



SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE CHAPTER
**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN
IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Meeting: September 8, 2016
Time: 12:00PM
Location: Pecan Campus, D-106

In attendance: Alicia Gomez, Diana Llamas, Elena King, Esmeralda Adame, Irma Sierra, Mary G. Elizondo, Mayra Avila, Monica Perez, Alejandra Morales, Rebecca Cavazos, Kelli Anne Davis, Katarina Bugariu, Roxanne Garcia and Janssen Adame,

In attendance via Bb: Maria Sustaita, Merari Vasquez, Cassandra Mendez and Claudia Mercado

Official meeting called to order at 12:10 pm.

Welcome and Overview

Monica welcomed the members and thanked everyone for attending in-person and via Blackboard.

Elections

For the year 2016-2017 Monica Perez - President, Alicia Gomez– Past President, Diana Llamas –Secretary, Irma Sierra - Membership Chair, Norma Jimenez - Treasurer. We are looking for a President- Elect. Monica Perez received an electronic submission from VP-Mary G. Elizondo nominating Rebecca Cavazos as President-Elect. Alicia asked if there was any other nominations for President-Elect. Esmer Adame second the motion to elect Rebecca Cavazos as President-Elect. Rebecca Cavazos accepted the nomination for President-Elect; her new role will take effect September 8th.

UPCOMING EVENTS FY 16-17

1. College-Wide Professional Development Day

We will be setting up a table during College-wide Professional Development Day. We will be distributing the new purple scarves to members that have been pinned during Professional Development Day. We need volunteers to assist in answering questions. Please email Diana Llamas dllamas_9086@southtexascollege.edu if you are going to volunteer during the 8:00am to 9:00am time slot and during the break. Reminder if you volunteer you earn points.

2. Pinning Ceremony September 29 (Thursday)

The pinning ceremony will be on September 29th from 6:00-7:00 pm at the Pecan Campus Cooper Center North Conference Room. The presenter will present from 6:00-6:45. The pins will be distributed to new members that have not been pinned for FY 15-16. All members present will pledge. All members present should be wearing the new purple scarf. The President and Past President will be pinning the new members. It was recommended that Dr. Reed be invited to attend the ceremony. Monica Perez will talk to Public Relations about the table arrangements, cover, photographs, and basket for the presenter. Please email Diana Llamas dllamas_9086@southtexascollege.edu if you have not been pinned or want to volunteer to set up before the pinning ceremony. Reminder if you volunteer you earn points.

3. Automotive Basic Training October 14 (Friday)

Monica Perez and Esmer Adame have been communicating about offering the Automotive Basic Training on October 14 (Friday) from 11:30am -1:00pm at the Technology Campus Building B Automotive Shop. Esmer Adame mentioned that the instructor prefers offering the training on a Friday because they don't have classes on that day. Raul de la Pena, Automotive instructor will be providing the training. The instructor is requesting to know a definite number of individuals that will be participating in the training. The Automotive Basic Training session will replace our monthly meeting. Alicia Gomez recommended that we provide our member with a letter that will inform their supervisors of their professional development. The same letter was passed during the Strength finders training. The approval is for the supervisor to allow the employee to make up their time for this event. Only the individuals that RSVP will be allowed to participate in the training. Please email Diana Llamas dllamas_9086@southtexascollege.edu if you are going to participate in the training.

4. AAWCC National Conference October 26-28

This is AAWCC first National Conference that will be on October 26-28 in Portland Oregon. Intended to be a leadership development program that challenges participants to focus on behaviors that will strengthen leadership skills. If anyone is interested in attending the conference please email Monica Perez mmperez@southtexascollege.edu.

5. Turkey Trot November

Monica suggested that the association should participate in the Turkey Trot that happens in November. The exact date is pending but it usually happens on the 1st or 2nd Saturday of November. Monica will be getting more information from Dr. De Los Santos. Last year, the association participated by collecting cans, registration papers, and walk/run. The Turkey Trot needs a lot of volunteers. If you are interested in participating please email Diana Llamas dllamas_9086@southtexascollege.edu.

6. Holiday Bazaar December 8 (Thursday)

We have scheduled the Holiday Bazaar on December 8th. We need to reserve the Atrium in Building H. Last year we had the event inside. This will be our 3rd year.

7. Valentine's/ Pancake Breakfast, February 11 (Saturday)

Pending confirmation from Applebee's to host on February 11th. Alicia will contact Applebee's to check status of requested date.

8. Dialogue Day, March 30 Discussion of different issues that Women are facing.

9. Women in Technology Event is usually held in April.

AAWCC Webpage

Alejandra and Merari have been working on the webpage. On the membership page you can renew or join our association. Alejandra and Merari are working on the payment feature, as this needs to be tied to Banner to reflect payments going into the account/organization. The member roster on the website should reflect FY 2015-2016. The new member roster will be FY 2016-2017.

This should be ready to launch on September 1st with all the modification and will be ready for College-wide Professional Development Day.

Membership

The fee for Faculty/Staff is \$30 and \$20 for students. Mayra designed flyers to attract and recruit individuals to our association during events. Alejandra recommended that we recruit students during the events. The students do show interest but someone needs to follow up with them. Recommendation is that we have at least two computers at the events to try and recruit students. Another recommendation was that we set a cutoff date to become a member of the association by February or April, since 12 points may not be attainable for the remainder of the year.

Scholarship

The scholarship committee will revisit the cutoff date and scholarship award date. If you want to join the scholarship committee email Diana Llamas dllamas_9086@southtexascollege.edu.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be replaced by the Automotive Basic Training to be held on Friday, October 14th time 11:30-1:00 pm at the Technology Campus Building B - Automotive Shop.