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TACRAO Conference Recap

December 2017

TACRAO 2017 is just a memory.

TACRAOans from all across the state began to ascend on beautiful South Padre Island this past November. Sweaters and coats were exchanged for flip flops and sun glasses as we soaked up the sun, basked in new found knowledge, and laughed with old and new friends. Please enjoy the photos and memories from TACRAO 2017.

Conference Numbers

622 Attendees

11 Past Presidents

181 New Attendees

7 Honorary Members

129 Unique Presenters

19 Vendor Sessions



Sunset on South Padre Island



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Hello TACRAO Family,

I hope your end of term processing is going well.

It was wonderful seeing so many of you gathered at South Padre Island enjoying the conference and visiting with colleagues. Congratulations to Maggie Hinojosa and Griselda Castilla, the entire 2017 Local Arrangements Committee and our 2017 President Irene Robinson for an excellent conference!

The conference kicked off with a South Padre Island police officer cutting my necktie to make my attire compliant with the SPI attire proclamation. This TACRAO Conference Recap has a lot of photos from all of conference events and sessions. Hope you enjoy it!

If you missed it, you missed a wonderful conference and the opportunity to network with your fellow TACRAOans. So, go ahead and mark your calendar for the 2018 conference to be held at **Fort Worth on November 4-7, 2018!**

The TACRAO Executive Committee wishes you a safe and Happy Holidays!

Joe Papari - TACRAO President



Another fantastic annual TACRAO Conference has come to a close and we know the LAC at SPI had a great time hosting everyone. There were so many unique aspects to be enjoyed! Access to fresh seafood and CRAB LEGS at the President's Dinner- that was memorable! Have you ever seen so many door prizes?! And when's the last time regional members built sand castles to battle it out for the trophy? For those braving the persistent winds on the beaches of SPI, that Fun Run was one to remember and be proud of. Seeing colleagues and friends whisk around on golf carts was fun, too, and those sunsets on the beach were just beautiful. And while all the scenery and activities were exciting and new, the sessions, meetings and networking really stole the show. Remember your conference and session feedback is always important as it helps inform decision about future session and conference planning. Until we meet again in Ft. Worth, if not sooner, Happy Holidays!

Sofia Montes - TACRAO President Elect



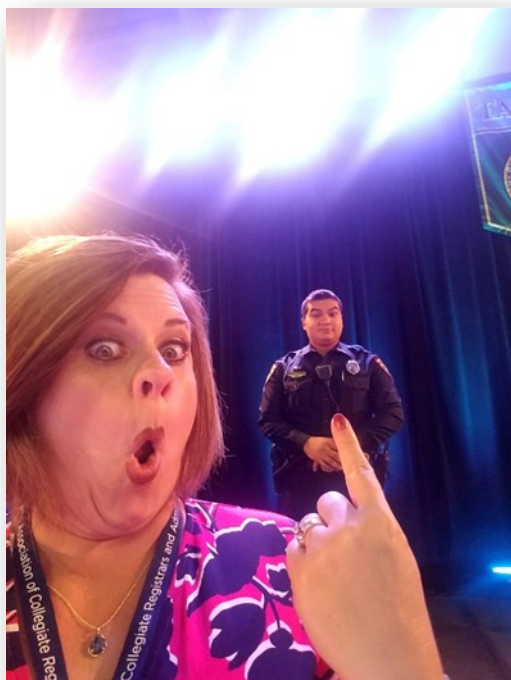
Hello TACRAO!

What an incredible Conference we had at South Padre Island. In the past, I arrived at the Annual Conference and thought, “this is nice...I liked my sessions...events were fun... LAC did good”. Now, after serving a year on TEC along with the South Padre LAC, I saw first-hand just how hard the LAC works. The logistics, the events, the entire thought process for keeping 600+ attendees busy, etc. I appreciate the LAC and ALL that they do for us to enjoy *and learn* at our Conference.

I hope you are making plans now for when we meet again at Fort Worth in 2018.

