

# TACRAO NEWS

WINTER 2022

## 2022 Conference Recap Special Edition



*“As we find ourselves at the end of another amazing and impactful annual conference, having spent time with friends - both old and new, be it resolved that TACRAO members ride into this new century with positivity and a renewed excitement to continue to improve the landscape of higher education. “*

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# Message from the President



**Melinda Carroll**  
President  
North Central Texas College

Greetings TACRAO members!

I hope you had a great time at the incredible 2022 TACRAO conference in San Antonio! Please join me in congratulating the 2022 TEC & LAC Committees for a remarkable conference. I want to give a special thank you to 2022 Local Arrangements Committee co-chairs, **Anne Delgado** and **Alejandra Holt** for all their hard work and tremendous job in making the 101<sup>st</sup> conference a success. Also, congratulations to **Chris Reed**, **Scott Branum**, and all of the session planning committee members for a phenomenal slate of sessions.

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your 2022-2023 President for an amazing organization! I am excited to continue serving with **Paige Bussell** (Past-President), **Chris Reed** (Vice President for Admission), **Brandy Piner** (Secretary), and **Lori Zerr** (Past-Treasurer). Additionally, please join me in welcoming the new TEC members: **Bobbie Brown** (President-Elect), **Scott Branum** (Vice President for Records and Registration), **Melissa Hyatt** (Vice President for Technology), and **Truman Glenn** (Treasurer).

Please welcome the TACRAO Local Arrangements Committee, co-chairs, Kate Richardson and Samantha Taylor, who will be planning the 2023 TACRAO Conference (Denton, TX). The 2023 LAC are working to prepare an outstanding conference and excited to host you at the **Embassy Suites by Hilton Convention Center in Denton, Texas**. The 2023 LAC will work to lead the organization by remembering to create experiences of “Inclusive Innovation for Student Success” in creating an outstanding conference.

As we are taking TACRAO into the next century, we must all remember our roles as professionals when leading our staff and students we serve. Remember you have a BIG impact on each person you encounter. Little actions can achieve big results. For all members, consider saying yes to the tap on the shoulder or email asking you to get involved. Continue to work hard and dream big! Success is not accomplished without commitment and willingness to serve by lending a hand when you are needed.

As Maya Angelou said, “Be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.” You will receive back what you put forward. YOU are what makes TACRAO thrive. I encourage you **to get involved** by completing the “I’m available form” and consider serving in various ways, by serving on a committee, presenting or being a facilitator.

Take the time to network and meet new people - You just never know where it might take you!!!! My hope for you is it will lead you to feeling inspired, a sense of belonging and included in TACRAO as you make plans to attend the **102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on October 29 through November 1, 2023 in Denton, Texas!**

We are always looking for ways to improve. To help us, please submit your conference and session evaluations if you haven’t already done so. Guidebook evaluations are still available, so you still have time!

Wishing each of you Happy Holidays!

Melinda Carroll  
TACRAO President



# A Word from the President-Elect

The session program committees and Vice Presidents did an outstanding job with the TACRAO 2022 sessions! I hope you all learned something new and received answers to burning questions you might have. We all benefit from each other's expertise!

We hope to benefit in 2023 as well! Please consider volunteering your time and expertise to present a session at TACRAO 2023 in Denton, Texas. We know we will have a great time together as colleagues, so submit your session now and plan to share your knowledge. It really is never too early!

I would like to challenge TACRAO members to get involved and invite each of you to volunteer! If you are a Newcomer, here is your chance. If you are a seasoned veteran, complete the form and join in the fun. The "I'm Available Form" is online and easy to complete. All Session Planning and Standing Committees are listed. Tell us on which committees you'd like to be involved.

Seriously folks... you can DO IT! Click [HERE](#) and get involved. You'll be glad you did!

