

## 2019 TACRAO Resolutions Report

WHEREAS, after gathering in Fort Worth to Blaze new Trails in Higher Education and celebrate 102 years, TACRAO participants rumbled like a university clad biker group to Galveston down I-45 and over the causeway revved up to Embrace our past and Shape our Future.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Scott Branum, Lori Zerr, and the entire Local Arrangements Committee should be congratulated for their hard work, extensive planning, and incredible organization to make this conference run smoothly. Lori, thank you for clarifying that the green LAC shirts did not mean you were all an invading force from UNT, but your choice of color will surely make Joy Frazier proud. We thank you for your hard work, long hours and sacrifice to make this one of the best TACRAO conferences ever. [Applause]

LET IF FURTHER BE RESOLVED...

Additional congratulations to the LAC for being able to lure 674 attendees and 32 vendors to this year's conference. Although the beach was alluring your sessions kept us motivated and engaged. If you aren't going build in beach time, you might as well have the conference in Lubbock, oh wait? Seriously, this conference has been a tremendous success and as we learned this week we should celebrate successes and... that donuts make people happy. So we have a little present for the TEC. (give out donuts).

To Sophia Montes, TACRAO President. We didn't know requesting shout outs for birthdays or anniversaries from the podium was an option. Where can we request those? Also, thank you for officiating the marriage between committees and their certificates by starting off the Recognition lunch with, "We are gathered here today..." It was impressive to watch you in your stilettos all week but it was still difficult to spot you amongst the crowd. (singing) So how do find President Sophia, how do spot her when you're in a crowd, do you jump up and down or get along the ground, and what do you do when she still isn't found, oh how do you find President Sophia, search for where ever fun and laughter abound.

To Joe Papari, TACRAO Past-President. Thank you for being brave enough to tackle a new format for the New Members welcome event. We understand we have you to thank for clarifying to the TEC that a haboob is not a body part, but a Lubbock dust storm. #Title IX, #Area of Concern

To President Elect, Bobby Lothringer, your worst nightmare has come to pass, as you now sit on the other side of the table from the Resolutions Committee. Don't think it gets you off easy, if anything you should know better. We know Becky had to leave early but it doesn't mean you have to host parties in your suite until the wee hours of the morning and then sleep in your clothes. Where is you dignity man? However, thanks for sporting the choice Members Only

jacket you pulled out of storage for our 80s night and for continuing the retro theme with paper I'm Available forms and a 'big obnoxious box for them at the Registration desk.

To Dara Newton and Nancy Faris, thank you for putting together an awesome program of sessions for the membership. Nancy thank you for so expressively explaining HB 449 at the Town Hall meeting, the information and your use of hand motions landed us safely in the know on the topic.

To Bobbie Brown, thank you for proving to all of us the dangers of 'crack' (table crack that is) at Sunday's President's Dinner. It only took trying it once for your water glass to succumb to its influence. And one more thing, Madonna called she wants her wardrobe back.

Thank you LAC for suppling shuttles back and forth to the conference and even the occasional golf cart ride. Whose idea was it to give Jeremy Dorman keys to one again, have we already forgotten South Padre?

To the Galveston Convention Center and the Hilton, San Luis and Holiday Inn Hotels – Thank you so much for your hospitality. Your staff were friendly, professional, and very accommodating.

To our past presidents. Joe, Darla, Becki Griffith, Oscar, Dave, Becky Lothringer, Irene, Fred, John Edwards, Troy and John Hall. Thank you for continuing to share your wealth of experience to the organization. Thank you to David Stones for helping to teach John Hall the tenets of retirement by holding drinking practice on Sophia's balcony Sunday afternoon.

We must concede that the food has been excellent. The one caveat may have been the key lime cheesecake at Monday's recognition lunch. Perhaps a warning label cautioning us of the severe face puckering that would follow that first unknowing bite. And seriously are we unable to afford to offer coffee before the 8 a.m. sessions? We may be more apt to participate with some caffeine in our systems.

To our Sunday night keynote speaker, Jean Kwok...thank you for curbing all our appetites by repeatedly say, "RATS and COCKROACHES" during the main entrée. The collective fork drop was deafening. Your story and insights were a 'step above' the rest. Thanks also for you sage advice, about being pragmatic and honest without being hurtful. We as the Resolutions Committee, really tried, but they make it so easy not too.

