**Region 4 IMCAT Meeting**

**Pasadena ISD Support Complex**

**October 27, 2017**

President, Wayne Schaper, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The host district, Pasadena ISD, was recognized as well as breakfast sponsors Pearson and Textbook Warehouse.

Previous minutes were presented and approved.

Nominations for President Elect were taken; Charlene Strickland of Pasadena ISD was chosen by majority vote of members in attendance.

Rosa Ojeda gave an IMCAT Board Update, a recap of the Conference, a Legislative update and Harvey update.

Points of interest included:

* Region 4 conference enrollment is down;
* an upcoming decrease in IMA funds expected;
* Penny Schwinn is the new TEA IMA leader;
* TEA will tighten up on what IMA funds can and cannot be used for;
* TEA now determines High Enrollment districts from their end and the app no longer exists – enrollment is based on snapshot data;
* money was taken from IMA budget to fund Open Resource Material development;
* IMA name changed to T-IMA;
* the Tech Lending Grant is available and is very easy to write, its purpose is to extend internet access to students;
* Web Portal – based on Louisiana system – gives a star rating to curriculum and textbook materials similar to Learning List, publishers can submit their materials to be rated but not required to do so;
* there is a Harvey needs list in EMAT for districts who need replacement materials and districts who can donate materials; Humble ISD shared their experience with the system.

Jill Dorland, Clear Creek ISD, talked briefly about Learning Management Systems.

John Bridges talked about Proclamation 2018 – Special Topics in Social Studies; more info on TEA website.

Next meeting TBD, Linda will send the date when decided.

Wayne thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as President for the past year and passed the baton to the 2018 President, Linda Gerhart.

There was a Hayes/TIPweb user meeting with Debbie Disler after the meeting was dismissed.

Minutes recorded by President Elect, Linda Gerhart; Secretary Rosa Shelton was not able to attend.