



**TACRAO Business Meeting  
Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
Embassy Suites, Denton, Texas**

**Call to Order**

Melinda called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Melinda appointed Bobby Lothringer as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.

**Recognition of Newcomers**

Past-President Bussell reported that there were 282 Newcomers this year; This year's winner for the Scavenger Hunt is Ruth Espinoza, Tarrant County College. To date, 79 Newcomers have submitted an I'm Available form.

**Recognition of Corporate Partner Bingo Winners & Final Corporate Relations Report**

Tiffany Lipscomb reported on Corporate Relations. Melinda presented Tiffany with the Stellar Accomplishment award for her contributions as chair of Corporate Relations.

President Carroll also recognized Anam for her contributions to social media for TACRAO this year.

**Bingo Winner**

Tiffany O'Neal from Amarillo College was the winner of free registration for the 2024 conference.

**Fun Run Winners**

There were 10 participants in the 2023 Fun Run. Waitwell sponsored the event providing snacks, drinks and trophies.

*1st Place:*

Andrea Wiste 30:25

Eric Gumm 33:22

*2nd Place:*

Meagan Bibb 33:22

Alan Garcia Martinez 41:07

*Dead Ass Last:*

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Francis Kelly 1:05:00

## **Report on Minutes of the 2022 Business Meeting**

In accordance with previously approved procedures, the minutes of the 2022 Business Minutes were approved at the December 2022 Executive Committee meeting. These minutes may be found on the TACRAO website under the Resources Tab, then click on Reports.

### **Secretary's Report**

Members:

There are currently 150 active member institutions; in comparison there were 146 last year. TACRAO membership is for Texas institutions who are accredited by SACS-COC.

Subscribers: We currently have 229 active day/night subscribers; in comparison there were 221 last year. In the last 90 days, we have had 17 new day/night subscriber institutions.

TACRAO subscription is intended for accredited out-of-state institutions, foreign institutions, and our military partners; additional details and clarification of requirements can be found on the website. Subscribers gain access to the complete College Day/Night Schedule and the Listserv.

TCCNS Dues: TCCNS invoices were sent out in June.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The association continues to be in good financial standing.

All invoices that have been submitted have been paid. The balances for the following accounts are as follows:

Checking -	\$255,471.48
Savings -	\$82,257.39
CD 7715 -	\$50,186.81
CD 7744 -	\$50,843.18
TCCNS -	\$86,956.74

The Audit Committee has reviewed the organization and Bobby Lothringer, Chair of the Audit Committee, will provide additional information related to their findings.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Posted online for TACRAO Membership to Review

### **2022-23 Audit Committee Report**

Bobby Lothringer, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported on the findings of the 2022-23 audit.

The Audit Committee met remotely in April 2023 to review the financial records of the 2022 Local Arrangements Committee for the annual conference in San Antonio, Texas. The LAC's financial records were found to be complete and responsibly handled. A detailed report with recommendations was submitted to the

TACRAO Executive Committee. The Audit Committee commends Blanca Guerra for her outstanding job as 2022 LAC Finance Chair.

The Audit Committee also met on Monday, October 30th, here at the Denton conference to review the 2022-2023 fiscal year financial records of the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (Audit period: Sept 1-Aug. 31). The Audit Committee's questions and comments were addressed with no lingering concerns. The association's financial records were presented in good order and clearly, the financial health of the association is sound. A report with recommendations has been provided to the TACRAO Executive Committee. The Audit Committee commends Truman Glenn, Treasurer, and Lori Zerr, Past Treasurer, for their outstanding work.

Every year provides unique challenges to the association. Our review found that the Executive Committee made prudent financial decisions throughout the audit period. We extend our gratitude to these individuals for being fiscally responsible and leading this important organization with skill and dedication.

## **Resolutions**

(See end of minutes for full resolutions report)

## **Recommendations from Amendment to TACRAO Constitution**

### Amendment to Bylaw Article III – Committees, Section 2

1.) Change the first sentence to read "Standing committees will be appointed by the Executive Committee with the following membership guidelines.

(Remove reference to Number of committees – currently says There shall be Nineteen)

2.) Combine the Community College Issues and Senior College Issues into one committee and name it the Summer Meeting

- Remove Section 2. c. Community College Issues
- Remove Section 2. q. Senior College Issues

Rename: Summer Meeting

Description: This committee will have 2 co-chairs and four to five members. Each member will serve a total of three years with the last as co-chair. This committee will plan the summer meeting. (Remove financial responsibility)

3.) Correct Section 2. h. to read third year of the term for HS Relations members

4.) Amend Section 2. p. Technology. There will be three members of the committee each serving a three- year term with a balanced number of members rotating each off year each year. The Chair will be appointed by the Executive Committee and will serve a three- year term.

