

# TACRAO NEWS

WINTER 2025



## 2024 Conference Recap Edition



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# Reed's Ramblings

I hope you had a wonderful time at TACRAO San Marcos and an even better time with family and friends over the holidays! I'm still reeling a bit and the reality of stepping into the President role has manifested into a VERY long list of to-dos for the El Paso Conference which will be here before we know it.

Even as I look forward, I think its critical to look back with some gratitude. You hear us talk about being a volunteer organization, but the number of people involved in making something like the annual conference come together is pretty mind boggling. For the 2024 conference we had the following number of volunteers:

Standing Committees: 102  
Session Planning Committees: 52  
Executive Committee: 11  
Session Presenters: 193 (Yes, Resolutions committee. That includes the no-shows)  
Session Facilitators: 33  
Local Arrangements Committee: 65

Some say it takes a village but I'd argue our group borders upon a metroplex! Thank you so very much to all who volunteered their time. You are appreciated far more than you know. We also need more of you so if you're interested in really plugging in, fill out the [I'm Available](#) form today!

Also if you'd like to peek in on one of our sister organizations, they have conferences coming up soon as well. These are another great resource for information, professional development, and networking. We love to see TACRAO represented at these meetings! You might even notice that SACRAO is conveniently in Texas this year...

## **AACRAO 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

March 30-April 2, 2025  
Seattle, WA

Link: <https://www.aacrao.org/events-training/meetings/annual-meeting>

## **SACRAO 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

February 16-19, 2025  
Lubbock, TX

Link: <https://www.sacrao.org/2025-conference-s>

I strongly encourage you to plug in everywhere you can and get the most out of your membership. El Paso is coming fast and we're taking all hand raisers. Fill out those I'm Available forms soon!

**Chris Reed**  
TACRAO President



**Chris Reed**  
*President*  
*Texas A&M University*





# *Congratulations New Honorary Members!*

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**Robert Jenkins**

*UT Health Science  
Center Houston*

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**Oscar Reyna**  
*Texas A&M University  
Corpus Christi*

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**Lorena Rios**

*Laredo College*

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# Lori's Letter



**Lori Zerr**

*President-Elect  
UT Health Science  
Center Houston*

Thank you, San Marcos LAC – what a memorable and fun conference that was! From the sessions, to the sponsors, to the social events, there was always something to learn, and always someone to connect with!

The Vice Presidents and the session committees did an amazing job of organizing a diverse slate of sessions. You can find the presentations linked on the TACRAO [website](#). Thank you to each and every one of you who volunteered to present all of the phenomenal sessions, your willingness to share your knowledge makes the TACRAO Annual Conference the most informative experience every year!

If you're interested in presenting next year, don't wait, let us know now! If you love presenting year after year, we want you back. For those of you who are finally ready to jump in, we're ready for you. For those who aren't sure whether you're ready yet, never fear, we can help you find your niche. Whether it's presenting, co-presenting, moderating, or facilitating a session, there's a place for everyone in our program! The [session proposal link](#) is located at the bottom of the TACRAO website homepage. Click the button to "**Submit a Session Proposal for 2025!**"

We're also beginning to look for volunteers for next year's committees. If you'd like to get involved – or stay involved – fill out the "I'm Available Form", linked on the right-hand side of the TACRAO website. There are opportunities to get involved with different engagement and experience levels, so if you aren't sure reach out to one of the Executive Committee members and we can discuss your interests.

I thank each of you for allowing me to serve this incredible organization. It's the people who make something great, and TACRAO is bursting at the seams with greatness!

Until we meet again friends,

**Lori Zerr**

TACRAO President-Elect





# *Congratulations 2024 Commendation Recipients!*

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***Deborah Dungey***  
*Prairie View A&M University*

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***Betsy Gooding***  
*Northeast Texas Community College*

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***Sheila Reece***  
*Paris Junior College*  
*(Posthumously Awarded)*

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***Dottie Phillips***  
*Dallas College*

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**Not  
Pictured**







**Bobbie Brown**  
Past President  
Texas Tech University

# *A Message from the Past President*

Gratitude. I am filled with gratitude! Thank you to all who attended the TACRAO 2024 conference in San Marcos last month. It was wonderful to see all the new members enjoying sessions and events, and it was also so comforting to catch up with old and new friends alike. I hope you all made connections that will last a lifetime!