Bobbie Brown  
TACRAO President-Elect



**Bobbie Brown**  
*President-Elect*  
*Texas Tech University*



# Congratulations New Honorary Members!



**Debbie Gilchrist (2021)**  
*University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*



**Sheila Gray**  
*Texas Tech University*



**Fred Hample**  
*University of Texas San Antonio*



**Darla English**  
*Midwestern State University*



**Mary Kincannon**  
*Texas Christian University*



**Tana Miller**  
*West Texas A&M University*



**Teresa Ringo**  
*Sam Houston State University*



**Irene Robinson**  
*Alvin Community College*



**Kim Taylor**  
*University of Texas Austin*



# THANK YOU

## *San Antonio Local Arrangements Committee!*



Anne Delgado, Co-Chair  
Alex Holt, Co-Chair  
Rene Andre  
Jennifer Beal  
Morgan Beard  
Evelyn Bentancourt Martinez  
Rhonda Bolton  
Sandra Cantu  
Stephanie Contreras  
Antonio De La Cruz  
Clarisa De La Fuente  
Jessica De La Rosa  
Debbie Dunn  
Connie Ealy

Jennifer Finucane  
Gabby Flores  
Martha Fraire-Cuellar  
Selina Futrell  
Amanda Garcia  
Daniel Garcia  
Limayri Garcia  
Lauri Garcia Jones  
Preston Garrahan  
Pearl Garza  
Victoria Gorena  
Belinda Guajardo  
Blanca Guerra  
Belinda Harmon

Jessica Hartley  
Ramiro Hernandez  
Destiny Jones  
Craig Kilgore  
Lucian Lopez  
Roxanne Lozano  
Alison Mann  
Virginia Monk  
Noah Murray  
Mariah Neumeyer  
Desiree Parker  
Vikas Rajpurohit  
Luisa Ramirez  
Ana Rodriguez

JoAnna Rodriguez  
Leighanne Rodriguez  
Roxanne Salazar-Valdez  
Sarah Sanchez  
Andi Scott  
Savannah Serna  
Madelyne Tolliver  
Alicia Torres-Alanis  
Monica Torrez  
Christina Villanueva  
Michelle Walker



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*- 2022 Resolutions Committee*

# Don Palermo 5K Fun Run



## 1st Place

*Female: Angela Rodriguez, 28:41*

*Male: Joseph Harris, 37:40*

## 2nd Place

*Female: Andrea Wiste, 28:45*

*Male: Michael Klink, 40:02*

## *The Prestigious & Honored Dead Ass Last Award*

*Female: Ashley Peck*

*Male: Jonathan McKissack*



## Past President's Brief

Hello TACRAO –

I'd like to thank the 2022 TEC & LAC Committees for a wonderful TACRAO Conference. I hope you all had safe travels back home.

Congratulations to incoming President Melinda Carroll and the new TEC members, **Bobbie Brown**, **Melissa Hyatt** and **Scott Branum**. I look forward to serving with you all over the next year.

Please remember to submit an I'm available form or session idea for next year's Denton conference. The links for each are available below:

- TACRAO I'm Available Form: [Apply Now](#)
- Provide program session ideas for the next Annual Conference: [Submit Now](#)



**Paige Bussell**  
Past President  
Texas A&M Commerce



**You are what makes TACRAO successful!**

I wish you all a very safe and happy Holiday Season!

Paige Bussell  
2022-23 TACRAO Past President



# Conference Highlights

**RECORD** number of Newcomers!



**286 First-Time Attendees!**



## CONGRATULATIONS

to the winners of the Newcomer Scavenger Hunt drawing and a **FREE registration** to the **2023 TACRAO Conference in Denton!**

**Mariza Olmos**

Tarrant County College

**Andrea Davis**

San Jacinto College



# Conference Highlights



## 2022 President's Award

Kristin McDonald-Wiley  
*Amarillo College*



# BATTLE OF THE REGIONS

Congratulations

# SOUTHEAST TEXAS!



## Reed's Ramblings

Howdy All!

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that your work clothes didn't shrink in the wash like mine apparently did...

