have a concerted effort from our Middle School, Secondary School, and Two-and-Four Year Colleges and Universities Committees to find the people we are missing. A few years ago, I served on the University Committee. There were three of us at the meeting. One person agreed to contact two-year speech teachers, one agreed to contact four-year public university teachers, and I agreed to contact the four-year private university teachers. I researched and sent out emails to a couple of hundred professors, inviting them to TSCA. While this task may seem daunting, it is actually quite doable. We simply need to make it a priority to get it done. We offer a wonderful service to speech teachers in Texas; I want to make our availability known.

I hope you find my background and goals agreeable for the role of Vice President-Elect. I invite anyone to engage me in a discussion about the future of the TSCA, as many perspectives can only strengthen the vision. I can be reached at Kathy.owens@umhb.edu or 254-295-5512. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Owens". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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EDUCATION FOR LIFE... EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

August 28, 2017

Mr. Fugler,

I write this letter to document my full support for Kathy Owens's position as Vice-President Elect for TSCA. I understand that she will have duties, which may necessitate covering her regular workdays as a Speech Communications Faculty here at UMHB. I also understand that accepting this position requires a three-year commitment as an officer of TSCA. I am excited for her opportunity to serve your organization in this capacity.

Best,

Jacky Dumas Ph.D.
Associate Dean of Humanities
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EDUCATION

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA: Passed comprehensive exams for Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction in August 2000; ABD
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA: M.A. in Speech Communication with an emphasis in Performance Studies, 1994. Thesis: "A New Perspective on Place and Time in the Fiction of Eudora Welty: A Chronotopic Analysis of The Robber Bridegroom"
Louisiana College, Pineville, LA: B.A. in Communication Arts with an emphasis in Theatre Arts, 1988

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2009-present

Instructor

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2005-2009

Part-time Instructor

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2003-2005
Temple College, 2004-2005

Instructor

Department of Speech Communication and Theatre, University of Louisiana at Monroe, 1997-2003; also, Director of Forensics, 2001-2003

Teacher

Speech and Theatre; St. Andrew's Episcopal School; Ridgeland, MS, 1996-1997

Part-time Instructor

Holmes Community College--Ridgeland Campus; Ridgeland, MS, 1995-1997
Department of Communication, Mississippi College; Clinton, MS, 1996-1997
Department of Speech and Theatre, Hinds Community College; Raymond, MS, 1995-1996
Belhaven College; Jackson, MS, 1995-1996

Instructor

Department of Speech Communication and Theatre, Northeast Louisiana University; Monroe, LA, 1994-1995

Graduate Instructor

Department of Speech Communication; Louisiana State University; Baton Rouge, LA, 1990-1993

PUBLICATIONS

An Introduction to Public Speaking, co-authored with Kerry Owens. Southlake, TX: Fountainhead Press, 2010

Dramatic Interpretation, co-authored with Betty Whitlock. Taos, NM: CDE Publications, 1995

FORENSICS EXPERIENCE

Coached UIL Poetry Interpretation 3A State Champion, 2015

President, Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association, 2012-2014

Coach the Miss MHB Pageant platform speeches, 2012-present

Coached National Novice Champion Reader's Theatre Team, 2010

Won Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association Educator of the Year, 2010

Director of Forensics, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2010-present

Volunteer coach for Academy Middle School and High School, Academy, TX, 2010-present

Find UIL district judges for three districts, 2007-present

Co-directed UIL district meet, 2007

Director of Forensics, University of Louisiana at Monroe, 2001-2003

Director of University of Louisiana at Monroe R.J. Bicker Debate and Individual Events
Tournament, 2002-2003

Secretary, Louisiana Intercollegiate Forensics Association, 2002-2003

Host, Louisiana Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Championships, February 2002

Mississippi Youth Congress Bills Judge, November 2002

Have conducted numerous workshops on individual events and tournament judging; see "Special
Interest Seminars Taught"

