

## **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Over the past year, the Publications Committee has continued to provide our TACA membership with up-to-date information for the administrators to use in running and managing their courts. For the second year, each issue of the Journal has contained information on one of the ten core competencies. We have highlighted the core competencies that our members had deemed most important during focus groups at our 2004 TACA Conference.

Also, during the past year, the committee has also focused on informing our membership of educational opportunities across the state and nationally. These included the Professional Development Program funded by the Texas Center for Judiciary and the Court Management Program available through the National Center for State Courts. TACA encourages court administrators to strive to attain new educational goals and make Court Administration more professional. Education is a powerful tool that can benefit each and every one of us.

The one major change we have made this year was changing printing companies for our Journal. This decision was made in an effort to save money and increase the quality of our publication.

John Warren and I plan to continue to make the Journal better in the next few years, but in order to do so, we need help and input from our members. If you have any suggestions, comments, or complaints – do not hesitate to talk either of us.

Most importantly, please send your contributions for the Journal to myself or John Warren. We welcome information about your county happenings and would love to receive articles from you or your judge!

We appreciate input because this is your organization and we will do whatever is possible to make improvements where needed. Thank you for your continued support.

***Kristy Harris, Committee Chair***