It was great seeing everyone at the TACRAO annual conference in San Antonio! The five committees who are stuck reporting to me (Access and Equity, Community College Technical and Transfer, Student Success, Admissions, Recruitment) did a marvelous job in putting together nearly 40 sessions. I was lucky enough to sneak in to listen to a few and I know I left with some amazing insights that I took back to the office.

Remember its not too early to start thinking about next year. If you've got ideas for topics that you would like to see included, please send them to me! Our session planning committees are already brainstorming and I'm happy to add your suggestions to the mix.

As I mentioned at the Town Hall we formally approved the formation of an ad-hoc residency committee at the Executive Committee meeting before the conference and I'm excited to see what they will be able to put together in their inaugural year. Mark Ammann from Dallas College will be chairing this committee so please feel free to send Mark or I anything you think they should be aware of on the residency front. I'll be including updates from this committee in my newsletter articles going forward.

Keep the faith out there and finish the year strong!

Chris



**Chris Reed**  
*Vice President for Admissions*  
*Texas A&M University*



# Vice President Updates



**Scott Branum**  
*Vice President for Records  
& Registration  
Galveston College*

## Scott's Scribbles

Greetings from Galveston Island!

Congratulations to the entire Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) and the TACRAO Executive Committee (TEC) for a great annual conference in San Antonio. Nearly 700 higher education professionals chose from over 130 sessions at the beautiful Hyatt Hill Country Resort and Spa. I am grateful to the presenters, facilitators, and session planning committees for creating a robust schedule of professional development sessions.

As we begin, "Riding into the Next Century of TACRAO," we look forward to next year's annual conference in Denton, where we will focus on, "Inclusive Innovation for Student Success." Get your Halloween Costumes ready – next year's conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Denton Convention Center from October 29, 2023, through November 1, 2023.

TACRAO remains a strong organization because of its members. Texans have a giving spirit – it's in our DNA. Thank you, for all the tireless work each of you have done to keep our organization the envy of other states. I encourage everyone, especially new members, to become involved so the organization will continue grow and adapt to the ever-changing landscape of higher education. Visit <https://www.tacrao.org/get-involved> to fill out an "I'm Available" form for a committee or to serve as a session facilitator.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous new year!

Scott Branum  
Vice Present for Records & Registration



# Vice President Updates

## Melissa's Message

Howdy fellow TACRAOnians!

What a fabulous conference we had in San Antonio at the Hyatt (I'm not biased in any way...). Moving the large number of attendees from event to event is not a small task, so kudos to the LAC for an awesome job.

I just finished having a zoom meeting with Justin and let's just say I've got a large bow tie to fill! I truly appreciate his guidance and patience with explaining all that is involved in being the VP of IT for this great organization. Fortunately I do have familiarity with MemberClicks from when I was VP of IT for SACRAO, but there are some aspects that are different. I look forward to learning what is involved alongside some amazing colleagues on the executive committee.

A couple of things that will be in the works are increasing participation in our discussion boards and holding Enrollment Reporting zoom meetings throughout the year. Both will bring our membership together more often and allow for collaboration and networking outside of our conference. Be on the lookout for messages regarding these topics soon.

I look forward to serving you and the organization in this role. My objective is to continue to build on the foundation Justin and Bobbie started. Stay warm, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, and have a wonderful holiday season!

Melissa Hyatt  
Vice President for Technology



**Melissa Hyatt**  
*Vice President for  
Technology  
Texas State University*



# 2022 Resolutions Report

**WHEREAS**, after gathering a year ago in Lubbock and “Setting the sun promising another century of success” we were excited to arrive in the beautiful San Antonio hill country among approximately 700 TACRAO participants as we kicked off the 101st TACRAO Conference and “Riding into the next century of TACRAO.”

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Annie Delgado, Alex Holt, and the entire Local Arrangements Committee should be congratulated for their hard work and planning that once again made this a successful conference. After nearly half a decade of being on LAC, Annie and Alex can finally relax. Hopefully they can hit the spa after the conference for some much needed R&R!

