

**TACRAO Annual Business Meeting  
November 6, 2019**

The annual TACRAO business meeting was called to order at the annual conference by TACRAO President Sofia Montes on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 10:35 a.m. Irene Robinson, past TACRAO President, was appointed to act as parliamentarian for the duration of the meeting.

**Past-President's Report**

Joe Papari, past TACRAO President, recognized first time conference attendees and recognized the winners of the newcomer scavenger hunt bingo who will receive a free registration to the 2020 annual conference. The winners were Lisa Ann Gonzalez from South Texas College and Christopher Johnson from Texas State Technical College.

**Corporate Relations Report**

Samantha Taylor, chair of the Corporate Relations Committee, recognized the winners of the vendor blackout bingo who will receive a free registration to the 2020 annual conference. The winners were Debbie Dunn and Todd Fields both of Collin College.

**Fun Run/Walk Report**

Denny Yarbrough, chair of the fun run/walk, recognized the fun run/walk participants. This year, there were 30 runners and 19 walkers. The winners were as follows:

First place, Andrea Wiste with a time of 24.05

Second place, Laura Rodriguez with a time of 26.50

Third place, Angela Hearell with a time of 27.24

Fourth place, Jerry Martinez with a time of 29.01

**Secretary's Report**

Brenda Schumann, TACRAO Secretary, provided the following report:

- Minutes of Previous TACRAO Membership Business Meetings and TACRAO Executive Committee Meetings can be found at [tacrao.org](http://tacrao.org)
- Membership Update

Institution Size	
1-9,999	111 member institutions
10,000-19,999	27 member institutions
20,000 and above	21 member institutions
- Eleven institutions still need to submit 2019-2020 membership dues

- **Reminder - Change in Membership Status and Tiers**
  - Approved in 2018 by TACRAO membership
  - Institution Size
 

1-9,999	\$150 Membership with unlimited members
10,000-19,999	\$250 Membership with unlimited members
20,000 and above	\$350 Membership with unlimited members
  - Primary and Affiliate members can make roster changes
  - Primary TACRAO member receives membership invoices
  
- **2019-2020 Subscribers for Out-of-State Institutions (\$250)**
  - 245 subscribers for 2019-2020
  - 249 subscribers for 2018-2019
  
- **Other Important Dates**
  - 2019-2020 Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) Invoices sent in Nov. 2019
  - 2020-2021 Subscriber Invoices sent in March 2020
  - 2020-2021 Membership Invoices sent in July 2020

**Treasurer’s Report**

	<b>Balance as of August 31, 2019</b>
<b>TACRAO Operational Account</b>	<b>\$135,779.17</b>
<b>TACRAO Savings Account</b>	<b>\$82,217.61</b>
<b>TACRAO CD to Mature 03/26/2019</b>	<b>\$50,114.86</b>
<b>TACRAO CD to Mature 03/26/2019</b>	<b>\$50,377.27</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$318,488.91</b>

<b>TCCNS Operational Account</b>	<b>\$58,986.30</b>
<b>(Account managed by TACRAO, expense approved by the TCCNS Board</b>	

**TACRAO Standing Committee Reports**

- Were all posted on-line for the TACRAO membership to review.

## **Audit Committee Report**

John Hall, chair of the TACRAO audit committee, provided the following report:

The audit committee met with the Ft. Worth Local Arrangements Committee on April 17, 2019, to review the financial records from the annual conference in Ft. Worth. The TACRAO audit committee found the conference financial records to be in good standing and commend Becki Griffith as LAC Treasurer on her record keeping and the information provided. The audit committee provided recommendations to the TACRAO executive committee for future consideration.

The audit committee met on November 4, 2019, with TACRAO Treasurer, Melinda Carroll, and TACRAO President, Sofia Montes, to review the TACRAO financial records. The audit committee found the TACRAO financial records to be in good standing and commended Melinda Carroll, TACRAO Treasurer, on a job well done and on her financial record keeping.

## **Resolutions Committee Report**

Jodie Rexroat, chair of the Resolutions Committee, offered the following 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 your 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 and 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 spaced 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 personal. 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,

Your dedicated and most avoided 2019 Resolutions Committee:

Jodie Rexroat, Dallas County Community College District

Nancy Skochdopole, Southern Methodist University

Jerry Martinez, Brazosport College

## Site Selection Committee Report

Joe Papari, chair of the site selection committee, offered the following report:

- TACRAO 2021 will be in Lubbock Convention Center and in three adjacent hotels
- The dates of the conference will be November 7-10, 2021
- Kat Livingston and Jessica Cravens both of Texas Tech University will serve as local arrangements co-chairs for the 2021 conference

## Constitution and By-Law Changes

A proposed change to the TACRAO constitution was submitted to the membership for consideration on September 30, 2019, and was discussed at town hall meeting held at the annual conference. The proposed change was a modification to the role and length of term served by the TACRAO Treasurer. The proposed constitutional change is as follows:

The Treasurer shall collect the membership dues at the close of the fiscal year, handle financial activities of the Association, make a complete financial report which will be audited by the Auditing Committee and presented to the Executive Committee for publication, prepare budgets and perform other assignments made by the President. The Treasurer shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast for the office and shall serve **as the active Treasurer for two years and then serve as Past Treasurer for the third year in a non-voting, advisory capacity to the new incoming Treasurer.** The two-year term expiring in alternating years with the Secretary.

Jodi Torrez made a motion to accept the proposed changes. Becki Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed was passed unanimously by the TACRAO membership.

## Old business

- There was no old business for the membership to consider

## Recognition of Outgoing TACRAO Officers

The following individuals were recognized on their TACRAO service and as outgoing TACRAO Executive Committee Members:

- Secretary – Brenda Schumann
- Vice President for Admissions – Dara Newton
- Past President – Joe Papari
- Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs - Scott Branum and Lori Zerr
- TACRAO President Sofia Montes offered her final comments to the TACRAO membership and presented the passing of the gavel to Bobby Lothringer, incoming TACRAO President.
- Bobby Lothringer recognized Sofia Montes on her TACRAO service as President

### **Introduction of New Executive Committee Members**

- Kristin McDonald Willey, Amarillo College, TACRAO Secretary
- Jennifer Beal, North Central Texas College, TACRAO Vice President for Admissions
- Jamie Hansard, Texas Tech University, TACRAO President-Elect
- Kat Livingston and Jessica Cravens, TACRAO LAC Co-Chairs, TACRAO 2021

### **TACRAO 2020 LAC Committee Invitation**

- The TACRAO 2020 conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country San Antonio on November 8-11, 2020
- Alejandra Holt and Anne Delgado will serve as San Antonio Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs

### **Closing Comments**

Bobby Lothringer, TACRAO president, offered closing remarks to the membership to get involved in TACRAO, help to shape the future of our organization and profession by remembering the past and looking toward the future, and launching initiatives to establish TACRAO as a legislative resources, cultivate a relationship with The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and continuing the tradition and balance of TACRAO membership between admissions, registrar, recruitment, and enrollment management professionals.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Schumann

TACRAO Secretary