

TACRAO Executive Committee Meeting

June 1-2, 2020 / Zoom

On June 1-2, 2020, the TACRAO Executive Committee (TEC) met via Zoom to conduct organizational business for the upcoming 2020 conference. The following items were discussed:

- **Hyatt Hill Country and Upcoming Conference:** Due to potential income losses cited by Hyatt, the committee voted to move forward with conference. The Executive Committee is planning to meet on site for a September meeting to discuss reduced capacity plans. The President will work to post new registration fees to Web site.
- **Summer DoubleTree Conference:** There were no cancellation fees incurred to TACRAO due to COVID. Committee voted to approve the July 12th-14th (ideally July 12th-13th) 2021 dates.
- **N&E Update and Timeline:** In case people refuse nomination, TACRAO could use more nominations for N&E.
- **Honorary Membership:** Tana Miller is working on collecting honorary membership nominations.
- **Guidebook:** TEC members renegotiated a better guidebook contract.
- **Local Arrangement Committee (LAC):** Discussed the struggles with the limitations schools are putting on staff travel. The lack of ability to guess attendance has affected the LAC's ability to agree to contracts. The LAC will survey the membership to better gauge attendance prior to moving forward with other contracts. TEC voted to allow the LAC to help with registration costs for LAC co-chairs/treasurer because otherwise the LAC would not have assistance due to travel bans.
- **Audit:** Audit was conducted virtually. Galveston is a more expensive city than some locations, but the LAC managed to get funds back from the Visitor's Bureau and limit costs even more than the previous 2010 Galveston Annual Meeting. TACRAO will continue to refine contracts to get as much as possible in terms of "bonuses" and other clauses.
- **Virtual Event:** For areas where people cannot attend, the TEC discussed making very important sessions such as the Business Meeting available in both an in-person and virtual environment.
- **ByLaws/Procedures:** The past president is still working on refining the bylaws/procedures suggested edits.
- **High School Fair Scheduling:** The Committee discussed the challenges of the high schools not yet having set back-to-school schedules. The possibility of hosting virtual fairs was discussed.
- **Committee Assignments:** The Certification and Legal Issues and Community College and Technical, and Transfer Planning Committees need more members.
- **Session Planning:** 135 sessions were submitted for approval.
- **Guidebook:** TEC worked out a deal to get one "free" plan per year due to issue with when the renewal date hits.
- **ApplyTexas:** 248 people registered for the event.
- **Graduate and Professional Schools Texas Swing:** Dana Mordecai discussed Texas Swing's work with graduate fairs.
- **Treasurer:** Treasurer went over current conference and membership dues totals.
- **Secretary:** Discussed current TCCNS and membership statuses.
- **2021 Lubbock LAC:** Discussed the current Lubbock budget.

Respectfully Submitted,
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TACRAO Secretary