This year’s conference offered over 130 presentations covered by roughly 160 presenters and has taken place at the beautiful and unique Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa: an Arctic Oasis and maze of strangely angled hallways that attendees are still struggling to navigate after three full days.

Even those that were able to locate the fabled Fredericksburg rooms still aren’t sure what was covered in their presentation as presenters were difficult to hear over whatever cheering or loud speaking was happening in the room next door! Who thought it was a good idea to put the Recruiter Olympics in the rooms with the thinnest walls? Don’t you know Recruiters are loud for a living?

We had a record number of newcomers this year! 286 first-time attendees! Our newcomers seemed to really take it to heart when Honorary TACRAO member Darla English told them to plug in, network, and find their TACRAO family. In fact, it seems many of our members, both new and old, took the opportunity to “network” all the way through Monday’s Awards Luncheon ...at full volume.

Thank you to Brenda Schumann who went full Honey Badger on the microphone - ensuring that the Honorary Members she was introducing were properly recognized and teaching us all a lesson in proper microphone use.

We didn’t realize someone could be less commanding of the microphone than TACRAO past president Joe Papari, and then current TACRAO President, Paige Bussell handed us her beer... Thank goodness Bobby Lothringer was there to show her how to adjust the height of the mic... not that it made much difference... Which begs the question: How many TACRAO Presidents does it take to successfully operate a microphone?

Conference attendees were delighted to be welcomed to the President’s Dinner and Opening Session by the performance of a local Mariachi - although none enjoyed it more than UT Tyler’s, George Norton. We learned about this year’s philanthropy - yet another wonderful cause - CASA - presented by the first lady of UTSA.

Oohs and Aahs could be heard across the ballroom as our dinner plates were delivered. Well, from everyone except the vegetarians. Who knew the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa strictly enforced a mandatory 45 minute waiting period for all meatless meals.

Mouth-watering hunks of beef, expertly cooked potatoes, and flavorful broccoli were decadently placed in front of us next to our daily water ration and an empty space where -historically - iced tea would go. It wasn’t until lunch on Monday that the lovely brown-colored, caffeine infused water made an appearance.

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# Secretary & Treasurer Updates

## Brandy's Beat



**Brandy Piner**  
*Secretary*  
*The University of Texas Health  
Science Center at San Antonio*

It was great to see everyone at the 2022 Annual Conference in San Antonio! If you didn't make it to the conference this year, we hope to see you in Denton in 2023.

I know it's a busy time for everyone as we move into the end of the semester and get ready for a new year. I hope everyone gets to take a much needed winter break!

As we head into a new year, please take a moment to check your institution's member directory. If there are any updates that need to be made, the key contact for your institution can make those updates online. You can view your key contact by visiting our member directory search.

I hope you have a great spring semester! As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need further support.

Brandy Piner  
Secretary

## Truman's Take

What an amazing 101st Annual Conference in San Antonio! I would like to applaud both the 2021-2022 Executive Committee along with the 2022 LAC Co-Chairs Anne Delgado and Alejandra Holt for their hard work and dedication! The countless hours of preparation that each person contributed to the overwhelming success of this conference are appreciated!

As the new TACRAO Treasurer, I would like to thank everyone who entrusted me with the responsibility of maintaining the financial records of the Association. This is a huge honor, and I will do my best to uphold the high standard and quality of work from Past Treasurer Lori Zerr. I'm excited for this opportunity to both serve and to get to know folks across the state as both colleagues and friends.

With the memorable 101<sup>st</sup> Conference now in the books, I am already looking forward to next year's conference and hope you are making plans now for when we meet again. The membership is in great hands with Denton LAC Co-Chairs Samantha Taylor and Kate Richardson as they are already working hard with future local arrangements.

I wish all of you the happiest of holidays TACRAO family!

