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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to Texas School Assessors across the state!! Whether you are in a stand alone or consolidated office I assume you are in the throws of January tax collections. I know I am. This has been a very busy January thus far and I **really** do look forward to the end of the month and the completion of the "current collection season".

I am especially looking forward to seeing everyone at the 45th Annual TSAA Conference and Workshop to be held March 25-28, 2012 at the Airport Hilton in Austin. Your board has been working hard putting together another great agenda in order to provide attendees with those much needed continuing education hours. I assure you this year's program will meet those needs and your expectations. One of the reasons I originally joined TSAA was because of the quality of the programs at this conference. I also enjoy seeing everyone and networking with other tax assessor-collectors across the state.

Be sure to refer to the TSAA website, www.tsaatx.org with your inquiries regarding the conference, where you will find registration forms and other important information. Be sure to note those forms are also in this newsletter, along with the *First Time Attendee Scholarship* application. If you or someone you know has never attended this conference consider filling out the application. The recipient of the scholarship will receive hotel room and conference registration courtesy of TSAA. **WHAT A DEAL!!**

Have a great rest of the month I will see you in Austin!!!



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Texas School Assessors Association, Inc. 2012 Membership Application

Name _____ Professional Designations _____
Title _____ BTPE# _____
Employer _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone # _____ Fax # _____
Email Address _____

Please check your membership classification:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ACTIVE | \$55.00 | Assessors and/or Collectors, Chief Appraisers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ASSOCIATE | \$40.00 | Tax Office/Appraisal District Personnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | AFFILIATE | \$50.00 | Superintendents, Education Service Center Personnel, Attorneys, Professional Appraisal Company Personnel involved in assessment and/or collection of taxes. |

Make check payable to: **Texas School Assessors Association, Inc.**

Mail completed form and check to:

TSAA
% Marcia Duggan, Exec. Director
205 N Washington
Aspermont TX 79502

940/988-4371

First-Time Attendee Scholarship Application

2012 Conference & Workshop

March 25 - 28, 2012

TSAA Is offering TWO SCHOLARSHIPS to first-time conference attendees. If you or someone you know are interested, please fill out the following form and mail to:

Marcia Duggan, Exec. Director
205 N Washington
Aspermont TX 79502
(940)988-4371

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS MARCH 2, 2012.

Please note: Scholarship includes registration and lodging. Travel expenses and meals outside of registration are the responsibility of the recipient. Applicants must be a member of TSAA.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

BTPE#: _____ Designation: _____ RTA _____ RTC _____ RPA

Length of time in Ad Valorem field: _____ Years _____ Months

Give a brief explanation of why this scholarship would be beneficial to you. Please include past accomplishments, as well as future plans and goals.

I affirm that the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Applicants Signature _____

TSAA 45th Annual Conference Registration Form

March 25 - 28, 2012

Please copy and complete one registration form per person. Please print. Checks must accompany registration. Make checks payable to TSAA and mail to:

Irving ISD % Cher Elzy
PO BOX 152021
IRVING TX 75015

Name: _____ Title: _____

Jurisdiction/Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Person who recruited

Phone: _____ you: _____

Email: _____

Name to appear on badge: _____

First Conference ____ New Member ____ 25 year+ Member ____ Retired Member ____

Spouse/Companion Name to appear on Badge _____

To help us plan for events, please check if you plan to attend:

President's Reception ____ Monday Luncheon ____ Tuesday Luncheon ____ Awards Banquet ____

Registration Fee:

Early Registration	\$175	_____
Late Registration	\$200	_____
Non-Member Registration	\$225	_____
One Day Registration	\$100	_____
Sunday _____		
Monday _____		
Tuesday _____		
Companion Registration (Spouse/Child)	\$100	_____
Extra Luncheon Ticket	\$ 30	_____
Extra Banquet Ticket	\$ 50	_____
Total Enclosed		_____

Deadline for Early Registration: March 2, 2012

In the event of a cancellation, refunds will be made 4 - 6 weeks after conference ends.

A \$75 fee will be deducted from any refund for food and administration fee.

All refund requests must be in writing.