Oh, and one lasting take-away from South Padre, always drive your golf cart with the lights on if it is beginning to get dark!

Jeremy Dorman - TACRAO Treasurer



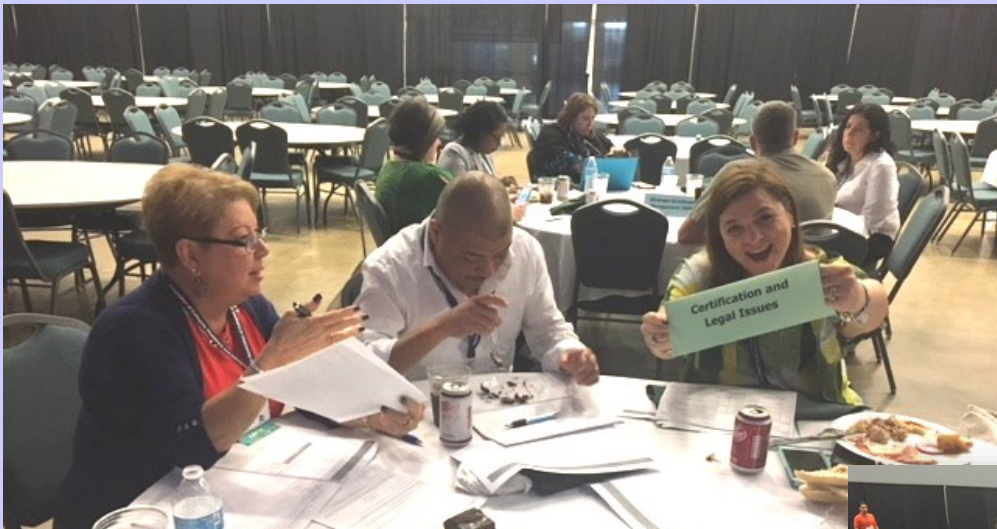
The TACRAO Annual meeting in South Padre Island was so much fun. I am looking forward to the Fort Worth Annual Meeting.

We had **129** unique presenters with several presenters doing multiple sessions.

We had **19** vendor sessions for attendees this year.

A call for proposals will be sent out through the TACRAO listserv in January. Please be on the lookout. TACRAO has amazing members with vast knowledge and presenting is the way to share this valuable knowledge.

Andi Liner - TACRAO VP Records and Registration



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Resolutions Strategic Enrollment Mgmt. Technology University Issues



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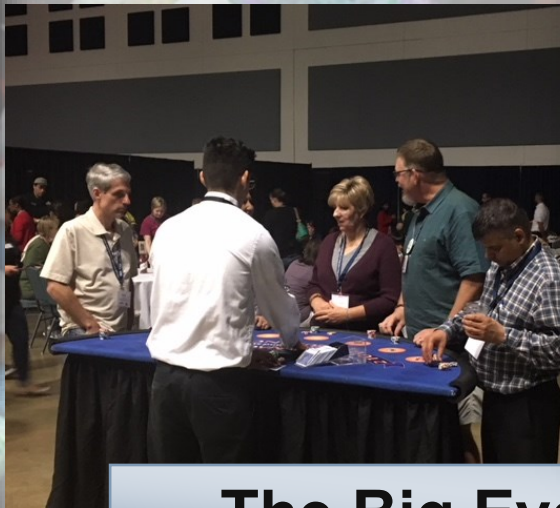
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Don Palermo Memorial Golf Tournament





The Big Event: Boats and Bets!!