Truman Glenn  
TACRAO Treasurer



**Truman Glenn**  
*Treasurer*  
*The University of Texas at Austin*



# 2023 Conference Chat

Hello from North Texas! We were so glad to see everyone in beautiful San Antonio for this year’s annual conference. We are now working diligently alongside our President, Melinda Carroll to bring you an informative and enjoyable conference for 2023.

We are pleased to report that the city of Denton has already demonstrated how kind and welcoming it can be and the local businesses and chamber are eager to welcome all of TACRAO to Denton next year. We’re also very excited about our Big Event, a fun costume party on Halloween night.

We had an introductory call with our LAC subcommittee chairs in October and we’ll have a follow up meeting after the new year. We are so thankful to have such a great response to our call for LAC volunteers during the conference. A special shout out goes to our colleagues in leadership who have encouraged their staff to get involved! We have big plans to work hard and have a good time. If you or any of your friends from the TACRAO membership are interested in serving on the LAC, please feel free to email us.

This year we will focus on “inclusive innovation for student success,” and it’s our intention that the TACRAO membership sees and feels that same spirit of inclusion at our conference as well. We can’t wait to see you in Denton in 2023!

Your Denton LAC Co-Chairs,

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**Samantha Taylor**  
Local Arrangements Co-Chair  
Tarrant County College



**Kate Richardson**  
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# REGIONAL NEWS

## Meet your 2022-2023 Regional Editors



**We want to hear from you!** New hires? Promotions? Retirement announcements? Let us know what is going on at your institution so that we can be sure and include it in the Regional News portion of future TACRAO newsletters. Below are the members of the 2022-2023 TACRAO Communications Committee who are your regional contacts for news and updates.

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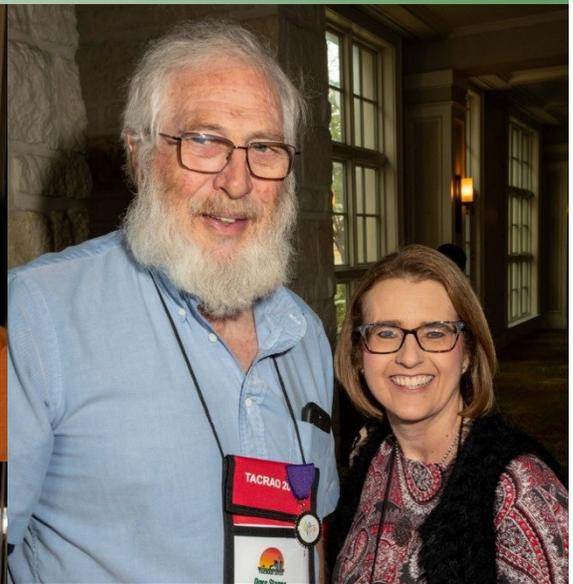


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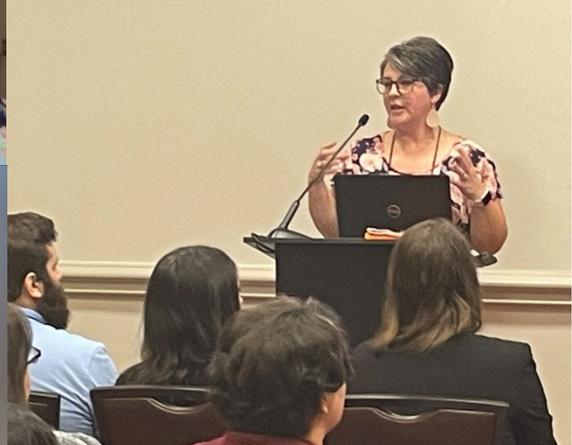
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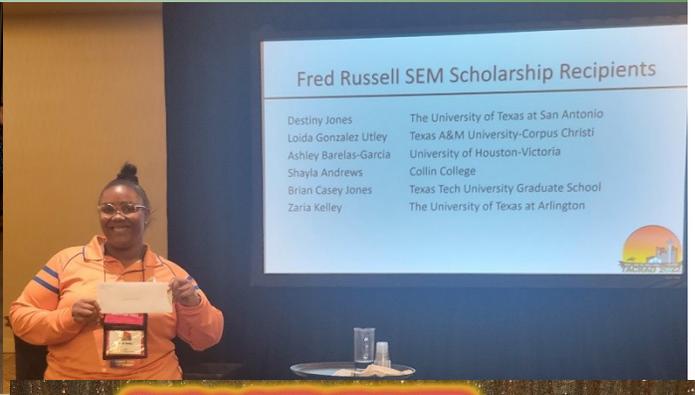
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## 2022 Resolutions Report (cont.)