I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to **Martha Fraire-Cuellar** and **Brandy Garcia**, the LAC Co-Chairs for the 2024 conference. They worked tirelessly to bring each TACRAO member a great experience in San Marcos. These two ladies organized a beautiful conference experience over the past year. Along with their full-time jobs, this is an amazing feat of perseverance and positivity. I can't say thank you enough to all the volunteers that help make the TACRAO conference happen each year. It is a thankless job but an oh so important one to many! Martha and Brandy and their team are rock stars!

If you couldn't attend, there will be opportunities for professional development throughout the next year. And we truly hope you can join us for webinars and the summer meeting in 2025. Keep an eye out for these opportunities coming soon!

I will leave you with words from Sandra Day O'Connor. Be connected. But more importantly find connections around you!

*We don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something.*

**Bobbie Brown**  
TACRAO  
Past President





Martha Fraire-Cuellar (Co-chair)  
Brandy Garcia (Co-chair)  
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Angelica Barrera  
Morgan Beard  
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Estefania Fuentes-Gonzalez  
Daniel Garcia  
Marisela Garcia  
Chad Garrett  
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Giana Gomez  
Carida Gonzales  
Saebree Gonzales  
Chazney Gray  
Brandi Havens  
Rebecca Haylett  
Ramiro Hernandez  
Caroline Hope  
Anni Judkins  
Amanda Lange  
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Brenda Martinez  
Casey Martinez  
Kristin McDaniel  
Hannah McDonald  
Morgan Mendez  
Holly Messler



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Stan Phelps  
Kyle Phillips  
Bob Riddle  
Darrah Rippy  
Tiffany Robinson  
JoAnna Rodriguez  
Leighanne Rodriguez  
Alissa Ruiz  
Graciela Ruiz  
Javier Salinas  
Delores Sanchez  
Judy Spurlock  
David Thomas  
Monica Torrez  
Gilbert Ugalde  
Terry Vaught  
Bailey Verschoyle  
Dominic Villanueva  
Angela Villegas  
Beverly Woodson Day  
Lori Zerr



# Jason's Jottings

## Thank You for a Wonderful TACRAO Conference in San Marcos!

On behalf of the TACRAO Executive Team, thank you for making the 2024 Annual Conference in San Marcos a resounding success! It was a pleasure to see so many of you come together to learn, share, and grow as professionals in higher education.

This year's conference offered **141 incredible sessions**, ensuring there was something for everyone. We want to highlight a few sessions from the VP of Admissions Session Committees that received high praise from attendees:

- **Why You Should Care About Transfer Students** – A timely exploration of the critical role transfer students play in shaping the higher education landscape.
- **A Comprehensive Analysis: Working as an Admissions Counselor at Your Alma Mater vs. a Different University** – Thought-provoking insights into how our personal and professional affiliations influence our work.
- **Financial Aid 101 for Admissions and Registrar Professionals** – A foundational yet impactful session that bridged knowledge gaps for those outside the world of financial aid.
- **Revolutionizing Recruitment in the Digital Age** – A cutting-edge discussion about how technology is transforming recruitment strategies.
- **A Hands-On Approach to Learning AI to Improve Your Processes** – A practical session on leveraging artificial intelligence to enhance efficiency and innovation in our work.

This was just a few of the many sessions that attendees said they enjoyed. There were so many other great sessions this year as well. We hope you left San Marcos inspired and equipped with new ideas to implement on your campuses.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to invite you to the **2025 TACRAO Annual Conference in El Paso!** Do you have a session idea? We'd love to hear it! Submit your proposals by going to [www.tacrao.org](http://www.tacrao.org) and scrolling down to the **"Submit a Session Proposal for 2025!"** button. You will need to log into your TACRAO account to submit the session idea.

Once again, thank you for attending this year's conference. Your active participation is what makes TACRAO such a vibrant and supportive community. We look forward to working with you throughout the year and seeing you in El Paso in 2025!

**Jason Hale**  
**Vice President for Admissions**



**Jason Hale**  
*Vice President for Admissions*  
*Texas Tech University*





**Welcome Newcomers!**



**274 First-Time Attendees!**





# Don Palermo 5K Fun Run



## 1st Place

Female: Olivia Lowman

Male: Sam Algarin

## 2nd Place

Female: Moira Plantier

Male: Jody Harris

## The Prestigious & Honored Dead Ass Last Award

Female: Sara Licon Gomez

Male: Bobby Lothringer





# Kristin's Corner

I'd like to take a quick moment to thank everyone who submitted sessions and presented at this past year's TACRAO conference. I am continually blown away by the knowledge and heart for our students that my fellow TACRAO'ans possess.

