

San Diego Unified School District
Office of Language Acquisition

DELAC
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2012

Education Center, Room 2008

Officers Present: Valentina Hernández, Gabriela Contreras-Misirioglu, Florentina Martínez, Yazmín Bozín, Olivia Ouchen

OLA Staff Present: Nevada Allen, Debra Dougherty, Kathy Velasco, Mary Waldron

Opening and Minutes

ELAC Liaison Olivia Ouchen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., welcomed everyone, and asked those present to read the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Review of December General Meeting

All officers present responded positively to Sally Fox's "Bilingual Brains" presentation. They found the information on brain development in bilingual people very well explained. They liked how Ms. Fox interacted with participants acting as students in her "class" and appreciated how the French lesson illustrated how students feel in a classroom when they don't understand the language and support is not provided. They also liked the strategies that Ms. Fox used in her second lesson and would like to see more classrooms implement similar strategies.

Advice to District: Continue supporting the Seal of Biliteracy. Expand the practice of granting "Pathway" awards for elementary and middle level students on their way toward earning the Seal of Biliteracy in grade 12.

Review of Robert's Rules of Order

Debra Dougherty gave a brief history of how Henry Martyn Robert developed "Robert's Rules of Order" in 1876. She then quickly went through the packet "*Robert's Rules of Order: How to Conduct a Meeting*" that officers were given at the December 6 general DELAC meeting. Everyone agreed that it is an important topic that will be well received at the general DELAC meeting in January.

Review of Existing Bylaws with Clarifying Language

Nevada Allen guided a review of the existing bylaws with clarifying language. Further clarification was needed on page 7 for Articles V and VI to distinguish between meetings of the DELAC Executive Board and meetings of the DELAC General membership. OLA staff will rearrange page 7 to reflect these clarifications. It was agreed upon by all present that with the added clarifying language the bylaws make sense.

Quick Announcements

Debra Dougherty invited all DELAC Executive Board members to attend the California Association for Bilingual Education conference in February in Long Beach. OLA will pay for registration fees only for board members only. We need a firm reply by Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 3:00pm so we can get the "Early Bird" discounted registration price.

Closure

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.