Remove: A representative for the SPEEDE server at UT Austin may serve in an ex officio capacity (added November 2008). The Technology Committee coordinates the Texas SPEEDE Users' Group summer conference (November 2011).

## Constitution Update

Amend Article III Section 1. d.

The active members shall conduct matters of Association business. They shall nominate and elect officers who, constituting the Executive Committee, shall conduct all Association business assigned to them. Only designated active members shall be eligible to serve as officers, to serve on committees, or to be listed in the Association directory.

### **New Business**

President Carroll appointed Bobby Lothringer as the Parliamentarian to advise, as needed, on matters of parliamentary procedures Constitutional and Bylaws changes put forth for vote.

President Carroll presented the first update to be made to the Constitution.

**Joe Papari, Southern Methodist University, made the motion that these updates should be made as presented.**

(see prior language in minutes for changes).

**Dr. Troy White, UT Tyler, seconded the motion.**

*The membership approved the changes, and the motion passed.*

President Carroll presented the amendment to be made to the Bylaw Article changes as discussed in Town Hall (see prior language in minutes for changes).

**Jody Torres, UT Austin, made a motion to accept the changes.**

**Nicholas Medina, Colin College, seconded the motion.**

*The membership approved the changes; and the motion passed.*

### **Recognition of Outgoing Members**

Paige recognized the outgoing members and thanked them for their service to TACRAO.

\*Brandy Piner, Secretary

\*Lori Zerr, Past Treasurer

\* Chris Reed, VP for Admissions (moving to President-Elect)

\*Paige Bussell, Past President

\*LAC-2023: Co-chairs, Kate Richardson and Samantha Taylor (Flowers & Plaque)

### **Changing of the Gavel**

Melinda has been honored to serve as the President of TACRAO this past year. She welcomed incoming President Bobbie Brown to the podium.

Bobbie noted that she has been honored to serve with Melinda and thanked her for her support; she presented Melinda with her plaque.

### **Introduction 2023-24 Executive Committee**

President-Elect, Chris Reed  
Vice President for Admissions, Jason Hale  
Secretary, Jennifer Beale

LAC 2024 Co-Chair, Brandy Garcia  
LAC 2024 Co-Chair, Martha Fraire-Cuellar

Bobbie also introduced the members who will stay on the committee for 2024.

### **New President Addresses Membership**

Bobbie welcomed the 2024 LAC Chairs to the stage. Martha shared historical information about San Marcos and why the logo was chosen to include the mermaid. Martha and Brandy gave away a door prize and welcomed everyone to San Marcos.

Bobbie shared with the organization that she is honored to be serving the organization as 2024 President. She has grown up through TACRAO and it has been a large part of her life. She shared some of her early experiences with TACRAO and noted those who were leaders and mentors. She encouraged everyone to get involved in TACRAO; it's so important meet new people, network and get involved. It is especially important to find a mentor who can help you grow personally and professionally.

Bobbie recognized those who have shared experiences with her over the years, her Texas Tech family, and her family. She encouraged everyone to find their connection, and to get involved in a committee. Bobbie gave two pieces of advice – be you, you can only be you and pay attention, it's all about paying attention – it connects you with others and keeps you eager. Find your group that you can travel with through this profession and life.

She encouraged everyone to submit suggestions in Guidebook and complete the conference survey.

### **Adjourn the 102nd Annual Conference**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brandy D. Simpkins Piner  
TACRAO Secretary

## TACRAO 2023 Resolutions Report

Ladies and Gentleman, we are gathered here today in the presence of many witnesses as your resolutions trinity: anxiety, trepidation, and regret. Don't worry Saint Thomas University. Your allergy to Presbyterians has been noted, and you'll find EpiPens under your chairs.

A Priest, a Monk, and a Friar walk into an elevator... That's not a joke. That's how Ashley Mason kicked off her first TACRAO experience. Welcome Newcomers!

Having gathered together for the 102nd annual TACRAO conference in Denton, Texas, Brad and Janet's Home of Happiness, where 629 TACRAO attendees, 87 vendors... I mean exhibitors, and 41 sponsors came together to innovate for student success. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center staff for keeping our drinks and meeting rooms ice cold for ultimate freshness for the duration of the conference.