## TACRAO 2024 Reflection

For those of you who were able to join us in San Marcos this year, I hope you had a wonderful time filled with learning and fellowship. If you were unable to join us this year, please see the session highlights below that demonstrate why you should definitely join us next year.

## Session Ratings

Our TACRAO attendees submitted just shy of 800 session evaluations. Admissions and Registrar folks can be known to have very strong opinions; however, highly positive ratings were submitted along with highly positive praise for our session presenters. On a 1-5 scale, we had over a 4.5 average rating for each individual category (visual aids, timely and relevant, adequate seating, session followed program summary, and would recommend session) and that's truly amazing.

There were too many wonderful sessions to include everyone in this highlight reel. However, I will provide a few specific VP of Records and Registration Committee session highlights:

- **Records and Registration Track:** *Office of the Registrar Career Ladders* showed attendees how Tarleton State University created career ladders to improve staff retention and benefit students.
- **Graduation & Commencement Track:** *Accessibility Matters at Commencement* discussed the Americans with Disabilities Act and the importance of providing the correct atmosphere for all graduating students and guests.
- **Management, Organization, and Professional Development Track:** *Starving the Imposter: A Guide for Mentoring New and Aspiring Leaders* helped attendees get ideas to grow themselves and others at their institutions.
- **Technology and Data Collection Track:** Attendees learned how to manage their life and time a bit better with sessions like *Microsoft TEAMS: Tips and Tricks* and *I Want My Life Back! Taming the Outlook Monster*.
- **Certification and Legal Issues Track:** Sessions like *Applying FERPA in Real Life Situations* and *FAST and HB-8* were just a few of the highly-rated AACRAO and THECB presentations that often left standing room only. We're truly so thankful for all our partners and vendors who are willing to stand against the firing squad (ever thankful and appreciative) college admission and registrar officers.

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**Kristin McDonald-Willey**  
Vice President for  
Records & Registration  
Amarillo College



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### **TACRAO 2025 Planning**

I am so exciting to be starting my first year as the new VP of Records and Registration. Please join us as we plan for the El Paso 2025 conference! Please submit a session proposal and consider presenting so that we can max out our El Paso 2025 conference space and provide our TACRAO attendees the best session offerings possible.

If you're new to TACRAO and/or scared to present, just remember that our TACRAO friends are highly positive (see the high average rankings above!) and if in doubt, you can always grab a friendly co-presenter to join you—different viewpoints can sometimes really add a lot to a session.

To submit your great ideas, just go to [www.tacrao.org](http://www.tacrao.org) and scroll down to the **“Submit a Session Proposal for 2025!”** button.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

With Thanks,

**Kristin McDonald-Willey**  
**Vice President for Records and Registration**





# Conference Highlights



## 2024 President's Award

**Bobby Lothringer**  
*SMU*

## 2024 Stellar Accomplishment Award Recipients



**Kyle Phillips**  
*Texas Tech  
University*



**Rene Zamora**  
*Texas A&M University  
Corpus Christi*



**Jodie Rexroat**  
Vice President for  
Technology  
Southern Methodist University

# Rexroat's Rhetoric

I hope everyone enjoyed this year's TACRAO conference in San Marcos as much as I did. It was wonderful to see so many of you face-to-face, including many long-time friends and many new faces. Hearing and sharing ideas have become one of my favorite aspects of the conference each year.

It can seem difficult to keep that same level of interaction when we are back at our respective institutions across this vast great state.

But we have a great way to keep the ideas flowing throughout the year; **TACRAO's discussion forums!** When you have that burning question or have found an incredible solution to a common issue share it on our discussion forums. We have a wide variety of topic-specific boards to choose from including residency, enrollment reporting and gainful employment. We also have forums for each region to share news specific to them.

It is easy to sign up through the website and be notified when posts are made to your selected forums. Just log in and click **Discussion Forums** at the bottom of the **Quick Links** to get started.

If you have any additional ideas or recommendations about how TACRAO can incorporate technology to make our organization better, I'd love to hear from you. Drop me a note at [vpit@tacrao.org](mailto:vpit@tacrao.org).