Texas School Assessors Association, Inc. Forty Fifth Annual Conference & Workshop Tentative Schedule

Sunday, March 25, 2012

1:00 - 5:00	Committee Meetings	To Be Posted
3:00 - 5:00	Conference Registration	Hotel Lobby
6:00 - 8:00	Vendor Showcase	
6:00 - 7:00	President's Reception	
8:00 - 10:00	Bingo Fundraiser	

Monday, March 26, 2012

8:00 - 8:45	Continental Breakfast	
8:45 - 9:00	President's Welcome Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Ro'Vin Garrett, President
9:00 - 10:30	TBA	Hon. Rob Eissler, State Representative
10:30 - 11:00	Break/Door Prizes	
11:00 - 12:00	Appraisal of Mineral Values	Tracey Foster, Hugh Landrum & Assocs.
12:00 - 1:30	Fellowship Luncheon/View Vendors	
1:30 - 2:00	TSAA & CSTA Business Meeting/Door Prizes	
2:00 - 3:15	Keynote Speaker	Anne Pritchard Grady
3:15 - 3:45	Break/Door Prizes	
3:45 - 4:30	CE's 101	Ro'Vin Garrett, Brazoria County
4:30	Door Prizes & Adjourn	
4:30	TACA Board Meeting	

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

8:00 - 8:45	Continental Breakfast	
8:45 - 9:00	Call to Order	Ro'Vin Garrett, President
9:00 - 10:00	Ethics	Bruce Medley , Attorney Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP.
10:00 - 10:30	Break/Door Prizes	
10:30 - 11:45	Ethics	Bruce Medley, Attorney Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP.
12:00 - 1:30	Luncheon	
1:30 - 2:45	Laws & Rules	Bruce Medley, Attorney Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP.
2:45 - 3:15	Break/Door Prizes	
3:15 - 4:15	Laws & Rules	Bruce Medley, Attorney Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott
6:30 - 8:00	Banquet & Installation of Officers	
8:00 - 12:00	Entertainment/Door Prizes	People's Choice

Tentative Schedule Continued

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

8:00 - 8:45	Continental Breakfast	
8:45 - 9:00	Call to Order	Ro'Vin Garrett, President
9:00 - 10:15	Lawsuit & School Finance	Ed Lopez, Attorney Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP
10:30 - 11:45	Comptroller of Public Accounts & Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation	Debbie Cartwright Don Dudley
11:45	Grand Prize Drawing - Adjourn	

**THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE
HILTON AUSTIN AIRPORT
9515 NEW AIRPORT DR
AUSTIN, TX 78719**

**THEIR NUMBER IS 512-385-6767. RATES ARE \$108 FOR SINGLE/DOUBLE & THE
RATES ARE GOOD THROUGH MARCH 4, 2012.**

SYMPATHY

William L. "Bucky" Buchanan, 58, of Austin, passed away peacefully at his home after a lengthy battle with cancer. Bucky was one of the founding members of the "People's Choice Band" as lead singer/acoustic guitarist for 30 or so years. His last show with the band was 10/08/2011. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his family and our dear friends, the members of the "People's Choice Band", who have performed at our conference for our 20 years.

CSTA Application

Colette Ballinger is accepting and processing applications for the Certified School Tax Administrator designation. Those of you who hold an RTA or RTC certification from TDLR are required to have completed an appraisal course in order to qualify for the CSTA designation. Those of you who hold an RPA certification from TDLR are required to have completed any tax collection course in order to qualify for the CSTA designation. Applicants must be a current member of TSAA, must complete an application form and include proof of completing the appraisal course or tax collection course. Fee for the designation is \$25.00. Send the completed application and all required documents to:

**Colette Ballinger
Grapevine/Colleyville ISD
3072 Mustang Dr
Grapevine TX 76051**

817/251-5632

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

BTPE # _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Present position in assessing and/or appraisal field:

If position is not with a school district, do you do any school tax work? Yes _____ or No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Education (College, training courses, TAAO, SRA, etc.) _____

Teaching and lecturing experience: _____

Authorship of articles, reports, etc.: _____

Professional designations and what they stand for: _____

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