



**TACRAO Business Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Embassy Suites, San Marcos, Texas**

Call to Order

President Brown called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

President Brown appointed Joe Papari as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The association continues to be in good financial standing.

All invoices that have been submitted have been paid. The balances as of August 31, 2024 for the following accounts are as follows:

TACRAO Operational Account -	\$198,546.88
TACRAO Savings Account -	\$82,265.64
TACRAO CD 7715 -	\$50,201.89
TACRAO CD 7744 -	\$50,858.43
TCCNS Operational Account-	\$70,017.45

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

2023-24 Audit Committee Report

Bobby Lothringer, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported on the findings of the 2023-24 audit. Reports can be found on the TACRAO website.

New Business

President Brown appointed Joe Papari as the Parliamentarian to advise, as needed, on matters of parliamentary procedures Constitutional and Bylaws changes put forth for vote.

Recommendations from Amendment to TACRAO Constitution

Constitution Updates

Current Wording

TACRAO Constitution, Article III – Membership, Section 1 and 1a

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1.

Institutional Membership. Active membership is institutional and shall be open to Texas institutions of higher education which hold membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools - Commission on Colleges.

- a. The Eligibility of other educational institutions shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Constitutional Proposed Wording

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- a. The eligibility of other educational institutions shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Association through evaluation of the accrediting body held by the proposed institution, including but not limited to regional accreditation.*

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

Nicholas Medina, Collin College, made the motion that these updates should be made as presented. Tiffany Lipscomb, University of North Texas, seconded the motion.

No objections. Motion Passed

Recommendations from Amendment to TACRAO Bylaws

Bylaw Update #1

Current Wording

TACRAO Bylaws

Article I – Fees

Section 1 d. Institutional enrollment shall determine annual dues for institutional membership, and shall determine the number of active representatives to be designated by the institution.

Bylaw Proposed Wording

Article I – Fees

Section 1 d. Institutional enrollment shall be determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Almanac figures for the most recent reporting year.

President Brown presented the first update to be made to the Bylaws.

Dr. Troy White, The University of Texas at Tyler, made the motion that these updates should be made as presented.

Rebecca Griffith, Tarrant County College, seconded the motion.

No objections. Motion Passed

Bylaw Update #2

Current Wording

Article I – Fees

Section 1. Institutional enrollment shall determine annual dues for institutional membership, and shall determine the number of active representatives to be designated by the institution.

a. Cost of membership for institutions enrolling 1 – 9,999 credit students in the preceding fall semester shall be \$150.00 per year. Each institution will have unlimited membership.

b. Cost of membership for institutions enrolling 10,000 – 19,999 credit students in the preceding fall semester shall be \$250.00 per year. Each institution will have unlimited membership.

c. Cost of membership for institutions enrolling 20,000 or more credit students in the preceding fall semester shall be \$350.00 per year. Each institution will have unlimited membership.

Bylaw Proposed Wording

Article I – Fees

Section 1 d. A Texas Public Institution System Office may opt for a membership at a rate of the highest level of membership, which provides unlimited system office individual memberships. This pertains to the system office only and not the institutional members of that system

President Brown presented the second update to be made to the Bylaws.

Kate Richardson, North Central Texas College, made the motion that these updates should be made as presented.

Sienna Trenhaile, Texas Tech University, seconded the motion.

No objections. Motion Passed

Bylaw Update #3

Addition of Standing Committees to Article III - Committees – the following are moving from Adhoc Committee to Standing Committees:

Bylaw Proposed Wording

Enrollment Reporting Committee (Item f.): *The Enrollment Reporting Committee will be formalized as a standing committee, also comprising six to eight members serving two-year terms, with balanced representation between two- and four-year institutions.*

Residency Committee (Item o.): *The Residency Ad-Hoc Committee is proposed to be formalized as a standing committee under Article III, Committees, Section 2. This committee will consist of four to six members serving two-year terms, with a balance of representation between two- and four-year institutions.*

President Brown presented the second update to be made to the Bylaws.

Melissa Hyatt, Texas State University, made the motion that these updates should be made as presented.
Mark Hammond, Dallas College, seconded the motion.

No objections. Motion Passed

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Beal, MS
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 as 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