**Jodie Rexroat**  
Vice President of  
Technology



# 2024 Resolutions Report

Andi: Unfortunately, whereas, and hitherto, due to lack of presenters this presentation has been cancelled...

Wait a minute, my name is Dr. Troy White, and for the next 20 minutes, I'm your daddy....

We gather here today, at the Embassy Suites San Marcos Convention Center to henceforth and hitherto wrap up TACRAO 2024. This year's annual conference consisted of 738 attendees, 268 new comers, 86 exhibitors from 27 corporate relations partners and approximately 12.3 drink tickets which were sparsely distributed throughout the conference.

We'd like to take a moment to say thank you to our corporate sponsors..  
...to say thank you to the wonderful individuals sitting on this platform...  
...and to thank all of the many volunteers who presented or served on committees for making this another memorable experience for all in attendance. Give yourselves a round of applause.

This truly was a conference that kept on giving... unless you were looking for a drink ticket.

At the President's Dinner, attendees displayed a wide array of fashion selections leaving many to wonder "what even is the dress code at this event?" Apparently, many of you took to heart the spirit of San Marcos, where tank tops and flip flops are considered classy. Maybe that's to be expected in a land with mermaids and swimming pigs.

President Bobbie Brown encouraged attendees to make a Connection at this year's conference: which was easy to do as we all crammed 20 people to a table, thigh to thigh and cheek to cheek, constantly questioning which beverage belonged to whom. To add to the precarious seating situation, drinks were filled to a point where they barely maintained their surface tension, creating spills at the slightest bump. When this was brought up to President Elect, Chris Reed, he responded "get better at scooting your chairs in, peasants"

Speaking of Chris Reed, this committee remains unsure if the glare from the platform was from Chris and Truman's freshly shaven heads, or the remnants of the butter shower that TEC experienced on Saturday. We would have suggested some self tanner to help with the glare, but the body builders who used the embassy suites before TACRAO used up any self-tanner that could be found within a 20 mile radius. Therefore, this committee henceforth, hitherto, and whereas resolves that Chris and Truman wear these precious caps to keep the glare manageable.

TACRAOans were graced by Past Presidents, Troy Johnson, Dave Stones, Oscar Reyna, Becky Griffith, Joe Papari, Sofia Almeda, Bobby Lothringer, and Jamie Hansard. And on that note, let's give a round of applause to Dave Stones. Dave, stand up! Give it up for Dave Stones, y'all.

Congratulations to our new honorary members: Lorena "Coconuts" Rios, Robert Jenkins, and Oscar Reyna.

Oscar, most of us return to the TACRAO annual conference each year looking slightly worse for the wear. However, you haven't aged in the last 24 years. Thus let it henceforth, hitherto, and forever be resolved that Oscar's skin and hair care tips be included in TACRAO newsletters in perpetuity, which is likely since Oscar appears immortal.



# Beal's Blabber



**Jennifer Beal**  
*Secretary*

*North Central Texas College*

Dear TACRAO Members,

It was wonderful to see everyone at the TACRAO Annual Conference in San Marcos! I hope you gained an abundance of new knowledge and made valuable connections with colleagues from across the state. Your participation and enthusiasm help make our organization stronger, and we appreciate your dedication to professional growth and collaboration.

As we wrap up another successful year, it's time to review your institution's TACRAO membership roster. Please take a moment to ensure that all of your staff have the access they need to take full advantage of the many valuable resources TACRAO offers. Keeping your roster up to date helps us serve you better and ensures everyone is connected to our network.

Looking ahead, please note that the 2025-2026 TACRAO membership invoices will be sent out in May. We are excited to announce that, for this year, your membership in the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) is *FREE!* This is a great opportunity for your institution to benefit from TCCNS without additional cost.

I am already looking forward to our next gathering at the 2025 TACRAO Annual Conference in El Paso, taking place November 9-12th. Mark your calendars, and get ready for another opportunity to learn, connect, and grow.

Jennifer Beal  
Secretary





# Kate's Currency



*Kate Richardson*  
Treasurer  
North Central Texas College

What an amazing 103rd Annual Conference in San Marcos!

I would like to extend a thank you to everyone who attended this year's conference. It was great to see so many of you there.

Special thanks go to the 2024 Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs, **Brandy Garcia** and **Martha Fraire-Cuellar**, for their hard work and dedication in making this a truly memorable event!

