

Organizing Report

This month has been a busy month for me!

The weekend of March 8-10 I went down to Pasadena with TAL's PAC chair, Debbie Shamblin, and John Grove to attend CTA's Political Academy. The training was fascinating, with presentations built around a simulated school board election. We were placed into three competing teams, fielding candidates and working through the actual process that would be used in an actual campaign. We have returned, armed and ready to reactivate and reinvigorate TAL's PAC. It's no secret that for many of the current board members, TAL is an annoyance, not an ally. If we are to have success in improving our working conditions and preserving and improving the compensation we receive for the services we render, it is imperative that we find and support sympathetic candidates in the coming election cycles.

Friday, March 22, TAL Secretary Val Puckett and I went to a seminar called Taking Charge of Quality: Teachers Making it Happen. This was a pre-conference to the Good Teaching Conference—South. At this meeting, we learned about the Model Standards being developed for Teacher Leaders. Val and I learned a lot about good leadership in our schools and communities, and how teachers are leveraging modern communications and networking along with the existing National Board Certification process to activate that leadership. For more information about the Teacher Leader Model Standards, check out <http://www.teacherleaderstandards.org/>

If you have any questions or concerns, or you want to know more about how you can help others through your association, please contact me at nagmagnet@gmail.com or text me at 661-547-9939.

Thanks for all you do—in and out of the classroom, every day!

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