

## TACA Business Meeting

June 12, 2019

Moody Gardens, Galveston, Floral Hall

- I. Call To Order – President Michelle French called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
- II. Prayer and Pledges: Justin Carothers offered the prayer, Albert Uresti led the Pledges to the US and Texas Flags
- III. Official Count of Tax Assessor/Collectors- The initial count was 142 TACs. The final count was 147 TACs.
- IV. Financial Reports - Randy Riggs presented the year-end financial report. He also shared some financial aspects of annual conferences.
- V. Election of 2019-2020 Board Officers & Directors presented by Mary Ann Waters.
  - a. President Elect: Nominated was Tammy McRae. President Michelle French asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Ro’Vin Garrett moved that nominations cease and Tammy McRae be accepted by acclamation. Gwenda Tschirhart seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.
  - b. VP External: Nominated was Randy Riggs. President Michelle French asked if there were any nominations from the floor. John R. Ames moved that nominations cease and Randy Riggs be accepted by acclamation. Teri Garvey Hanks seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.
  - c. Vice President Internal: Nominated was Bruce Stidham. President Michelle French asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Sheriff Ed Miller moved that nominations cease and Bruce Stidham be accepted by acclamation. Gwenda Tschirhart seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.
  - d. Secretary-Treasurer: Nominated was Larry Gaddes. President Michelle French asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Gwenda Tschirhart moved that nominations cease and Larry Gaddes be accepted by acclamation. John R. Ames seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.
  - e. Directors: Nominated were Shay Luedeke, Christina McMurray, Gwenda Tschirhart, Albert Uresti and Donna Willis. The nominations were for the two 2-year positions that came up this year. President Michelle French asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, each nominee had the opportunity to address the membership. Michelle French addressed balloting. A secret ballot vote was taken. After votes were tabulated, the following votes were received: Shay Luedeke-91 votes; Christina McMurray-33 votes; Gwenda Tschirhart-26 votes; Albert Uresti-68 votes; Donna Willis-69 votes. Shay Luedeke and Donna Willis were elected to the 2 year term of Director.
  - f. Other: With the election of Larry Gaddes as Secretary-Treasurer, there exists a director position with an unexpired term. Nominated were Christina McMurray, Gwenda

Tschirhart, and Albert Uresti. Justin Carothers moved that nominations cease, seconded by Sherry Mueck. All approved, motion carried. A secret ballot vote was taken. After votes were tabulated, the following votes were received: Christina McMurray-37 votes; Gwenda Tschirhart-32 votes; Albert Uresti-75 votes. Albert Uresti was elected to the unexpired term.

- VI. Committee Reports Requiring Action of the Membership:
- a. By-Laws – Randy Riggs, Vice Chair, presented the changes as properly disclosed on the website. First item was Article IV, Section A, Section B and Section G. relating to making the sections gender neutral. Second item was Article III, Section D and Article IV, Section G. replacing “regular member” with “active member.” The committee moved for the approval. Seconded by Sherry Mueck. Discussion followed. Motion passed with one no vote.
- VII. Committee Reports with No Action Needed:
- a. Advisory – Teri Garvey Hanks, Chair, reported no activity.
  - b. Audit – Tammy McRae reported that the audit will be conducted in August with the results reported at the November meeting.
  - c. Awards – Jeri Cox, Chair, reported that scoring was done for the Distinguished Service Award and congratulations again to Gary Barber.
  - d. Comptroller Liaison – Cathy Talcott gave a report for all the activity for the entire year.
  - e. Education – Tammy McRae reported that this has been an active year. Course locations have expanded. 9 courses so far have been offered educating 181 students with revenue of \$14,730. She also mentioned that the new elective will be Special Inventory Tax. John R. Ames reported that we currently have 538 certifications.
  - f. Elections – Mary Ann Waters reported on the results disclosed earlier in the meeting.
  - g. Finance – John R. Ames, Chair, reported that the budget was prepared, presented and adopted this year earlier than it ever has. The committee evaluated the matching of revenue with expenses for education, conference and general accounts. Findings resulted in the board voting to raise the dues for the upcoming year.
  - h. Historical - Kim Sweet, Chair, presented Past President Teri Garvey Hanks with her presidential book.
  - i. Honorary Membership – Dot Borchardt had no report.
  - j. Legislative – Ronnie Keister, Chair, reported that the committee survived the session. He reported several legislative awards of members that were beneficial to our cause.
  - k. Life Membership – Dot Borchardt, Chair, read the list of 11 new life members approved by the board in an earlier vote.
  - l. Membership – Gwenda Tschirhart, Chair, recognized the 20 year service awards
  - m. Program – Allison Getz, Chair, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve. She recognized Sherry Mueck for the new mentor program. She also requested input to make the conference relevant to the needs of the association. It will be her recommendation in the future that each TAC should be able to stay in the host hotel.
  - n. Public Information – Billie Page, Chair, reported the activity of the committee for the year. She announced some changes for next year and wanted input from the membership.