As the new TACRAO Treasurer, I am honored to take on the responsibility of maintaining the financial records of the Association. Thank you for entrusting me with this important role. I will strive to uphold the high standards sets by my predecessors and am committed to serving this incredible organization to the best of my ability. This position also offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with colleagues and friends across the state, and I look forward to building those relationships in the coming year.

With the 2024 Annual Conference now in the books, I am already excited for next year's conference. I hope you're making plans to join us El Paso!

**Kate Richardson**  
Treasurer





# Conference Highlights

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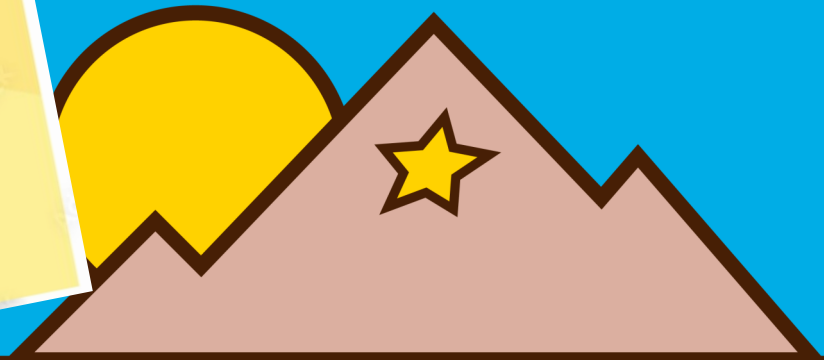




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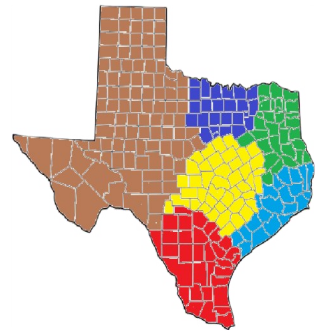


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# REGIONAL NEWS

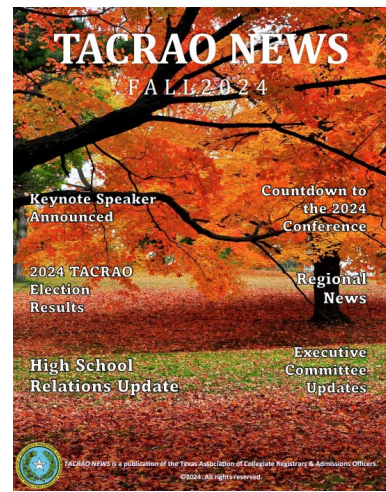


## 2025 Submission Deadlines

**Spring Newsletter: March 15, 2025**

**Summer Newsletter: July 10, 2025**

**Fall Newsletter: September 15, 2025**





# 2024-2025 TACRAO Executive Committee



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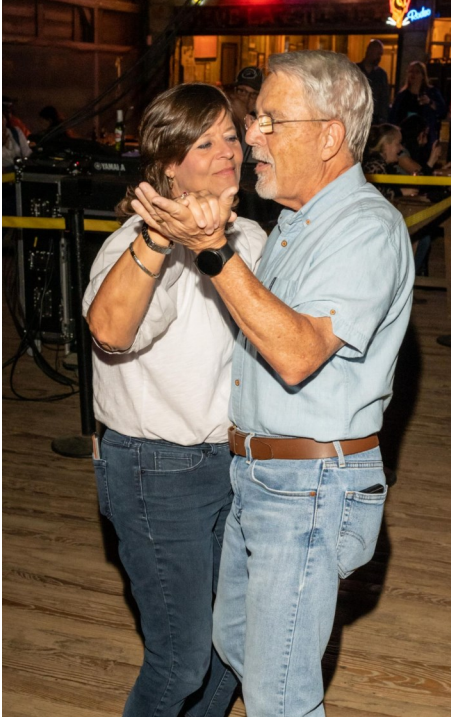
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## 2024 Resolutions Report (cont.)

Congrats to Bobby “Quick Hand” Lothringer on receiving the esteemed Presidents Award for his countless contributions to the organization. For those who don’t know Bobby, his goal each year is to not be included in Resolutions, and this would have been your year, buddy. But you forced our hand with your tireless service and desire to leave this organization better than you found it. Hitherto, this committee awards our first Tackie of 2024 to Bobby “Butt Cherishing” Lothringer – may this Hello Kitty microphone inspire you to prepare the most stellar, resolutions-worthy conference karaoke performance of your career at next year’s annual conference.

