

## **President's Report March 2015**

### **Construction**

*Eagle Pass Academic* –General contractor has reported that he is 9 days ahead of schedule. The first third of the concrete was poured on March 10, 2015.

*Eagle Pass Technical Campus* – Our architect has been working with lowest bid contractor to value engineer the project (find ways to reduce cost). We hope to have a revised bid to the board at our March Board meeting.

*Crystal City* –We have a couple of site layout considerations for the Board. Placement of the campus sign, a marquee, adding additional parking in the vacant lot. We should have bids for board consideration at our April Board meeting.

### **Partnerships**

*Del Rio* – College staff have been attending community events in Del Rio. They met with Del Rio Mayor and Laughlin community development council

### **Legislation**

The House subcommittee on Appropriations has finished up their markup of the funding bill, added about \$40 million to the community college base (about half of what we were cut). I have contacted our representatives and urged them to visit with their colleagues to improve our funding.

There is a laundry list of bills that we are tracking through the committee process. If there is anything major that will require the boards assistance on, I will be sure to contact between monthly meetings.

### **Other**

*President's Gala* –SWTJC FAN - April 11 at the Uvalde County Fairplex.

Charlie Winn (EP) passed away in February – College Administrators attended with former President Billy Word