

TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION
26th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
October 25, 2002
MINUTES

The TACA 26th Annual Business Meeting was called to order by Chair, Sylvia Noriega. A motion was made to approve minutes from the TACA 25th Annual Business Meeting of 2001 by Jo Anne Morgan, a second was made, all were in favor. Minutes approved.

Myrna Salcido presented the membership report. There are 500 members with 234 in attendance at this year's conference.

Sylvia Noriega gave special recognition and thanks to Patrice Eubanks regarding the hard work and accomplishments she was responsible for in the preparing and presenting this year's conference. Patrice recognized Olga Enriquez and Linda Kellum for their work as co-chairs of the Education Committee. Each spoke regarding their duties. Members of the committee were recognized as well as Dottie McDonald, Mikah Mitchell and Cynthia DeJean for their help planning the conference.

Aurora I. Zamora was recognized as board member for publications and recognized for her tremendous work and effort in creating our web site www.mytaca.org. Aurora explained the history and purpose involved in creating the site. There will be updates to the site as needed to include new and relevant information for the TACA membership.

Margo Wells presented the annual financial report and answered questions regarding the year's expenditures.

Bob Wessels presided over election of new board members to replace outgoing board members, Martin Allen and Aurora Zamora. Linda Kellum and John Warren were presented as candidates. Nominations from the floor were opened. Sarah Garcia was nominated and accepted the nomination. A motion to cease nominations was made by Valerie Olivas, Patrice Eubanks made a second. The motion was approved.

Sara Garcia of El Paso, Linda Kellum of Koontz and John Warren of Dallas made acceptance speeches stating their qualifications and desires to work for the organization. Ballots were cast and removed from the meeting for counting.

Jan Bauch presented the new court management program which is available through ICM. This new program will be useful to the majority of our membership. Frank Maiocco invited all of the membership to consider membership in NACM.

Linda Salazar and fellow coordinators of Cameron County presented a plaque of appreciation to Ruth Grimaldo for her years of service in Brownsville and to TACA as she prepares to retire.

Aurora Zamora recognized Aleida Castillo of Eagle Pass, for her heroism as she worked to free her Judge from the wreckage of the car in which they were traveling between the courts serviced by the 293rd District Court, and the Honorable Cynthia Muniz-Berain. It was acknowledged that Ms Castillo went beyond the call of duty and has been recognized by her peers, her city and the International press for her tremendous loyalty in such trying times explained.

BobWessels announced that Sarah Garcia and John Warren are elected as the new members to serve on the board of directors. Mr. Wessels questioned qualifying member Patrice Eubanks regarding her desire to run for chair of the board, she declined. Ed Wells, also a qualifying member, sent word that he declined to run for chair. Sylvia Noreiga remains as chair of Board.

An explanation of conference expenses was presented by Sylvia Noriega. Registration fees could be raised from \$175 to \$200 to help offset expenses required for additional meals as some members were requesting. Sylvia called for a show of hands to vote. Registration will remain at \$175.

Presentations made to Aurora I. Zamora and Martin Allen for their service to TACA as they go off of our board of directors. Martin Allen was honored for his 26 years of service to TACA with a gift and applause.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded. Meeting Adjourned.