Also noticeably absent were steak knives. It is rumored that TEC had them removed after the VP of Technology ... What was his name again? ... introduced a new use for knives. And that's all we're gonna say about that.

Present at Sunday Night's dinner were several notable Past Presidents, Irene Robinson, John Hall & Edwards, The Lothringers - Both Dr. and Bobby, Darla English, Jamie Hansard, Oscar Reyna, Fred Rodriguez, David Stones, Sophia Almeda, Becki Griffith, and Joe Papari

Past president, Bobby Lothringer, was adamant he would NOT make the resolutions in 2022 - doing his best to avoid committee members and swearing to walk the straight and narrow. Since there were no fire pits and cigars around, he was sure to succeed. Right? Yeah, that lasted approximately 24 hours when the whiskey drowned and the beer chased his blues right to Karaoki where he "graced" us with two ditties and spun Kelsey - the Gecko Rep and TACRAO's honorary patron saint of karaoke and bad decisions - around the dance floor at an alarming velocity.

Speaking of honorary members, does anyone even know who they are? No, seriously, do you? I couldn't hear. So we'll recap for you... But before we do, SHHHHH!

Congratulations to Debbie Gilchrest, Fred Amble, Kim Taylor, Irene Robinson, Tana Miller, Sheila Gray, Mary Kincannon, Teresa Ringo, and Darla English (BTW, for the Gen Zers, Patrick Swayze did not sing "Time of My Life." At least not with his mouth. He let his hips do the talking. RIP."

Also, to the newcomers who shall not be named that asked who Garth Brooks was, we are going to need you to spend less time on the tikety tok and more time learning your history.

And speaking of history, thank you to our big event bus drivers for ensuring that we remembered the Alamo. We appreciate your efforts to help us remember the past as we ride into the future. Let it henceforth and hitherto be resolved that next time we are in San Antonio, we hire a company of San Antonio's most well-lit horse drawn carriages to transport us to the big event.

This committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers from the Conservation Society that hosted last night's Big Event and FINALLY, after many days of anticipation and in a city that has been referred to as "Taco Capital, USA", provided us with a variety of delicious Tex-Mex food!

To our keynote speaker, Christine Cashem, thank you for reminding us that "what you say comes your way." It helped us to start the conference yelling "Let's Ride" as our shuttle buses didn't always give us the opportunity to do so... And have we got a tip for you.... **LET'S RIDE**. How about we all give a round of applause to the gentlemen that asked for a to-go box after the Sunday dinner giving TACRAO membership a new idea for how to save that per diem! Let it hereby be resolved that requesting a to go box after conference meals is highly encouraged. And, let us not forget...although we did not have any brown-colored tea, there were plenty of brown-colored references in the keynote address. How many times can we reference poop following such a huge meal?

And speaking of going, thank you to TEC and the Hyatt for providing shuttle buses for the conference attendees staying at the Hilton. Shuttle signage was considerably better this year. Registration signage? Not so much.

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## 2022 Resolutions Report (cont.)

Shuttle drivers mostly adhered to a 15 minute pick up and drop off schedule - providing passengers with helpful minute by minute updates on departure times - and only straying from their 15 minute intervals to complete the daily wordle and to update their fantasy football lineups.

There are several congratulations in order! First, congratulations to this year's President's Award Winner, Kristin McDonald-Wiley who must have been too worn out from celebrating her award to show up for the 6am Fun Run.

