

TCPAAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 24, 2010
Buffalo Housing Authority Center

Meeting was called to order by President Ben Hernandez at 10:30 am; opened with a prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Ben Hernandez, President; Dave Miller, 1st Vice President; Terry Williams, 2nd Vice President; Dorris Murdock, 4th Vice President; Kristy Gilbert, Secretary; Mildred Deal, Treasurer; Leo Waltz, Web Master; Susan Ernst, Public Relations; Chip Fairchild, Sergeant at Arms, Region 1 Sworn Officer; Carroll Bagley, Region 1; James Long, Region 2 sworn Rep; John Engles, Region 2; Mary Jo prince, College Station; John Gault, Desoto; Sandra Miller, Pearland; Jody Thomas, Pearland, Deb Smith, Sugarland; Jeanne Canales, Sugarland; Evalyn Phillips, Liberty County.

Absent: Joe Munoz; 3rd Vice President. Vote whether attendance is excused or unexcused. Dave Miller asked that this be tabled until Policy and Procedures were reviewed. President Hernandez agreed to table discussion.

ACTION: President Ben Hernandez and Vice President Dorris Murdock will reach out to Region 3 representatives.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve Minutes of January 23, 2010 as presented. Motion made by Dorris Murdock with written correction, seconded by Carroll Bagley.

Treasurer's Report:

Prosperity Bank checking account balance \$3,984.72

New Business

Delegates Meeting:

President Hernandez opened the floor for discussion about run through of the Delegates Meeting. Should the Board plan the Delegates meeting the day of the meeting or during the convention walk thru the month before? Dave Miller suggested day of is better as there is too much going during the run through of Convention. John Engles suggested during the walk-through of the convention so assignments can be passed out at that time.

ACTION: Agenda for Delegates Meeting to be made during walk through.

Dorris Murdock made a motion to plan the delegates meeting on July 24, 2010. Board members to arrive to the convention the day before convention starts, August 10th and hold a practice delegates meeting at 9:30am. Seconded by Chip Fairchild. John Engles and Lt. James Long will not be able to meet on the 10th. Dave Miller not committing either way at this point. Motion passed. Amendment to motion to change the date and time from August 10th at 9:30am to August 11th at 11:30am.

Policy and Procedures: presented by committee chair Dave Miller:
Oath of Office to be taken by each Board Member. Carroll Bagley made the motion to accept the Oath of Office pledge as a practiced procedure. Seconded by Kristy Gilbert.

Absentees of BOD: A Board member pay not be absent from a Board meeting more than twice from time of election (Delegates meeting) until the next years elections. This is not calendar year but time frame is from Convention to next Convention. Motion made by the committee with changes suggested by the Board to be put into place. Passed.

Election Ballots: Ballot templates were passed out for the Board to review. Motion made with changes suggested by the Board to use these templates in the upcoming Board elections. Passed.

ACTION: Dave Miller to bring a revised ballot template to July 24th meeting.

Petty Cash:
Not needed at this time. Stamps and paper are being donated right now.

Newsletters:
Articles will come to Kristy Gilbert 2 weeks before distribution. Article from Mr. President and what is going on with planning for the convention to be included.

Agenda/Action Items

Agenda: Committee Reports

2010 Convention: Mary Jo Prince reported on the 2010 Convention for Bryan/College Station. March 6, 2010, Dorris and Mary Jo met; things are progressing well. Schedule as been posted on the website. Curriculum team is still working out a few things. Key note speaker is former CIA operative, Jim Kuboviac. Banquet will be cocktail attire. Registration is at 18%. Within 2 weeks, activities for Wednesday night will be posted on the website. Walk-Thru of the convention will be July 24th and will serve as a Board Meeting.

ACTION: Dorris Murdock will set a schedule for all Board Members to work the State's exhibit table during the conference.

President Hernandez wanted to know if there was an opportunity to raise funds for TCPAAA with ads in a program book. Mary Jo explained that most ads are place in trade for other services needed in for the convention.

ACTION: Mary Jo Prince to look into selling ads in program book for 2010 convention.