Therefore, let it be resolved that Sam Taylor, Kate Richardson, and the entire LAC committee be congratulated on an extraordinary event. Signage and shuttles were on point. The Guidebook App was up to date. The Hospitality Suite was bumping. The drinks were flowing. With a record number of TACRAO newbies on LAC, let us all bear witness to what is surely the start of the next generation of TACRAO leadership! May it henceforth be resolved that all members of LAC go home and take a well-earned nap.

Sunday's welcome reception featured guest speaker Freddy Shegog, whose humble beginnings included dumpster diving - something Jennifer Beal is familiar with. Did you find those registration packets, Jen? We were also introduced to this year's philanthropy, Our Daily Bread, an organization who feeds, shelters, and cares for homeless and at-risk community members.

It has been overheard among membership that Monday's Celebration luncheon was the best Monday luncheon since the infamous bee incident of Horseshoe Bay. Great entertainment was provided by Dave Wilke from Four Day Weekend who really spruced up our normally subpar presidential introductions and kept us engaged with a variety of fun activities. Participants were delighted to win items such a \$6 Baylor Inflated Pepsi, a complimentary Embassy Suites toothbrush, and a \$40 long sleeve Dallas skyline t shirt. Witnessing Tiffany Lipscomb's elbow drop during PowerPoint karaoke was a treat for all in attendance.

While the green beans were so chewy, Dennis Cliborn questioned if they came from a rubber plant, that caramel cheesecake stepped up to the plate and smacked one out of the

park (Let's Go Rangers!) It is rumored that Dr. Troy White requested to, and I quote "bathe in a tub full of it." And on that note, this committee would like to sincerely apologize to Melissa Hyatt - who - being too short to reach her shower-head had to also take a cheesecake bath.

Congratulations to our five Fred Russell scholarship winners. It appears that when many institutions went test optional, they forgot about our good friends at the College Board - who also helped sponsor this year's scholarship winners.

Members were delighted by the attendance of so many honored past presidents - who - so-thoughtfully- sat together and in chronological order during the conference Town Hall. This was incredibly helpful in teaching our young TACRAOans their TEC history by providing an effective visual aid.

Thank you to our VPs for discreetly leaving out any description of townhall thus enticing many new members to attend. However, they unfortunately began trickling out when they realized they would not be receiving extra drink tickets for attending.

This committee would like to extend a special thanks to Melinda Carroll, Suzanne Johnson from Chestnut Tree catering, and the entire staff of Miss Angelines for one of the most mouth-watering spreads of food in recorded history at the President's Reception. Presenters, committee members, chairs, officers, and exhibitors were treated to tubs of macaroni and cheese, endless slabs of moist meat, hunks of cheese, fresh veggies with an assortment of dips, an entire table covered in marshmallows, Ghirardelli chocolate, popcorn, and cake balls, generously poured Old Fashioneds, and at least three "TACRAO 2023" picture frames per attendee.

After closing down the bar at the President's Reception, Past, President Dr. Rebecca Lothringer was spotted merengue-ing onto the shuttle bus to head to the hospitality suite while Bobby Lothringer - fully intent on driving home and sticking as close to his 8:30 bedtime as possible - stood on the curb shouting "are you serious?"

Monday Night's hospitality suite was a thing to behold! Hocus Pocus played in the hallway while far too many tone-deaf attendees belted out lyrics from Selena to Frank Sinatra and beyond! When the lights came on and music turned off, 50+ TACRAO members continued on with an a capella rendition of "Goodbye Earl." Cause unlike Earl, the night did not have to die.

Tuesday morning started dark and early for 10 brave attendees as they set out on the fun run! Congratulations on your cute t-shirt, coyote encounters, and minor bout of hypothermia. Interestingly enough, it seems that 30 people actually signed up for the fun run. Therefore, let it hereby be resolved that any attendee who leaves the conference with

a fun run t-shirt without completing the fun run will be subject to drink ticket confiscation by any member of this committee.

While it remains uncertain if the low session attendance on Tuesday morning was due to Monday night's activities or individual bathroom concerts inspired by the backlit, bluetooth capable mirrors in the Embassy Suites, we'd still like to thank the presenters of the 112 sessions offered at this year's conference.