Director of University of Louisiana at Monroe's high school speech tournament; February 2000

Assisted individual events team for the University of Louisiana at Monroe Forensics, 1997-2001

Individual events coach; St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 1996-1997

Assistant coach; Jackson Preparatory School, 1995-1996

Assisted the forensics team at Mississippi College as an adjunct instructor, 1995-1996

Volunteer individual events assistant coach; Clinton High School, 1984-1995

Hold Degree of Distinction as a coach in the National Forensic League

National Novice Prose Interpretation Champion, collegiate level, 1985

PAPERS PRESENTED/CONVENTION PANELS

"Coaching Public Address," panel member at Texas Speech Communication Association
Convention, October 2014

"Coaching Oral Interpretation," panel member at Texas Speech Communication Association
Convention, October 2014

"Using Dramatistic Analysis to Inform Oral Interpretation," presented at Southern States
Communication Association, April 2013

- “Using Dramatistic Analysis to Inform Oral Interpretation,” presented at Texas Speech Communication Association, October 2012
- “An Analysis of the Effects of Accent and Dialect on Academic Success,” presented at the Southern States Communication Association Convention, April 2002
- “An Analysis of the Effects of Accent and Dialect on Academic Success,” presented at the Louisiana Communication Association Conference, August 2001
- “An Intercultural Analysis of Teaching Methods: Great Britain, Germany, Sweden, Japan, China, and Russia,” presented at the joint meeting of the Popular Culture Association in the South and the American Culture Association in the South, October 2000
- “An Intercultural Analysis of Teaching Methods: Great Britain, Germany, Sweden, Japan, China, and Russia,” presented at the Louisiana Communication Association Convention, August 2000
- “Intertextuality as a Tool for Effective Teaching and Learning,” presented at the Southern States Communication Association Convention in April 2000
- “An Analysis of Speech Teachers’ Grading Practices,” presented at the Louisiana Communication Association Convention, Fall 1999
- “On the Road Again’: A Chronotopic Analysis of Country ‘Road’ Music,” presented at the Popular Culture Association Convention, Spring 1997
- “On the Road Again’: A Chronotopic Analysis of Country ‘Road’ Music,” presented at the International Country Music Conference, Spring 1996
- “Undermining Feminism in ‘Teen Dream’ Comic Books: An Analysis of ‘Betty and Veronica’,” presented at the Popular Culture Association Convention, Spring 1993

COMMITTEE WORK

- Temple Civic Theatre Board of Governors, At-large Member, 2017-present
- Temple Civic Theatre Board of Governors, Youth Liaison, 2016-2017
- Environmental Affairs Committee, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2016-2017
- Bylaws Committee, Texas Speech Communication Association, 2016-present
- Governmental Affairs Committee, Texas Speech Communication Association, 2014-2016
- Nominating Committee, Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association, 2014-2016
- Four Year and University Committee, Texas Speech Communication Association, 2013
- Teacher Training Committee, Texas Speech Communication Association, 2010-2012
- Communication Core Assessment Committee, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2012
- Grievance Committee, Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association, 2010-2014, 2016
- Educator of the Year Committee, Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association, 2010-2013
- Teacher Education Council, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2008-present
- Diversity Committee, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2013-present
- Professional Development Committee, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2012-2014
- Student Development Committee, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 2009-2012
- All-State Awards Committee, Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association, 2008-2010
- K-12 Instructional Development Committee, Texas Speech Communication Association, 2007-2010
- Athenian Awards Council Juror, Northeast Louisiana University, 1999
- High-School Tournament Committee, University of Louisiana at Monroe, 1998-1999

Curriculum Committee, University of Louisiana at Monroe, 1997-1999
Communication Committee, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 1996-1997
Scheduling Committee, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 1996-1997