Congratulations to the 16 runners that did wake up in the wee hours of the morning to participate in the 2022 TACRAO Fun Run! The threat of rain, the unlit course, the 1000% humidity, and some pretty legit hills didn't stop this bunch of athletes who were rewarded with cardboard-flavored water and a bag of crumbs previously known as a Nature Valley granola bar.

Congratulations to our Fred Russel scholarship winners, and a big thanks to College Board for sponsoring. We were pleasantly surprised when instead of Robert Hogeda, Lin Manuel Miranda's "Alexander Hamilton" sauntered up to the dais to hand out certificates. And thank you, Chrissy Gonzalez, for your generous awarding of 6 scholarships, even though only 5 were in the budget!

Town Hall. What can we say about Town Hall? No literally... What can we say? It was the most uneventful Town Hall in a decade. Where's the drama? The tense silence after the inevitable uncomfortable questions? The highlight was hearing all about how Dr. Poteet at Kilgore College was able to uncover a purchased transcript from diploma-makers.com when a 4 hour course was listed as a 3 hour course.

And speaking of Diploma-makers.com, we are excited to announce that we already have our first sponsor lined up for the 2023 annual conference! Please give a round of applause for our cubic zirconia level sponsor, diploma-makers.com! Diploma-Makers.com! Don't spend thousands on a degree! Get our exclusive transcript/diploma combo signed by Dr. Bud E. Weiser for only \$159!

While on the subject of sponsors, a huge thanks to Jason Hale for bringing in 74 individual conference attendees as exhibitors, 22 exhibitor sessions, and raising \$86,250.00! The vendors were a little confused when the Exhibitor Refreshment break was set up OUTSIDE the exhibit hall and their booths began to be torn down due to a minor miscommunication. But don't worry...if 2020 taught us anything, it was how to pivot, pivot, pivot.

Congratulations to Southeast Texas on winning Battle of the Regions with the most beautiful Fiesta float (complete with students! You can't have a parade without students!), but I think we can all agree the real prize went to West Texas. Who wouldn't want to go home with a golden cock?

And speaking of prizes, how about those door prizes? Am I right? LAC was able to pull together over 200 door prizes ranging from branded notepads and umbrellas to gift cards and obviously... alcohol. Conference attendees were especially delighted to discover the Texas Tech Registrar branded pocket knives and rechargeable lighters. Thanks Bobbie Brown!

However, let it hereby be resolved that Tshirts no longer be given out as door prizes as we need another Tshirt like we need another night of karaoke. And may we note that all members of the Resolutions Committee won a door prize at the President's Dinner and Welcome Session with the exception of our esteemed chair, Tiffany Lipscomb. Bad move, LAC. Bad move.

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## 2022 Resolutions Report (cont.)

We'd like to extend a special thanks to all the LAC members that worked in the Sunday House! While it may sound like a church, the Sunday House was anything but. The Sunday House provided members with beer, martinis, dancing, and Loteria (where winners were rewarded with either a pitcher of candy or Luisa Ramirez's signature three second tequila poor). After consuming an abundance of libations, pizza, tacos, and cheese balls, we were all thankful that we could get our 10,000 steps in on the walk back to the hotel.

For those that didn't want to make the trek out to the Sunday House, the Hyatt offered attendees alcohol, karaoke, and good times at Charlie's Long Bar - home of the world's longest copper bar!

To all the newcomers who were puzzled to see four gen Xers sitting at the back of the bar - laptops open - and to the gentleman that kept insisting we stop working and drink more, we were actually not checking our emails but rather hammering out this year's resolutions in full view of the general population. Despite glares from TEC members and Paige's threat of coming after us with her salt gun, this committee prefers to do our bidding in the middle of all the action.

**Be it henceforth and hitherto resolved** that not even the Resolutions Committee is safe from the Resolutions Committee.

