

UPDATE

Fall UPDATE

September, 2014

New Board Members

The Board of Registry is happy to announce the newest board members elected in the summer 2014. These members will take their seats in January 2015.

The new Credentials Chair is Janna Brendle, an Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University. She is the coordinator for the educational diagnostician program. She has worked as a special education teacher, educational diagnostician, and special education director. Currently, she teaches graduate courses in the educational diagnostician program and in the special education doctoral program.

Sarah Johnston was elected as the Special Education Administrative Representative. She will serve as Regional Representative and Legislative Chair. Sarah is currently employed as Special Education Director with Lewisville ISD. Previously she has worked as a life skills teacher, an educational diagnostician, and an associate principal. Her varied experiences will make her a welcomed addition to the board.

Leslie Flisowski is our new practicing Educational Diagnostician representative. Currently Leslie is employed as an educational diagnostician in Rockwall ISD. Leslie began her career as a special education teacher in Kentucky. She and her family moved to Texas where she continued teaching and then pursued a career as an educational diagnostician. Leslie will serve as the secretary for the Board.

We want to extend a sincere welcome and congratulations to all three new members. This is an honor to be elected to this active and very productive Board. As we strive to improve and promote the expertise of our TPED members and the profession of educational diagnosticians, we will value the additional knowledge these new members will add to this Board.

Board Update

The TPED Board met in Dallas, Texas on September 25th and 26th. Board members present were Kaye Allen, Dee Brown, Virginia Duran, Debbie Rollins, Lisa Horton, Jeanna Miller, Georgene Moon and administrative assistant, Deb Hawkins. This will be the last meeting for outgoing Board members Kaye Allen, Virginia Duran and Dee Brown. Election results were verified and newly elected members, Sarah Johnston, Leslie Flisowski and Janna Brendle will be taking office on January 1.

New Officers were selected as follows:

Jeanna Miller, Chair

Debbie Rollins, Vice Chair

Lisa Horton, Treasurer/Professional Visibility

Georgene Moon, Continuing Education

Leslie Flisowski, Secretary

Janna Brendle, Credentials

Sarah Johnston, Regional Representatives/Legislative



The Board is excited to be able to provide two administrations of the Registry exam in 2015. As our regular practice, the first administration will be in conjunction with the annual TEDA conference on April 29th. A second administration will be offered on June 20, 2015 in Dallas at the Embassy Suites, Love Field.

Be looking for exciting new promotional materials and member gifts!

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TPED Welcomes Eight New Members

On behalf of the TPED membership, the TPED Board is pleased to welcome the following new TPED members:

Mandy Chapman – Region 13

Lauri Hansen – Region 4

Lisa Lovell – Region 9

Dana Park – Region 9



Tammy DiGregorio – Region 4

Kacey Long – Region 10

Jennifer Melton – Region 7

Mary Elaine Ray – Region 10

They successfully completed the examination on April 30, 2014. We appreciate and applaud our new members for going the extra mile as professionals. We welcome their attitude of “Not just competence ... excellence!” Many of us may have exemplary colleagues who have not yet become Texas Registered Professional Educational Diagnosticians. We can provide service to our TPED organization and, more importantly, to our profession by encouraging our colleagues to consider becoming members of TPED. We are always happy to welcome new colleagues into our midst, and we extend a heartfelt “Welcome” to our newest members.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Prospective RegPEDs....

Announcing TWO testing opportunities for 2015!

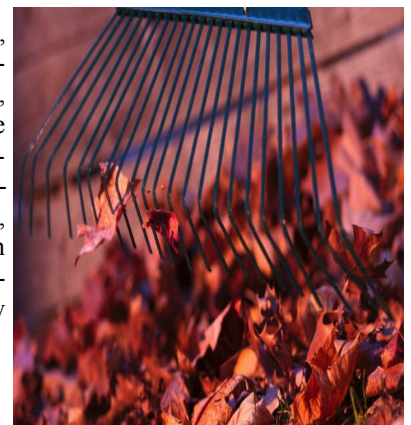
The TPED Board listened to feedback and scheduled an extra examination date for prospective members. In addition to the traditional examination coinciding with the annual TEDA conference on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 in Galveston, the second administration will be given on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Love Field in Dallas, TX. We are pleased to offer this alternate testing date to accommodate busy schedules and we anticipate a great response. Don't let us down!!!

IMPORTANT: The deadline for submitting your application to sit for the Registry Exam will be JANUARY 15, 2015 for BOTH exams. This is necessary to allow the Board members time to review applicants and approve them for examination.

Please visit www.regped.com or email debhawk1995@live.com for application information. We encourage you to seek membership in the Texas Registered Professional Educational Diagnosticians. Our motto remains, “Not just competence!” Won't you join us?