To our President's Award Recipient, Samantha Taylor: we say congratulations and a job well done. You swooped in like a hungry seagull to save the day. You have gone above a beyond the call of duty, so all we have for you is respect!

To our 201 Newcomers...we welcome you to TACRAO and are excited to have you with us. Get involved and you will find this organization will give back to you more than you can imagine!

To the 135 session presenters, thank you for sharing your expertise. You all are the heart and soul of the conference. We are requesting that there is a FERPA remedial track after the amount of incorrect responses to the FERPA in everyday situations session. To the 8 a.m. presenters in the Hilton on Tuesday morning, we hope you were able to overcome the great kitchen crash and continue with your sessions. So excited that the membership packed the room to hear updates about the degree plans and core curriculum. If you weren't able to make it is a summary, on slide 5, in paragraph 2, it says,....

To our newest honorary members and certificate of commendations awardees, Wanda Munson, Andrea Rangel, Joe DeCristoforo, Richard Jimmerson, Trey Hattaway, Berri O'neal, Jamie Templeton and Patricia Hill . Congratulations on such an honored career and thank you for helping to build the organization into what it has become today.

To the LAC & TEC...we say job well done on a narley Tuesday Night Big Event. The food was totally to the max and we all spazed out to the rad entertainment. The local Walmart is still trying to figure out why there was a run on scrunchies and blue eye shadow. Show of hands how many of you still had those clothes in your closet and still knew all the move to the Humpty dance? Bobby Lothringer, your interpretive to dance to Total Eclipse of the Heart was life changing. Anyone willing to admit they are a good tambourine player?

To the members from SMU and TCU, who overstayed their welcome at the President Reception and missed the shuttle back to the hotel and couldn't even get an uber aren't you lucky that someone with a vehicle forgot their phone and was able to a ride. Although the vision of John Hall bumming a ride along the seawall is one we would have liked to seen.

To our 32 exhibitors, we thank you for continuing to assist our annual meeting with your generous support and sponsorship. Congratulations to Samantha Taylor and her committee for another job well done.

To GreenLight thank you for providing the plethora of libations in the TACRAO Salty Mermaid. The hospitality suite was the perfect place for getting to know your colleagues up close and personable. Thanks to the hospitality bouncers that kept everyone in line and crammed together in that sauna on the first night. To the unfortunate newcomer in the room next door to hospitality, welcome, your initiation is complete and you did it with only a set of ear plugs!

To the 17 participants in the first Don Palermo Memorial Fishing Challenge, we are certain that may stories about the fish that got away but congratulations to Sherry Wells for reeling in the biggest catch.

To our Fun Run participants...since we shorted you last year, we decided to tack on a little extra this year. We are so glad that none of you fell off the seawall since the ambulance was late arriving. Scott may be pushing buttons automated system attempting to get someone on the line. Special congratulations to Andrea Wiste for her second win a row. And to this year's Dead Ass Last Award winner...we have a tie, Miguel Torres and Raul Alcala ...be proud of that award. That is one of the most coveted awards in all of TACRAO!

To the LAC door prizes... and the brigade of LAC members who hand them out, kudos to you for keeping with those announcing names at a break neck pace. But seriously, there was a treasure trove of door prizes. Thank you to all TACRAO institutions for uncovering the buried treasures within your office so we can go home and represent each other's institutions. Next year we would like to see more reusable straws.

To the 2019 Battle of the Regions...Congratulations to the Central Texas Region we finally found a competition you could win because you didn't have to have a large number of participants. Thanks to the organizers for finding a way to get us all in a big room and willing to participate because we were able to do what we normally do...stare at our phones and not talk to each other. And as always, this is the requisite reminder, Central Texas, to bring the trophy to San Antonio in 2020. Thank you very much.

So as the sun rises over Galveston this Wednesday, it is time to close the doors on this year's conference and begin our trek towards our 99th annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hill County in San Antonio, Texas.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that as we pack our bags, after a most successful journey of Embracing our Past and Shaping our Future along Stewart Beach, and travel home, we will reconvene next year among the hills outside San Antonio.

Respectfully submitted,

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