

Texas Association for Court Administration
31st Annual Education Conference
Omni Hotel, San Antonio
October 11, 2007
Business Meeting

The meeting came to order at 4:20pm.

Minutes

Kristy Smith, the TACA Chair, asked the membership to review the minutes from the last meeting and asked if there were any corrections. There were no corrections. Sylvia Buitron moved to dispose with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Virginia Rosas. The motion was accepted.

Committee Reports

Jerome Coleman, chair of the Membership Committee, addressed the membership. He stated that there were 503 current members and 113 of those current members were new members. Linda Kellum, Board Liaison to the Membership Committee, addressed the membership. She asked that individuals become actively involved in the organization. Jerome stated that he would chair the Membership Committee for one more year.

Grace Herrera, Board Liaison to the Scholarship Committee, stated that over \$1200.00 was raised for scholarships through the scholarship raffle.

Randy Walker, Board Liaison to the Publications Committee, addressed the membership. Randy thanked the membership for their submission of articles to the TACA Journal. He stated that ads for the journal from Courthouse Technologies, SmartStart, BIS Digital and New Dawn Technologies in the 2007 fiscal year generated more than \$1900.00. Randy also thanks Cathy Burnett for gathering prospective ad sales from the vendors at the conference.

Aurora Zamora, chair of the Nominations Committee, addresses the membership. Aurora thanked her committee members for their assistance: Aleida Castillo, Jerome Coleman, and Cathy Burnett. She also thanked Vanessa Farmer, TACA Secretariat. Aurora addressed concerns with numbering the ballots stating that should the membership had a need to vote, each voter would be able to tear off the number on the ballot in order to remain unidentified. Aurora also stated that TACA members need to work on looking for leaders for 2008 now.

Ed Wells, TACA Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. Ed pointed out that TACA now has three separate accounts: checking for general funds, checking for scholarship funds, and a high yield savings account that has a favorable interest rate. Ed stated that this year the Board worked diligently to keep TACA fiscally sound. He stated that TACA's financial future looks bright. David Slayton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Denise _____ seconded the motion.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Kristy Smith reviewed the Bylaw changes with the membership.

Article III, Section 2

*"The membership year shall be ~~January 1 through December 31~~ **based on the member's anniversary date.**"*

Kristy Smith explained the benefits of this change

Article IV, Section 1

*"The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of five (5) Members. The term of office shall be for two (2) years with two (2) Members being elected on ~~even~~ **odd** number years and three (3) Members elected on ~~odd~~ **even** number years. Persons elected to the Board of Directors shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. A Director appointed to the Board shall not serve more than five (5) consecutive years. The makeup of the Board of Directors shall be reflective of the membership, according to jurisdiction and size of county."*

Kristy Smith explained that the reason for this is because Ed Wells left the Board to become Treasurer last year. This left a vacancy on the Board.

Article VII, Section 3

***Email** is added as modes of communication for TACA Board Meetings.*

Brandi Loya, incoming TACA Chair, explained that this is due to the medium being easier for members that are spread across the State.

Article IX, Section 1

*The fiscal year of the Association shall be ~~January 1 through December 31~~ **December 1st through November 30th.***

Ed Wells, TACA Treasurer, explained that this has been changed to reflect the tax year. This has been set by the Federal Government.

Article IX, Section 2

*Annual dues shall be payable on or before ~~January 31~~ **the member's anniversary date**. Any active member, who has not paid current annual dues ~~by May 1~~ **within 90 days after their anniversary date**, shall lose the privilege of membership until dues are paid. Dues paid in connection with a conference or other activity shall be applied to the membership year in which the Conference or other activity occurs.*

Vanessa Farmer, TACA Secretariat, explained that this process is used by many organizations at the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, and it does not cause any extraordinary difficulties.

Sylvia Buitron made a motion to accept the bylaw changes. Sylvia Noriega seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously by the TACA membership.

Dana Cotherman of Nolan County Court at Law was sworn in by TACA Chair Kristy Smith as a Board Member.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.