March 13, 2008

BOARD ACTION

• Approved the minutes of February 28, 2008 and the Special Called Meeting of February 26, 2008.

• Approved the renewal of property insurance.

• Approved the annual grant/awards/contract proposals for 2008-09.

• Approved the college student fees and CE/Workforce Development Tuition.

• Approved faculty and staff contract recommendations for 2008-2009.

• Approved the Health Science Program – Respiratory Care Laboratory Ventilator purchase.

• Approved the Building H Renovations for Workforce Training Health Science programs and Campus Police.

• Building E: to be re-bid.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

• Over 300 juniors from Alvin High School, Manvel High School, Assets and Danbury High School attended the 6th Annual Big Event on March 6. The event is held each year to encourage students to explore career options, learn about local college opportunities and talk with college faculty, staff and students about their experiences. After informational sessions in the theater and new Science/Health Science Building, students got to enjoy food and activities. Special thanks to all who participated in the event.

• Historian and Alvin City Clerk Tommy Peebles will be the guest speaker during a presentation about the history of Alvin on March 26 from noon to 1 p.m. Peebles, an ACC alumnus and fourth generation “Alvinite,” has spoken on the history of the city to numerous groups and narrated historic tours of the Alvin area. The presentation, which is hosted by the ACC Enrichment Committee, is free to the public and will be held in the S105 lecture hall of the new Science/Health Science Building.

• Renowned author and columnist Ron Rozelle will be the guest speaker at the annual Alvin Community College Foundation Author’s Luncheon on April 10, at 11:30 a.m., at the Nolan Ryan Center. Rozelle is the author of numerous books, including Into That Good Night, A Place Apart, The Windows of Heaven, Touching Winter, and Write Great Fiction: Description & Setting, and a regular columnist for The Facts. Tickets are $40 each and a reserved table for eight is $400. The Author’s Luncheon is held each year to raise funds for ACC student scholarships, staff development and community enrichment programs.

• The ACC Lady Dolphins Softball Team will play a home game at Ruth Ryan Field against Louisiana State University-Eunice in honor of cancer awareness on April 8 at 1 p.m. The theme of the event will be “Strike Out Cancer” and players will be wearing pink uniforms. Donations will be collected
and used toward scholarships in memory of Cathy Forsythe.

- The Alvin Community Band will perform its spring concert on April 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the theatre. The band will feature a variety of traditional concert literature, as well as music from the movies, such as *Hairspray*, and musicals, like *Pirates of Penzance*.

- ACC will host its annual Writers’ Workshop on April 19, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the new Science/Health Science Building. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The event, which also features guest speakers, is designed to enhance and develop creative writing skills. The workshop is free to adults 60 and over and ACC students, faculty and staff. The fee is $10 for non-students and $5 for public school students with current identification.

- San Antonio-based siblings Lisa and Roberta Morales, who form the Sisters Morales Band, performed live on KACC 89.7 FM on March 1. KACC began broadcasting live performances of local musicians a year ago this month. It is the only radio station in Houston area to broadcast live music. KACC 89.7 FM is operated through ACC as a training laboratory for students interested in careers in broadcasting.

- Ten Peruvian teenaged students involved with the Texas-Peru Partners of the Americas Peruvian Youth Leadership Project, along with their peer leaders, sponsors and a representative from the U.S. Department of State, participated in a workshop at on March 1. The workshop was part of a 26-day visit in the U. S. by the students to expand their leadership skills and create projects that can be implemented in their community. Doug Stevenson and Gerald Carrier assisted in the ACC visit.

- The San Jacinto Federated Music Club held its first annual Gold Cup Festival at Alvin Community College on March 1. Approximately 400 musicians, ranging in age from 5 to 18 years old, performed in numerous instrument and vocal categories for an opportunity to receive points toward an award and participate in the state competition.

- The Speech and Drama Department will conclude its spring musical performance, “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” on March 14 and 15 at 8 p.m.

- AISD Assets students attended a pottery workshop at Alvin Community College’s Pottery Studio on March 7.

**Information Items**

- **ACC Employee Categories, 3/3/08**

**Presentations**

ACC Foundation President Paul Herndon addressed the board to ask for support for two projects, including the replacement of seats in the college’s theatre and the creation of a lecture/performance hall in Building K.

The ACC Foundation will conduct a “Buy a Chair” campaign to replace approximately 350 seats that are over 30 years old. To fund the project, donors will be able to purchase a wider, more comfortable chair for $250 each and be immortalized with a commemorative plaque on the back.

The lecture/performance hall in Building K will provide the Broadcast Communications Department a venue to host public performances and lectures and use for various educational projects. The cost of the project is estimated at $38,500 and will be funded by the ACC Foundation ($20,000), Alvin Rotary ($13,500) and hotel/motel tax ($5,000).