- o. Regional Coordinating - Cristyn Hallmark, Chair, reported the activity for the year. She encourages better communication within the regions this next year.
  - p. Resolutions - Teresa Garth, Chair, had no report.
  - q. Security - Tommy Smyth, Chair, reported that the committee continues to have great meetings. He reported that cyber security continues to be a critical topic.
  - r. Site – Ronnie Keister, Chair, reported that the Board voted to accept Amarillo as the location for the 2022 conference.
  - s. TxDMV Liaison - Kevin Kieschnick, Chair, reported that most issues revolved around the legislative session. The committee dealt with the new equipment guide.
  - t. Technology - Justin Carothers, Chair, reported that while breaking the reservation system at the hotel we broke the list serve. He thanked Tammy McRae and John Ames for assisting with the issue.
- VIII. Liaisons and Representatives Reports:
- a. Secretary of State – Gwenda Tschirhart reminded everyone of the upcoming election seminar.
  - b. Texas Park and Wildlife - Monte Shaw had no update at this time.
  - c. Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs - Robin Harper reported no significant issues.
  - d. Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission – Albert Uresti reminded everyone of the upcoming class. He also touched on the current collection issues.
  - e. Texas Assoc. of Vehicle Theft Investigators - Ruben Gonzalez reported the annual meeting was in Galveston. A main concern was the increase of work dealing with the 68A program.
  - f. Texas Association of Counties - John R. Ames reported that TAC turned 50 years old this year. He stressed the importance of the association as well as expressed appreciation for all they do for TACA. An upcoming focus this next year will be NACO membership and involvement.
  - g. Property Tax Education Coalition - Tammy McRae reported that the coalition meets quarterly. Based on the legislative session, the PTEC courses will need to be revised.
  - h. DMV Board – Tammy McRae expressed her excitement at being able to represent TACA on the board. She looks forward to seeking out your input and receiving it.
- IX. Presentation of 2019-20 Committee Chairs – Cathy Talcott
- a. Advisory – Michelle French
  - b. Audit – Bruce Stidham, Kevin Kieschnick and Wendy Burgess
  - c. Awards – Robin Burgess and Tammy Walker, Gwenda Tschirhart
  - d. By-Laws-Justin Carothers, Larry Gaddes
  - e. Comptroller Liaison – Cathy Talcott, Larry Gaddes
  - f. Education - Tammy McRae, Becky Robles
  - g. Elections – Mary Ann Waters, Donna Brice
  - h. Finance – Gary Barber, Randy Riggs
  - i. Historical-Kim Sweet, John R. Ames
  - j. Honorary-Dot Borchgardt, Luana Howell

- k. Legislative - Ronnie Keister, Larry Gaddes, Ro'Vin Garrett, Kevin Kieschnick, Shay Luedeke, Kristy Roe
- l. Life Membership – Dot Borchgardt, Luana Howell
- m. Membership - Gwenda Tschirhart, Becky Robles
- n. Program - Allison Getz, Karen Lane
- o. Public Info - Billie Page, Teresa McCoy
- p. Regional Coordinating - Cristyn Hallmark, Monica Foster
- q. Resolutions-Teresa Garth, Rexann Furlow
- r. Security-Thomas Smyth, Richard Brown
- s. Site – Ronnie Keister, Kristy Roe
- t. Technology-Justin Carothers, Shay Luedeke
- u. TxDMV-Michelle French, Becky Robles

Liaisons

- a. SOS – Gwenda Tschirhart
  - b. TxP & W- Daryl John
  - c. TABC-Albert Uresti
  - d. TDHCA-Deborah Sevcik
  - e. Tx Assoc of Veh Theft & Comm Affairs-Ruben Gonzalez
  - f. TAC-Randy Riggs
  - g. PTEC-Tammy McRae
- X. Adjourned at 11:23 AM

Respectfully Submitted-Randy H. Riggs, Secretary/Treasurer