

## Minutes of the Río Bravo Association Meeting

Date : April 9, 1994

Location : Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Texas

**Announcements:** Chad Richardson/Victor Zuñiga, co-presidents.

1. Thanks were expressed to Ward Albro for hosting the annual Río Bravo Association conference and doing such an outstanding job.
2. Next years conference will be held in Tampico and will be co-sponsored by Universidad Valle del Bravo and the University of Texas-San Antonio.
3. Report on the Río Bravo Journal by Roberto Salmón and call for papers.

### **Business:**

1. Victor Zúñiga discussed (a) the option of seeking membership from the state of New Mexico and, if included, the need to change the Río Bravo logo; (b) ways to increase membership; (c) administration of funds: voted on by membership. It was decided to explore interest by other states prior to making the proposed change. The membership supported a drive to increase institutional membership, which includes three individuals per institution. It was agreed that Río Bravo Journal funds would be administered through the Río Bravo Association and would be the responsibility of the treasurer and the secretary of the Río Bravo Association. It was further decided that the site of the Río Bravo Journal would be UTPA and the Universidad de Monterrey.
2. Chad Richardson discussed need to seek funds to initiate research and joint binational activities. Chad also requested help to fill the Council Advisory Committee which has a total of 16 members (8 from U.S. and 8 from Mexico). Chad

## 2-Introduction/Introducción

nominated Kelly Ainsworth for the position of Vice President of the Río Bravo Association. A vote was held by the membership present and Kelly Ainsworth was unanimously elected. It was also agreed that in two years the Río Bravo Annual Conference would be held in San Antonio.

3. Robert Gibbons, Deputy Public Affairs Office, USIS, announced the U.S. Speakers Program and called for names of those interested in participating.

### **Invited Address by: Bill Franklin**

**Title: The Accreditation Model: A Means of Addressing Barriers to International Academic Mobility.**

Discussed the essentials of an Accreditation Model: (1) points of agreement, (2) self-analysis, (3) peer review process and evaluation. Also reviewed in his address to the membership were "Structural Impediments" which include: (1) academic term, (2) units of study, (3) degree requirements, (4) professional accreditation, (5) admission requirements, (6) procedural impediments, etc.

Respectfully submitted,  
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