Did you hear that El Paso LAC? Karaoke. Let that word henceforth and hitherto be your vision as you begin planning for next year’s hospitality suite.

We learned about our Philanthropy, CASA of Central Texas, and members were encouraged to donate in order to win Battle of the Regions. Which, by the way, congrats to this year’s winners, West Texas on your many wealthy donors. Must be the oil money. Coming in dead ass last with a whopping \$50 was East Texas. It was loudly proclaimed on the big event bus that you had both buildings and a population. Your results beg to differ.

And speaking of deadass last, congrats to the 24 5k fun runners and/or walkers. As President Bobbie Brown claimed, you awoke at the crack ass of dawn to conquer those 3.1 miles while the rest of us were nursing our first conference hangover and trying to decipher the difference between crack ass and ass crack. According to Dr. Troy White, it just depends on the angle you’re looking at it.

Our keynote speaker, Aaron Alejandro, told us of how we make a difference by providing students with opportunities they may otherwise not come across. He also gave us such notable phrases as “udderly tickled to be here, the opposite of gratitude is entitlement, a pat on the back turns into a massage, and an armpit with hair and eyeballs.

While we would never compare these individuals to armpits, this committee would like to henceforth and hitherto award a round of tackies to our own beloved, vertically challenged, armpits with hair and eyeballs. May these brushable cousin It figurines remind you that your microphone lowering skills are second to none and though she is small, she is mighty: Sofia Almeda, Melissa Hyatt, Former Resolutions Chair, Tiffany Lipscomb, and LAC co-chair, Martha Fraire-Cuellar.

Bobbie, we’re now going to henceforth tap into our psychic abilities. Can you write a question, any question down on this sheet of paper.

Andi, I’m going to hold this question up to my head. I’m gonna tap into our psychic link. I want you to say the first thing that comes to your mind.

Andi: Coo-Coo! Coo-Coo!!!!!!

Question: What did Lorena Rios keep repeating after her patriotic recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at midnight in the Embassy Suites lobby after the big event?



## 2024 Resolutions Report (cont.)

At the celebration lunch, this committee noticed a pattern of tray droppage. Thus and henceforth, let it hitherto and whereas be resolved that Queen's "another one bites the dust be played" anytime a tray hits the ground during a TACRAO conference.

The conference got a little Freudian this year with comments like  
"size matters" – Jerry Martinez  
"Why do they hang so low" – Oliver Tull,  
"that was sausage heavy" -Andi Scott Buncik,  
and "how the sausage gets made" – Bobby Lothringer.

Troy: Um Excuse me. I move to amend a previous statement.

Andi: I second.

But wait, do we vote and then discuss? Or discuss and then vote?

Joe, can you please clarify?

We previously resolved that Bobby Lothringer would whereas, hitherto, and henceforth not be included in anymore of this year's resolutions. However, we must amend this amendment after Bobby confidently read his audit report in front of a powerpoint slide that featured the San Marcus Victoria's Secret storefront. Sorry Bobby. You can take the boy off the resolutions committee. But you can't take the boy out of the resolutions.

Bobby, though we appreciate you trying to mind your Ps and Qs, and despite your repeated requests to remain anonymous, we'd like to take this opportunity to recognize Dave Stones. Will the real Dave Stones please stand up?

And speaking of psychic abilities. don't worry, Oliver. At one point, henceforth and hitherto, we were all surprised that TACRAO's Bobbie Brown was a white woman from Lubbock, Texas and not Whitney Houston's former husband.

For last night's big event, Our LAC co-chairs displayed a feat of ingenuity by air tagging the shuttle busses: ensuring that all TACRAOans safely arrived at Gruene Hall. This effort was greatly appreciated by 2022 conference attendees who unintentionally found themselves remembering the Alamo as they were dropped off in front of the historical marker but half a mile from the big event.

Gruene Hall, the oldest dance hall in Texas saw very little dancing and once again... even fewer drink tickets. Even so, attendees were delighted by the delicious food, atmosphere, shops, and the multiple up and coming artists showcased. However, let it whereas, henceforth, and hitherto be resolved that, in the words of Alabama, "if your gonna play in Texas, you gotta have a fiddle in the band."



