

2017 TACRAO Resolutions Report

WHEREAS, after gathering along the shores of Lake LBJ in the Texas Hill Country to celebrate 100 years of making a difference in the lives of our students, approximately 625 TACRAO participants followed the migrating Minnesotans in their RVs - south to Chart the Course for Student Success at South Padre Island.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Maggie Hinojosa, Griselda Castella, and the entire Local Arrangements Committee should be congratulated for their hard work, extensive planning, and incredible organization to make this conference run smoother than any of recent memory. The 2017 Local Arrangements committee ran like a well-oiled machine, which made the German-engineered luxury vans so appropriate as the shuttles of choice for the conference. We thank you for your hard work and sacrifice to make this one of the greatest TACRAO conferences ever. [Applause]

LET IF FURTHER BE RESOLVED...

Additional congratulations to the LAC for being able to attract 625 attendees to this year's conference. That is truly an incredible accomplishment for a conference site

that is smaller and more remote to achieve similar numbers as those at the larger, more central urban venues.

Now, for the 100 or so of the 625 that actually attended sessions and conference events, we congratulate and thank you! You will do well on the quiz that we are sending to all institutional presidents (and they will have the answer key). It will be an easy quiz for those who attended...like True or False, the convention center has three stories or multiple choice like name the German car brand of the conference shuttle...Volkswagon, BMW, Audi, Porsche, or none of the above. We don't have high hopes that the Technology & Data Collection committee nor the Historical committee members will do very well on the quiz. Has anyone seen them yet?

Speaking of the conference shuttle, special thanks to the army of golf cart and car rental drivers, such as Richard Jimmerson, who helped supplement the shuttle service to keep members from having to wait too long for transportation. Thanks especially to Araceli Hill for stopping a runaway golf cart and thus helping to keep conference expenses down.

HOWEVER, we are concerned about the TACRAO Executive Committee usage of the golf carts. First, President-Elect Joe Papari apparently is the second coming of Mario Andretti when he gets behind the wheel

of a golf cart. Someone thought they heard him say, “Punch it Chewey” as he drove off toward the Hilton. And then our choir boy, boy-next-door Treasurer Jeremy Dorman actually gets pulled over, driving a golf cart, by the South Padre Island police. What the hell? How is that even possible? How do you get pulled over driving a golf cart? Were you wearing a tie?

To Irene Robinson, TACRAO President and the other members of the TACRAO Executive Committee: We thank you for the months of hard work, organization, and planning by all of you to help maintain the organization, plan the conference with the LAC, and do a little thing like roll-out an entirely new website and membership system. The new website looks wonderful and we appreciate everything all of you have done to help improve the organization. [Applause]

HOWEVER, we also hope the new technology may make it possible for presenters to get notification BEFORE they see the conference agenda that they are, indeed, presenting (and for LeRoy Rooker, WHEN he is presenting, so he can catch the last plane out on Tuesday)! Come on, man. It’s just a simple email! Learn it, live it, love it!

To the South Padre Island Convention Center and the Schlitterbahn Caterers – Thank you so much for your hospitality. Your staff were friendly, professional, and very accommodating. The meals were wonderful and probably the first time TACRAO ever had crab legs at the Sunday night dinner. We can now all say we got crabs at TACRAO!

Please forgive us, though. Judging by the size of the salads on Sunday night, we had no idea that South Texas had obviously been hit by a lettuce famine. Also, we have heard of eating brisket that is so tender that you could cut it with a fork, and ribs that fall off the bone, but a filet that you can cut with a butter knife? Now that's just being cocky.

To our past presidents. Darla, Chuck, Becki Griffith, Oscar, Berri, Dave, Becky Lothringer, Wanda, Dorothy, John Edwards, Suzanne, and John Hall. Thank you for continuing to share your wealth of experience to the organization. To Wanda Munson, YOU attended the conference and John Edwards did not, so we say to you, “Thank God for Wanda Munson”! To Darla, who views the Past President Ribbon as the Black Ribbon of Death...this isn't the end of your tenure, but rather you

can now be “locked and loaded” and join your other Past President Colleagues to tell future TACRAO leaders how it’s supposed to be done and how you did it right when you were President! However, just know that we are going to ask TEC to put in the bylaws that you can never, ever be the VP for Technology.

To past president Becki Griffith...were you channeling the spirit of George Costanza at the Town Hall Meeting when you started to refer to yourself in the 3rd person? We were just waiting for the next line to be, “Becki likes spicy chicken and Becki is getting angry!”

Speaking of Town Hall, we feel it should now come with an R-rating. I don’t think we’ve ever had such a graphic conversation before regarding future conference sites. Between Darla English talking about the “Pleasure Pier” and Kristine Gann Coursey talking about it sticking out, the innocent among us were feeling quite uncomfortable in the workplace. Even Jeremy Dorman, the hardened golf cart criminal that he is, turned 50 shades of red during this x-rated conversation regarding Galveston attractions.

To our Sunday night keynote speaker, Jeff Kallay...thank you for helping us to understand the past and current

generations and what we can expect from the new post-millennials, Generation Z's with the Gen X moms who will either kill us by stealth or by running us down like a lawnmower. You really pepped us up with that one. Probably the reason Richard Jimmerson had us all sing Gloom, Dispair, and Agony on me.