Tiffany Lipscomb was prematurely thrust into the Resolutions Chair role when Scott Branum abandoned us for the TEC position of VP of Records and Registration (Congrats Scott...). She was spotted calming her nerves with several vodka tonics during Karaoke Monday night that were offered up as a bribe in exchange for safety from the Resolutions Committee. Unfortunately Becky Lothringer... we can't be bought.

Andi Scott also enjoyed the bribes of alcohol and - after once again exiting the big event dance floor in a sweat-soaked shirt - offered a cringe-worthy performance of Lonely Island's "On A Boat" alongside Ashley "Smashley" Deck and "Keep the Party Going Kelsey". I hope we made Andy Samberg and TPain proud.

And everyone, let's congratulate Troy Bolton...I mean White on his new position at UT Tyler! Troy, welcome to the secular world of the UT System, where you no longer have to look over your shoulder each time you order another glass of Angel's Envy!

While not officially on the committee, we would like to say a special thank you to our mole, Jennifer Beal who was overheard stating that she would never really want to serve on the Resolutions Committee because "Y'all have to go to EVERYTHING! I don't want to go to karaoke! I wanna watch Where the Crawdad's Sing!"

Well, um... I guess that's about it. See y'all next year.

RING RING RING

Pulls out banana from podium. Hello? OH we forgot TEC? We're not the only ones...

We'd like to thank Justin "Silky Smooth" Schilke for creating the new job board on the TACRAO website - saving institutions thousands while depositing .07 cents directly into the TACRAO budget with every post. Did y'all know how he got his nickname? Apparently, Justin rocked some silky green shorts to all his high school athletic events. Maybe if he wore those more often, people would remember him. How is one so unnoticeable that even their raffle ticket number is blank? Don't worry, Justin. Jamie will let you borrow her "Remember Me" sweater next year.

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## 2022 Resolutions Report (cont.)

Speaking of Jamie Hansard, Thank you to our Past President for doing her part to protect the livers of all of our newcomers by scheduling their event at 7:45am and providing not even a mimosa. No drinks for you!

Did you know TEC has its very own survival kit in Treasurer Lori Zerr. While last year, Lori distributed bandaids that evidently could be placed anywhere. This was not the case for the tablet sized portable phone charger she pulled from her backpack of necessities when resolutions committee members were running low on power.

Moving onto Fashion Icon and TACRAO Secretary Brandy Piner who brought a new level of chic to the big event by wearing her sunglasses at night and sporting a lovely, full-length, sequined robe.

VP of Admission and self-proclaimed “El Boracho,” Chris Reed, was spotted hanging out on the porch of the Sunday house with three unopened beverages to his immediate left. He claims they weren’t his but was then heard yelling out “Look at me working!” with a margarita in hand.

We’d like to congratulate President Elect Melinda Carroll for staying off the radar of the resolutions committee this year. But don’t worry, Melinda. Your time is coming.

And now, our dear President, Paige Bussell. While we may have initially questioned Paige’s mic skills, she completely redeemed herself at Karaoke when she blessed our ears with not one, but two renditions of The Wine, The Beer, The Whiskey - complete with air trumpet.

The resolutions committee heard from a little bird - no literally - We heard from Sunday Evening’s special guest, the Independence Hall Sparrow (which we may have had for lunch on Monday...) - that in a moment of overwhelming pre-conference stress, Paige was overheard proclaiming, “Don’t you know who I am?.” And Paige, after those mesmerizing performances, we won’t be forgetting you anytime soon.

Conclusion:

As we find ourselves at the end of another amazing and impactful annual conference, having spent time with friends - both old and new, be it resolved that TACRAO members ride into this new century with positivity and a renewed excitement to continue to improve the landscape of higher education.

**May it also be resolved** that membership continue to yell “Let’s Ride” anytime a tip is inserted... into a sentence.

We wish you all safe travels home, and we can’t wait to see you all again at next year’s annual conference held on Halloween in Denton, Texas! It’s about to get weird, y’all.

Respectfully submitted,

Your 2022 Resolutions Committee

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