



Nominations Committee Report

On behalf of the TACA Nominations Committee, welcome to the 32nd Annual Education Conference! The dynamics of the TACA Board of Directors has changed dramatically since last year's conference. As you all know, at last year's conference we had two open positions for the Board. At that time, we did not have any declaration of candidacies filed. Dana Cotherman stepped up to the plate and was nominated from the floor and elected to fill one of the open positions.

In January, the Board appointed Sylvia Buitron to fill the other open position. Not too long after Sylvia's appointment, our Chair, Brandi Loya had to resign from the Board due to moving from the role of court administrator to one of legal assistant for a large law firm. The Board then appointed Randy Walker as Chair and Monica Gracia to complete Brandi's term. Once again all was good!

Unfortunately, in May, one of our longest running Board members, Gracie Herrera, had to resign from her position due to losing her job as Court Coordinator. At that time, the Board appointed Christie Loveless to fill the remaining five months of her term. So as you can see, there has been a lot of activity over the past year.

Despite all of this, the goal for the Nomination Committee for 2008 was to be able to present the membership with a recommendation for each of the three open positions for this year's election. We are proud to announce that we have accomplished our goal.

The Committee recommends the following candidates for the 2009-2010 term:

Monica Gracia, Galveston County

Christie Loveless, Tarrant County

Randy Walker, Tarrant County

The candidates that are eligible for the position of TACA Chair are:

Dana Cotherman

Randy Walker

TACA's by-laws state that nominations are also open from the floor and require that the following conditions be met:

- Be a regular member in good standing of the Association.
- Be employed by a Trial Court, Appellate Court, Federal Court, or a Presiding Judge of an Administrative Judicial Region for the State of Texas.
- Have written consent by their supervising judge at the time of nomination

At this time, I would like to thank my committee for all of their support and help over the past year: Linda Kellum, Jerome Coleman, David Slayton, Becky Henderson and Jose Losoya.

Kristy Smith, Nominations Committee Chair