To Irene Robinson and Berri O'Neal – [*BIG SIGH*] with the plethora of sexual harassment allegations coming out of Hollywood recently, we would have hoped you two would be a little more sensitive to this very important issue. First, Irene, TACRAO should not be advocating for mentors and mentees to “hook up”. “Meet up” would be fine, but not hook up. And Berri, it is never, never o.k. to grope your staff member at the dinner table. Araceli, we hope this experience hasn't permanently damaged you. The Resolutions Committee would like Irene Harvey Weinstein Robinson and Berri Kevin Spacey O'Neal to take advantage of their institutions' respective sexual harassment training soon.

To our President's Award Recipient, Doug Parker: we say congratulations and a job well done. Thank you for all you have done for this organization over the years. We can tell retirement suits you and we are indeed envious.

To our 189 Newcomers...we welcome you to TACRAO and are excited to have you with us. Get involved and you will find this organization will payback 10-fold what you put into it.

To the session presenters, thank you for sharing your expertise. You all are the heart of the conference.

To our newest honorary member Augustine “Augie” Garza. Congratulations on such an honored career and thank you for helping to build the organization into what it has become today. We not only appreciate the trail you blazed, but also your willingness to come back on stage a second time once your plaque arrived.

To the LAC & TEC...we say job well done on a great Monday Night Big Event. We especially enjoyed the huge cost savings measure of no free drinks whatsoever except for sweet, flavored water. Not even ice tea! As for the gaming, the fight over tickets for Brighton purses and Kendra Scott jewelry was as sad as Black Friday Wal-Mart fights over \$50 dvd players. Kudos to Hazel Beale, aka “MOM” to apparently so many at TACRAO, for amassing \$32,000 in poker winnings while claiming you don’t know how to play. Yeah, right. We can recognize a sand-bagger when we see one.

To the participants of the karaoke night...America may have talent, but you all [PAUSE]...well...don't quit your day jobs.

To Debbie Gilchrest...we thank you for the wonderful daily email updates on the weather and conference changes. We were especially glad you could assist Honorary Member Jean Stuart on what shoes to bring. However, you could have saved some of the members here some space and weight in their suitcases if you had told us that hairspray, hairdryers, straighteners and brushes would be a total waste of time. What a unique combination of both strong winds AND humidity.

To the Loaves and Fishes Charity – kudos to the TEC & LAC for bringing to TACRAO the opportunity to support this wonderful charity. As was said Sunday night, hunger and hopelessness knows no race. We hope all members were able to make a contribution to this wonderful charity.

To our 31 exhibitors, we thank you for continuing to assist our annual meeting with your generous support and sponsorship. Congratulations to Lorrie Moore and her committee for another job well done. HOWEVER, who stole the business card holder from Transferology? I

mean, you left the ipad, you placed the business cards carefully on the table, and you took their card holder? Is your budget so bad you had to resort to grand larceny for a \$1.00 card holder? This is why we can't have nice things.

To Credentials Solutions, thank you for providing the nectar of intellectual lubrication in the TACRAO Think Tank. It says something about our membership when you received practically a standing ovation at the Tuesday awards dinner while the other vendors barely received a golf clap.

Speaking of golf...an award for best golf outfit? What's next, a runway model show next year in Ft. Worth?

Congratulations to Jonathan Helm for closest to the pin and the team of Chris Reed, Josh Hoagland, and Michael Delaney for coming in first. To the last place team with a 17 over par score...in a best ball scramble...we are going to ask you to join your colleagues from West Texas in finding another sport.

To our Fun Run Beach 5K participants...congratulations on walking past the Hilton bars to do something healthy. Special congratulations to the 1st place winners in their respective groups: Tiffany Roldan, Kristin McDonald,

Johnny Fowley, and Juan Garcia. And to this year's Dead Ass Last Award winner...Karen Doughty from Odessa College...be proud of that award. That is one of the most coveted awards in all of TACRAO and you should wear it like a badge of honor.

To the LAC door prizes...we think UTRGV stacked the deck considering how many of their staff won prizes.

[PULL OUT BAG OF LIQUOR BOTTLES] To Dr. Maggie Hinojosa, we especially would like to thank you for raiding your personal liquor cabinet to donate some fine spirits as door prizes. You are a true friend of TACRAO. Dilly Dilly! (Audience: Dilly Dilly)

To the 2017 Battle of the Regions...Congratulations to the North Texas Region for the upset victory over the heavily favored home team known as the South Texas Region. Please make sure the trophy finds its way to downtown Ft. Worth next year.

So as the sun rises over the Gulf of Mexico this Wednesday it is time to close the doors on this year's conference and begin our trek towards our 97th annual meeting at the Gateway of the West, Fort Worth Texas.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that as we pack our bags, after a most successful journey Charting the Course for

Student Success, and travel home to every corner of our great state, we will reconvene next year along the banks of the Trinity River to Blaze New Trails in Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Your dedicated 2017 Resolutions Committee:

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&

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District