## 2024 Resolutions Report (cont.)

To our LAC co-chairs, let it whereas, henceforth, and hitherto be resolved that you take some well-earned R&R after working so hard to provide us a great conference in San Marcos, Texas! We award you the Tacky of rest. May these comfy socks and rejuvenating masks remind you that all that hard work has earned you the thanks of the 738 attendees and a couple of cheap gifts from Five Below.

To our conference hotel, let it henceforth, whereas, and hitherto be resolved that you hurry up on this renovation because the rooms smell like an episode of hoarders, the dining area was standing room only (unlike many of our sessions), the bathroom lights made attendees question if they had jaundice, and everyone staying in this hotel has developed a case of kennel cough. Despite the less than stellar accommodations, this committee remains astonished that Kenne Evans did not set off yet another fire alarm with his light saber, blow torch, cigar lighter which drew many adoring fans, including President Elect Chris Reed. Rumor has it that the two were spotted in the parking lot smoking stogies until 2am on Monday night.

Jennifer Pape Beal – our mole three years running. Just like you couldn't provide your report at yesterday's business meeting without your laptop and slides, we couldn't have written the last three resolutions without you. Let it hencethen, future-forth, and where for all be resolved that, each year, a member of TEC serves as the resolution's mole. As a thank you for your commitment, your efforts, and the use of your hotel suite, we bequeath to you this adorable Maleficent plushy. Long live our conniving, evil queen.

Melinda – For your tacky, this committee bestows upon you this Glinda ornament. Or as we will fondly think of her, Muh-Glinda, the good witch, in reference to your costume at last year's big event. Like Glinda, we henceto, whereforth, and hither-as resolve that you float off the executive committee in a bubble of peace, joy, and happiness. Also, here is a Koozie, to keep that second drink cold while you finish the first. May you double fist your way through next year's conference.

Melissa – We gift you the tacky of the horse. We whereas, henceforth, and hitherto resolve that you gallup into a carefree and joyful retirement, and may this ornament remind you of the time you convinced a dozen of SACRAO's finest to hobby horse into SACRAO resolutions.

Truman, Truman, Truman – It has been stated to this committee that Truman Glenn is like a box of corn flakes. He is dependable. He is reliable. He gets the job done. But he, to the shagrin of this committee, gives us nothing to write about... So Truman, may it henceforth, whereto, and hitheras be resolved that you receive the tacky of Corn Flakes. May they sustain you and keep you as balanced as you've kept our budget.

Jason Hale, our VP of Admissions and our other mole, for someone who came to the big event dressed as a toilet last year, you were quite bothered by the lack of hand soap in the Embassy Suite bathrooms! Let it whereforth, wencecame, and hitheron be resolved that Jason Hale's hands remain clean enough to eat out of. We award you the tacky of hand sanitizer, and untearable toilet paper for when cancelled sessions hit the fan.

To the side comment King and president Elect, Senor Christopher Reed, this committee resolves to hitherforth and whereas bestow upon you the tacky of this baby shark stool to help elevate you to new heights as you enter your TACRAO Presidency.

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## 2024 Resolutions Report (cont.)

And finally to our Color-Coding Queen, Bobbie Brown... Bobbie B!!!!!! May this crown remind you of how you single-handedly avoided a breakdown in TACRAO democracy by providing color coded amendments to the amendment. May it wherever, forthhynch, and as-where be resolved that all important emails be color coded to garner the appropriate amount of attention prior to the town hall meeting. This committee further bequeaths you this button game. May you wenceforth play it, hitherto practice, and forthcoming learn how to push a button to advance a damn slide, for the pete's sake. Who else was involved in powerpoint advancement? We have buttons for you too.

As we henceforth and wencecame resolve this year's resolutions, we'd like to say a special thanks to McKayla and Becky from Grayson community college for providing us with our 2am whataburgers. This committee hith-erfrom and evermore resolves that bribery does work... Unless you're Bobby Lothringer. By the way Bobby, we included 369 wenceforths, hithertos, hench-as-es, and crack asses, was that enough?

As we embrace the shifting currents and return to El Paso, Texas, we look forward to expanding our horizons and being able to stretch our legs at the dinner table. We wence-as, everlong, and forevermore wish you safe travels as your journey back home.

Signing off, your 2024 Resolutions Committee.

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Jodie Rexroat

Dr. Troy White

And moles, Tiffany Lipscomb, Jennifer Pape Beal, and Jason Hale





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