



## **TACRAO 2018-2019 Site Selection Committee Report**

The site selection committee 2018-2019 comprised of the following members:

Joe Papari, TACRAO Past President and Committee Chair

Latoya Whitaker, Baylor College of Medicine

Griselda Castilla, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley

The TACRAO Executive Committee decided to find an event planner company to assist TACRAO with finding a location for the 2021 TACRAO conference. Sofia Montes, Bobby Lothringer and I met with a couple of event planner companies via conference calls. We recommended to TEC that we should select HPN Global, and TEC approved for the site selection committee to work with HPN Global to find a location for the 2021 TACRAO conference.

The site selection committee met via conference call twice with Gene Rios from HPN to determine sites to send out for bids. The committee discussed in detail venues that TACRAO has not been to in recent years. We looked to our western region (Amarillo, El Paso and Lubbock) for the 2021 TACRAO Conference site. Lubbock's bid looked the best; and by 2021, it will have been twelve years since the last time the TACRAO conference was in Lubbock.

Gene Rios worked with the Lubbock Convention & Visitors Bureau to provide an opportunity for Griselda Castilla and I to visit the sites in Lubbock. Due to the crazy weather system that ran through North Texas on our travel day in early June, I arrived in Lubbock after a three-hour delay, but Griselda's flight got cancelled. So, I was the lone committee member representing the site selection.

The TACRAO 2021 will be at the Lubbock Convention Center and the conference dates are November 7-10, 2021. This information is on the TACRAO Future Meetings webpage.

We will use three adjacent hotels with great room rates, the MCM Elegante (\$89), the DoubleTree Hotel (\$140) and the Cotton Court (\$149).

The committee then began working on the selection of Local Arrangement Co-Chairs. Kat Livingston, Associate Registrar at Texas Tech University, and Jessica Cravens, Assistant Director of Operations, Admissions Office, Texas Tech University were contacted and both accepted the positions.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Papari,

TACRAO Past President

& Site Selection Committee Chair