Recruiting New Educational Diagnosticians To The Field

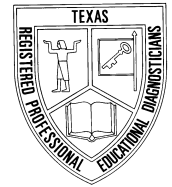
Do you know teachers, either general educators or special educators, who are organized, child centered, detailed orientated and energetic? Bring these folks under your wing and encourage them to enroll in an educational diagnostician certification program. Across the state, many universities offer educational diagnostician certification programs, both face to face and distance delivery, including Texas Women's University, University of North Texas, Stephen F. Austin, Dallas Baptist University, Texas Tech, UT-Tyler, UT-El Paso, UT-Brownsville, West Texas A&M, Houston Baptist University, Sam Houston State University, Sul Ross and Tarleton State University. In addition, Educational Service Center Region X in the DFW area offers an educational diagnostician program through their Professional Educator Preparation Program, PrEP. Be a part of growing our rewarding discipline and recruit new diagnosticians to the field!



Chair Report for September, 2014

TPED Members,

As my term comes to a close, I would like to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as Chair of the Texas Professional Educational Diagnosticians Registry Board. The past four years have brought many changes to our profession. Evaluation timelines, state assessment changes... even now more change is on the horizon – with the advent of the new computerized STAAR A, new graduation requirements, and the list goes on and on.



Not only have we seen changes in our profession, the Registry Board has undergone many changes during the past four years. The size of the Board was reduced to its current 7 members, with many members taking on double duties. The meeting location was moved from Austin to Dallas, resulting in a considerable reduction in expense. We have seen record numbers in attendance at the TPED Symposium, with Dr. Milton Dehn providing excellent topics the past two years. Professional visibility for our organization has improved tremendously with TPED members proudly displaying their green ribbons at both TEDA and SWEP conferences. TPED maintained booth space at conferences, with exceptional member appreciation gifts provided to members in attendance.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to my fellow Board members for the help and support they have provided over the past four years. You all have made a tremendous difference in my life. As we make way for new members, I know you all will continue to represent our membership in keeping with our motto – *“Not Just Competence ... Excellence.”*

Life after ISD’s

We are frequently asked,

“How do I get CPE’s now that I am ‘retired’ and doing contract work?”

That’s not always an easy question to answer but we do have some tips and suggestions. TPED requires that each member maintain ten clock hours of professional development annually, and that is really not a big requirement. Each member is subject to a random audit annually. There are four areas to choose from as you look at professional development:

Intervention

Legal Issues

Evaluation/Interpretation

Professional Issues

For opportunities, check at your service center and see what relevant training they offer. Even as a “retired” diagnostician you are able to attend training and often it is free. If it is not, remember that you are able to deduct your expenses and mileage as a business expense. Some service centers also have begun offering webinars which make it very easy to “attend” from your easy chair, in your bathrobe. In addition, you are often able to attend a TEDA meeting or as time and budget allows you may attend a conference related to our profession. TPED also offers our Symposium each year at the TEDA Conference and if you attend both of these you have completed enough hours for those CPE’s. With all of this in mind, you should be able to find professional development to meet your needs and your CPE requirements.

Request from Members for Tool Kit Submissions

Do you have a form that everyone asks to use? How about a cheat sheet that helps keep you organized? Do you have a favorite website that helps you with recommendations? TPED puts together a tool kit for sale each year beginning at TEDA. The TPED board recognizes that TPED members are leaders in their school districts and are looked to for their guidance and expertise. Last year we put a call out to our membership for forms, websites, worksheets, etc. that have been helpful to educational diagnosticians. This was a success last year because we got several pieces that we used in the Tool Kit. Therefore we have decided to continue this practice. If you have anything you would like to add to the Tool Kit this year, please email Debbie Rollins at darollins2013@yahoo.com.

Texas Registered Professional Educational Diagnosticians

“NOT JUST COMPETENCE ... EXCELLENCE”

The **TPED Board** is proud to offer
the Registry EXAM twice in 2015!
Wed. April 29th in Galveston
(prior to the start of TEDA)
and
Sat. June 20th in Dallas

Application Packets can be requested
by visiting our website

www.regped.com

Completed packets due by January 15th

*Check our website for
2015 SYMPOSIUM information
and to purchase TPED merchandise*



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Help Wanted!



Do you remember when you started thinking about taking the test to become a Registered Professional Educational Diagnostician? Do you remember being overwhelmed with the application process and the information you needed to gather and submit by the deadline? Sometimes it seemed so insurmountable that you put it off for another year. Yet, in the back of your mind you knew that this was a milestone in your career that you were ready to achieve. Whether you work in a large or small school district we all know someone who is thinking about taking this step in their careers. One of the statements we receive the most often is “I don’t know where to start.” So consider mentoring a colleague and helping them with the application process. Some may only need a letter of recommendation while others may need more support. As Registered Educational Diagnosticians **“we owe some of our time to the up building of the profession to which we belong.”**

T. Roosevelt