

## **SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE 2017-2018 REPORT**

The site selection Committee for 2017-2018 comprised the following members:

Irene Robinson, Past President and Committee Chair

Melinda Carroll, NCTC

Latoya Whitaker, Baylor College of Medicine

The site selection committee met via conference call twice with Debbie Borrel Ploegger, from Experient to determine sites to send out for bids. The committee discussed in detail venues that TACRAO has not been to in recent years, like Amarillo, Lubbock, San Marcos, Austin and San Antonio. Attendee numbers were evaluated for the three most recent conference; concerning location, type of venue, which led the committee to determine that a smaller city like Amarillo, San Marcos could not accommodate our membership. The city of Lubbock has had difficulty committing to future dates because of Texas Tech football scheduling and Austin was too close to Marble Falls, which was the conference site in 2016.

Therefore, the committee choose San Antonio as the city to explore for the 2020 conference. In particular, it would 10 years since TACRAO was in San Antonio in 2010.

Debbie submitted requests for bids and only two hotels responded; the Marriott-Riverwalk and the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa.

On April 30-May 1, Latoya Whitaker, Melinda Carroll and Irene Robinson made site visits to both the Marriott-Riverwalk and the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa. Both hotels went all out for our visit and both offered some great incentives; however, the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa won the bid.

The TACRAO 2020 conference will take place on November 8-11, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa in San Antonio (northwest side of the city).

The committee then began working on the selection of Local Arrangement Co-Chairs. Anne Delgado from the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio and Alejandra Perez from the University of Texas-San Antonio were contacted and both accepted the positions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene Robison,

Committee Chair / TACRAO Past President