



Professional Development Seminar October 8-9, 2009 @ CSU Fresno

Chair: Gillermina Martinez

Committee Members:

Registration - Norma Cuevas

Workshops – Gillermina Martinez

Facilities – Jenny Robeldo, Martina Granados, Sandra Fuentes

Speakers -

Moderators/Evaluations -

Program – Arnold Melgar

Awards/Gifts -

Silent Auction – Santiago Uvina

Communication/Hotel - Ben Reynoso

-Cesar Margarito, Rey Cuesta, Ricardo Marmolejo

A conference call was scheduled on Aug. 4th to have all committee members call in and discuss the planning. The conference call was very productive and things are moving in a fairly rapid pace.

There has been a Proposed Agenda that was agreed upon the committee, it was sent out, please view as it will give membership and overview of what to expect. Committee agreed to have the first breakout Session to be: New members go to the New Member Orientation - hosted by Cesar M. and the rest of the membership will go to the Fairshare 101 – hosted by Jenny R. and Sandra F.

There is a few changes to the format of this year's upcoming PDS. As membership voted to have is for a duration of 2 days, that truly limits us, as we need to fit everything we can in one day. As always the PDS will end the next day with our Chapter Meeting. However, we feel that membership will have a great experience and will be satisfied with the final outcome.

Registration:

Gillermina has created the Flyer, Registration Form and Call for Papers (*All has been sent out via the ListServ*)

Our Treasurer, Norma Cuevas, will be receiving the registrations. (I do not know if the CVent issue has been resolved as of now)

Please note that the committee has agreed to extend the early bird fee from Sept. 4th to Sept. 18th. After the 18th you will be required to pay the next tier.

Facilities:

The facilities at the university are being taken care. The number of rooms is yet to be determined as we have not finalized the number of actual workshops. Our friends at CSU Fresno will be working on food and the Hotel information should be coming soon.

Workshops:

The call for workshop was sent out. Right now we have to three workshops.

Silent Auction:

Our Fundraising Chair, Santiago Uvina, will be overseeing the silent auction. I am hoping to have communication with him as I wait for him to return from vacation.

Action Items:

- 1) Chair has to work on a proposed budget. Will be in communication with Pres. Pres-Elect and Treasurer to see what is budgeted for this year.
- 2) The committee still needs volunteers to fill in the remainder of the areas: Speaker, Moderators/Evaluations and Awards. *(The Awards need to get started)*
- 3) The call for Ads will soon be sent out. Please consider purchasing an ad for the program and highlight your students.
- 4) Our *goal* is to have the workshops, ads, awards, and program secured and completed by September 21, 2009.

If you have any questions and/or concerns feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted by

Gillermína Martínez - STAAR Program Interim Coordinator
2009 PDS Chair