A heartfelt hoorah goes out to the Central Texas region for winning Battle of the Regions and the East Texas region for taking home the coveted golden chicken. Rumor has it that TEC took so long judging the regions' toilet paper mummies that they themselves began to mummify. And this just in, experts are now claiming that this particular contest made Denton ground zero for the next nationwide toilet paper shortage.

Competing with Halloween festivities and the Rangers playing game 4 of the World Series, this year's Big Event still slapped. Featuring Emerald City who once again brought TACRAO attendees to their feet with songs that transcended generations. It was exciting to witness a number two become number one as Jason Hale was awarded funniest costume for his toilet paper ribbon dancing and party pooper ensemble. Also witnessed for the first time in recent centuries, was a rare T-Rex mating ritual. Thank you, Kilgore College.

A collective inhale could be heard when the first few bars of Thriller were played and everyone suddenly remembered that email we all received and ignored a few days prior about a flash mob surprise for TEC. Therefore, let it henceforth be resolved that TACRAO 2024 will consist of a flash mob featuring mermaids and swimming pigs.

After stating that his one goal this TACRAO conference was to keep his name out of Resolutions, Past President Bobby Lothringer was encouraged to embrace his inner Berri O'Neal, and answered the call with a riveting Blues Brothers performance. While blaming his off key and off beat vocal performance on an inability to hear the music, we suspect bourbon was involved. Looks like someone ferpa-ed around and found out.

The party continued in the hospitality suite where we cheered the Rangers onto victory (SORRY STROS FANS! YOU'RE IN RANGERS COUNTRY NOW). Our mole queen Malificent, aka Jennifer Beal's drinks disappeared faster than Troy White's facial hair. Andi Scott was overheard enthusiastically yelling "I'm gonna grab some nuts for later" while the bartender shook the last of the mysterious blue drink into Tiffany Lipscomb's glass.

All of this wouldn't have been possible without our awesome, committed TACRAO Executive and Local Arrangements committees. And on that note, let it hereby be



resolved that TEC and LAC members be REwarded and Awarded for some of their more memorable moments from now on.

Without further ado, this committee proudly presents:

## The TACKIES

The Time Warp Tackie goes to our LAC chairs Samantha Taylor and Kate Richardson for putting on a conference so fun, entertaining, and flawless, it flew right by.

The Pay no Attention to the Lady Behind the Curtain Tackie goes to VP of Technology Melissa Hyatt for doing amazing work behind the scenes on the TACRAO website.

The Courageous Lion Tackie goes to Scott Branum for having the courage to stand up to VP of Admissions, Chris Reed and remind him it is never appropriate to moisten the carpet no matter how funny the situation may be.

The Cat Kid Tackie goes Secretary, Brandy Piner for incorporating her cat kid, Toto the inebriated cat, into her Dorothy Costume. If you have questions regarding cat kids, feel free to reach out to Becky from Grayson.

The Ruby Red Slippers Tackie goes to Past Treasurer Lori Zerr for bringing more shoes to the conference than most people have in their closets. Keeping her feet in style, always dry, and never moist.

The Topless Pumpkin Tackie goes to Truman Glenn for the uncanny resemblance. Chris Reed was also up for this particular award, but we found one more fitting. PS Thanks to Cheyenne for washing all those pumpkins, topless or not. All pumpkins are created equal.

The Farrah Fawcett Hair Swoosh Tackie goes to President Elect Elect Chris Reed for shaking the most hands and kissing the most babies. Chris would also like to remind you that there's still time to take a vote of no confidence.

The Auntie Em Tackie goes to our newcomer's favorite TACRAO auntie, Past President Paige Bussell for putting on a fantastic newcomer event, educating our 282 first-time TACRAO attendees about the organization, and encouraging 79 first time attendees to complete the I'm Available form.

The Wicked Witch of the West Texas (aka Lubbock) Tackie goes to President Elect, Bobbie Brown. Release the Cracken!

The Thesaurus Tackie goes to a lady that needs no introduction, because we've introduced her three times already, our hoss president, Melinda Carroll. Because as we all know, words are hard.

And now that we come to the end of another annual conference, let it henceforth be resolved that quote “I am a human first,” but quote “people are the worst.” We hope you leave with better connections, new ideas, and a desire to innovate your students to success. Thank you to TEC, LAC, and Denton for a wonderful few days. Things got weird, y’all.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Your 2023 Resolutions Committee

Tiffany, Andi, Troy, and Mole Jennifer Beal