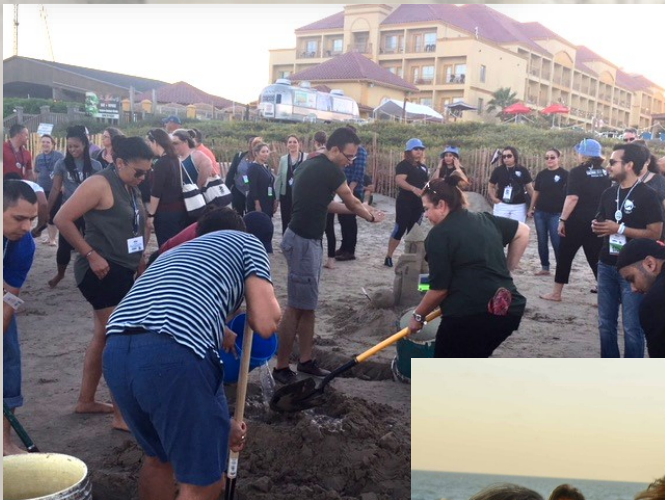


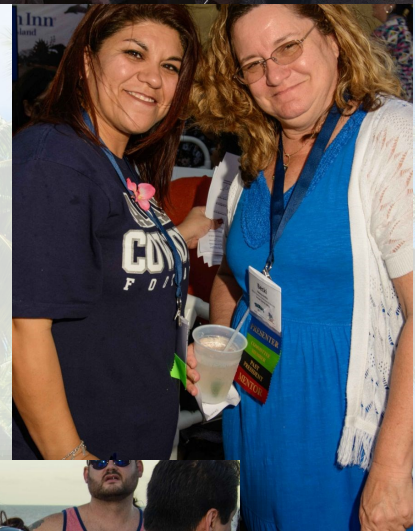
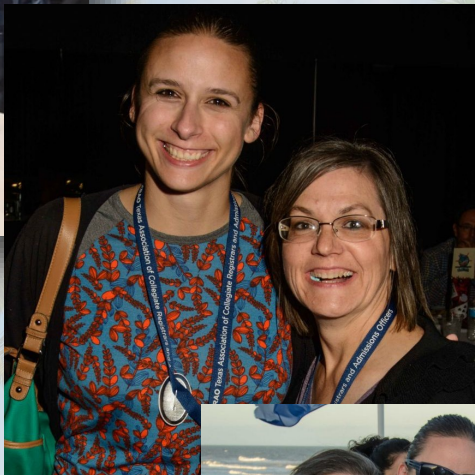
The Mentor/Mentee Mixer



Battle of the Regions!

What better way to battle it out in South Padre than to have a sand castle building competition! All sand castles were very creative and displayed great team effort!





Thank you LAC, we had a wonderful time!

A NEW TACRAO INITIATIVE

AVAILABLE FOR 2018

The TACRAO Session Sponsorship (TSS) is a TACRAO initiative to support new/novice TACRAO session presenters. The TSS is a collaboration between a seasoned TACRAO session presenter and a TACRAO member who has never lead a session at TACRAO before (but would like to). This partnership will provide opportunity for TACRAO members who have never presented at an Annual Meeting to work with a seasoned presenter (sponsor) to:



- Generate session ideas and select a topic
- Create objectives and outline of session for a strong proposal submission
- Submit session proposal for the next Annual Meeting (2018)
- If session is selected, develop the session including audience analysis, clear objectives, visual aids, and content
- Present at the Annual Meeting (either solo or with their sponsor)
- Conduct a post-session review including analysis of audience feedback

Guidance and tools for the TSS will be provided. This program is voluntary. New presenters can still submit presentations on their own. The TSS is simply an available opportunity.

3 Main Benefits of the TSS.

1. It provides **networking** across the state. By working on a session together, the networking and professional relationships grow deeper. Hopefully, this interaction will lead to further collaboration about best practices or other future sessions.
2. It creates another bridge between those that have been in TACRAO for many years with those who are new to the profession, or at least to the TACRAO experience. This creates **leadership** opportunities that will hopefully have a domino effect with the new session presenters eventually becoming session sponsors themselves.
3. We are blessed to be surrounded by the most intelligent, creative, and innovative colleagues. With this partnership, more ideas can be shared as more admissions and registrar professionals **share best practices**.

If you are interested in being a Session Sponsor or a new Presenter, please contact:

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You can always submit a session on your own. The Program Session form for TACRAO 2018 is available!

[Click Here to Submit a Session to TACRAO 2018!](#)

