

# 2009-2010 TEDA OFFICER NOMINEES

*Elections will take place at the TEDA Convention on Friday, April 17, 2009  
during the General Meeting.*

## NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT ELECT

### **CHERYL HEATH**

Cheryl Heath has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Southwest Texas State University. Her certifications are in Special Education, Elementary Education, and English.

Cheryl received a Masters of Science degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a certification as an Educational Diagnostician.

Cheryl is currently working in Medina Valley ISD as an Educational Diagnostician. She has additional responsibilities with Dyslexia Services for the district, 504 services for the Middle School, and Transition for grades 5-8.

Cheryl has previous experience as a Special Education teacher at all grade levels; PK-1 teacher; High School CMC, Resource, and DAEP teacher; GED teacher; and PEP coordinator.

Cheryl has been active in her local TEDA chapter. This is her second year as President of her local chapter.

### **ALENA WILSON**

Alena Wilson began her educational career in 1995 in Aldine Independent School District. She taught special education for eight years. Alena has taught in many areas of the special education spectrum from self-contained resource to inclusion co-teacher. She has also taught technology applications and engineering labs.

In 2003, Alena received her Masters degree in Special Education with an Educational Certificate from Sam Houston State University. She has been an Educational Diagnostician in Aldine Independent School district and Klein Independent School District.

In September 2007, Alena became a Registered Educational Diagnostician and in January 2008 she became a Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician.

Alena has been an active member of the Council for Exceptional Children since 2004, Texas Educational Diagnosticians' Association and Houston Metropolitan Chapter of TEDA since 2003. Alena served as the HouMet Conference Co-Chairperson in 2005 and 2008. Also, she has served on the Executive Board of HouMet as Secretary for two years and currently serves as President Elect.

## **NOMINEE FOR TREASURER**

### **MARIA JULIA RODRIGUEZ**

Maria "Julia" Rodriguez is currently working in her 7<sup>th</sup> year as an Educational Diagnostician. She has been a member of her local chapter, Rio Grande Valley TEDA for 4 years.

Julia is currently serving her second year as Recording/Membership Secretary for the RGV TEDA.

Julia is a Registered Educational Diagnostician and a Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician. She is also a member of the Council for Exceptional Children.

## **NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT/DIALOG EDITOR**

### **RENEE KWIATEK**

Renee Kwiatek received her Bachelors degree in special education from Rowan University in New Jersey where she worked as a speech therapist and special education teacher. After moving to Texas in 1993 she earned her masters degree in special education through the diagnostician's program at Sam Houston State University.

Renee has worked as an educational diagnostician in public schools for twelve years, including working as a lead diagnostician. Renee is currently an instructor in the Language, Literacy, and Special Populations department of Sam Houston State University where she works with teacher candidates in both the general and special education programs while she continues to serve as a part time diagnostician.

Renee has been an active member of her local TEDA chapter for twelve years, and is currently treasurer after holding various positions for ten years. She served as the recording secretary on the TEDA board for six years as well as working with conference committees on both boards.

Renee is a Registered Professional Educational Diagnostician and a Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician through the CED's division of the Council for Exceptional Children.

### **Officer Nominee Requirements**

*Certified by the State of Texas as an Educational Diagnostician*

*Currently performing, or have performed the duties of an Educational Diagnostician*

*A currently paid member of TEDA for at least the last three years*

*Active in their local chapter for at least the last three years*

**Nominations may be made from the floor during elections if the nominee meets these requirements.**