ACTION: Susan Ernst will get with a business contact "Steve" on his sponsorship for the 2010 Convention.

ACTION: Dorris Murdock to put in a request with North Texas Guns and Hoses Foundation for a sponsorship for the 2010 Convention.

Ben Hernandez would like to have a group board photo the night of the banquet. Requested Board Members to arrive 15 minutes before start time of the banquet.

ACTION: Mary Jo Prince was ask to set up photographer and room for photo. Leo Waltz suggested “mug shot” instead of a group photo, to place Board members photo on the website with their Board position.

ACTION: All board members send a mug shot to Leo to post on the website.

Awards Dinner Practice was identified: For all raffles held during a state convention, each CPA may have only 2 raffles. Also, the winning raffle ticket will be drawn before the banquet and placed in an envelope. The hosting city will announce the winners during the banquet.

2011 Convention: Committee Chair Dave Miller is working on getting the room rate to \$109 a night. At the end of the 2010 convention, for people who preregistered, 3 tickets will be drawn to give away: complimentary room during the entire conference, fishing trip, and a 1 week TBA trip to Galveston. Region One has made about \$2,000.00 so far on a Glock handgun raffle to raise funds for expenses. Will also raffle handmade quilts and possible another gun. There was mention of trying to get Steven Stegall as key note speaker. Region I is working on a CPR class that would not cost the first 25 people to be certified.

2012 Convention: Committee: Chair Terry Williams reported that construction of the new convention center is on track and they are starting to think about fundraisers.

Bylaws:

Sergeant in Arms: Terry Williams reported that the election of the Sergeant in Arms is described under 4.4.6 in the bylaws. Based on his interpretation, Mr. Williams made a motion that the Sergeant in Arms will be elected in odd years, Lieutenant James Long seconded and motion was passed.

Member in Good Standing: Questions and concerns from members why dues don't give them voting rights. Dorris Murdock explained that voting rights were set up to give equal voting rights among cities. John Engles voiced equal voting discourages participation. Terry Williams read 2.1.1 from the by-laws the definition of member in good standing. Chip Fairchild made the motion State Board Members and or CPA delegates will have the authority to vote on all other State Association Business such as, but not limited to, by-laws, convention destination, major finical obligations, budget, and other topics and subjects as designated by the Board, seconded by Dorris Murdock. Passed 8 to 2.

Membership Dues: Section 3.2 of the by-laws defines a member's dues are good from convention to convention, not calendar year.

ACTION: Terry Williams will word Sections 5.2 and Section 8 so that Member in good Standing is clearly defined.

Fundraiser:

Current Merchandise: Dave Miller picked up merchandise stored at the City of Austin PD warehouse. Mildred Deal inventoried all merchandise.

ACTION: Dorris Murdock will get with Mildred Deal and go over pricing of merchandise for the 2010 Convention.

Fundraiser for State Convention: Dorris Murdock will check on getting a gun donated to raffle. If not, the Association will raffle a United States flag and the Texas State flag that was flown over the State Capitol in Austin TX.

Scholarships:

There were questions how to qualify for the scholarship. Carroll Bagley explained that ideally the scholarship would be awarded to sworn officers that are involved in community oriented policeing. This scholarship is only open to sworn officers. The scholarship committee is currently looking for c\applicants.

Nominating Committee:

This committee is chaired by the 2nd Vice President, Terry Williams and one member from each region. This committee's job is to present the most qualified candidate on the ballots presented at the Delegates meeting. All other nominations are made from the floor during the Delegates meeting.

ACTION: Leo Waltz to send an email blast, by June 1st, notifying general membership of upcoming elections and encouraging participation. Dorris Murdock will help draft the email.

Website:

Leo waltz reported that all costs pertaining to the website are on budget.

Agenda: Susan Ernst asked the budget for advertising to be tabled until the July 24th meeting. Seconded by Chip Fairchild.

Motion to adjourn: 3:34 pm by Dave Miller and seconded by Dorris Murdock.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kristy Gilbert