SPECIAL INTEREST SEMINARS TAUGHT

Creative Dramatics: taught for Temple Civic Theatre, Temple, TX; Summer 2016
Introduction to interpretation events: taught for Clinton High School, Clinton, MS; Summer 2002
Introduction to judging speech tournaments: taught through the Mississippi High School Activities Association at Clinton High School; Spring 2001
Introduction to interpretation events: taught through the Mississippi High School Activities Association at Clinton High School; 1993, 1994, 1996, 2000
Creative dramatics for junior high teachers: staff development seminar at Carroll Junior High School, Monroe, LA; Spring 2000
Creative dramatics for high school students: taught through the Theatre 2000 Conference held at the University of Louisiana at Monroe; Spring 2000
Introduction to interpretation events: taught for Ruston High School, Ruston, LA; 1999
Introduction to declamation: taught for Clinton High School Speech and Debate Workshop, 1995
Creative dramatics, K-through 12th grade: taught through Patchwork Players, Inc.; 1988-1989

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Texas Speech Communication Association Convention; San Antonio, TX, 2016
National Communication Association Convention; Chicago, IL, 2014
Texas Speech Communication Association Convention; Lubbock, TX, 2014
Southern States Communication Association Convention; New Orleans, LA, 2014
Texas Speech Communication Association Convention; Corpus Christie, TX, 2013
Southern States Communication Association Convention; Louisville, KY, 2013
Texas Speech Communication Association Convention; San Antonio, TX 2012
National Communication Association Convention; New Orleans, LA, 2011.
Southern States Communication Association Convention; Little Rock, AR, 2011
Texas Speech Communication Association Convention; Irving, TX, 2011
National Communication Association Convention; San Francisco, CA, 2010
Texas Speech Communication Association Convention; Houston, TX, 2010
Texas Speech Communication Association Convention; Dallas, TX, 2009
Texas Speech Communication Association Convention; Corpus Christie, TX, 2008
Southern States Communication Association Convention; Savannah, GA, 2008
Texas Speech Communication Association Convention; Dallas, TX, 2007
National Communication Association Convention; San Antonio, TX, 2006
Texas Speech Communication Association Convention, Program Chair; Amarillo, TX, 2006
National Communication Association Convention; Boston, MA, 2005
Southern States Communication Association Convention; Baton Rouge, LA, 2005

Southern States Communication Association Convention; Birmingham, AL, 2003
Usher, National Communication Association Convention; New Orleans, LA, 2002
Southern States Communication Association Convention; Winston-Salem, NC, 2002
National Communication Association Convention; Atlanta, GA, 2001
Louisiana Communication Association Convention; Monroe, LA, 2001
National Communication Association Convention; Seattle, WA, 2000
Louisiana Communication Association Convention; Monroe, LA, 2000
Southern States Communication Association Convention; New Orleans, LA, 2000
Louisiana Communication Association Convention; Hammond, LA, 1999
National Communication Association Convention; New York, NY, 1998
Louisiana Communication Association Convention; New Orleans, LA, 1998
International Country Music Conference; Nashville, TN, 1998
Popular Culture Association Convention; Orlando, FL, 1998
Southern States Communication Association Convention; San Antonio, TX, 1998
International Country Music Conference; Meridian, MS, 1997
Speech Communication Association Convention; San Diego, CA, 1996
Popular Culture Association Convention; Las Vegas, NV, 1996
Mississippi Speech Communication Association Convention; Wesson, MS, 1996
Speech Communication Association Convention; San Antonio, TX, 1995
Speech Communication Association Convention; New Orleans, LA, 1994
Mississippi Speech Communication Association Convention; Meridian, MS, 1994
Popular Culture Association Convention; Louisville, KY, 1992
Southern Speech Communication Association Convention; San Antonio, TX, 1992

COURSES TAUGHT

Argumentation and Debate
Forensics and Competitive Speech
Fundamentals of Speech Communication
Interpersonal Communication
Introduction to Speech Communication
Oral Interpretation
Professional Communication
Public Speaking
Speech in the Secondary School
Storytelling
Creative Arts and Movement
Introduction to the Theatre