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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've been humbled and honored this year serving TSAA as your President. It is great to be part of this wonderful association of tax professionals. As I said when I became President, the future of TSAA rests on the strengths and willingness of our members to step up and be counted - you can make a difference.

The final touches are being put on the 48th Annual TSAA Conference March 22-25. I am excited about everything it will offer us. The Conference provides many ways to network with others and an abundance of educational opportunities. I believe we have some great speakers on the agenda! Also, we always have great door prizes!

A big thank you to Marcia and the Hilton Hotel for setting up a link to make our room reservations for the conference online. Please give it a try and remember the deadline to book your room is March 7th. http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/AUSAHHF-TSAA-20150321/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

I also cannot say how thankful TSAA is for our great sponsors who not only give money to help us put on the conference, but also by the giving of your time. Your support is invaluable.

Many people deserve my personal thanks. The Board of Directors at Johnson County has been tremendously supportive in letting me serve this year; the staff at Johnson CAD is the best a person could ask for.

To the TSAA Board of Directors, committee chairs and committee members – a big thank you for all your hard work. I know you give much of your own time to serve TSAA. Big thanks go to Marcia, Cher, Lisa, Colette, Norma, Ro'Vin, Bruce and to anyone I may have forgotten. They did anything I needed help with this year and sometimes we can take that for granted. Again thanks for the Great Job this year!

Last but not least, I must thank my wife, Debbie, for all the support and love she gave this year to let me do this. As you can see, I am in debt to a lot of wonderful people, but it was all made possible by my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to whom I owe everything - thank you.

Please remember that each and every one of you is special. You have made this a year to remember and you have a special place in my heart. May God bless you beyond what you can ever dream!

In closing please join me in wishing my good friend Monica Madrigal the very best as she steps up as our President. I know she will serve us well and guide us through the next year.



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Texas School Assessors Association, Inc. 2015 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 | \$55.00 | 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

2015 Conference & Workshop

March 22 - 25, 2015

TSAA is offering **TWO SCHOLARSHIPS** to first-time conference attendees. Please limit one application per office. If you or someone you know are interested, please fill out the following form and mail to:

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

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS MARCH 6, 2015.

SCHOLARSHIPS COVER REGISTRATION. 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 48th Annual Conference Registration Form

March 22 - 25, 2015

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: _____

Phone: _____

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	\$195	_____
Late Registration	\$220	_____
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 6, 2015

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

A \$100 fee will be deducted from any refund for food and administration fee.

All refund requests must be in writing.

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48th Annual Conference & Workshop

Tentative Schedule

Sunday, March 22, 2015

1:00 - 5:00	Committee Meetings	To Be Posted
3:00 - 5:00	Conference Registration	Hotel Lobby
4:00 - 6:00	TACA Board Meeting	
6:00 - 8:00	Vendor Showcase	
6:30 - 8:00	President's Reception	
8:00 - 10:00	Bingo	

Monday, March 23, 2015

8:00 - 8:45	Continental Breakfast	
8:45 - 9:00	President's Welcome Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Jim Hudspeth, President
9:00 - 10:30	Keynote Speaker	J.B. Smith
10:30 - 11:00	Break/Door Prizes	
11:00 - 12:00	VIT	Larry Gaddes, Chief Deputy Williamson County
12:00 - 1:30	Fellowship Luncheon/View Vendors	
1:30 - 2:00	TSAA & CSTA Business Meeting/Door Prizes	
2:00 - 3:15	Managing The New Mandatory Payment Agreement	Peggy McCormick Jim Lambeth (possibly) Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP
3:15 - 3:45	Break/Door Prizes	
3:45 - 4:30	Economic Incentives for School Districts	Bruce Medley, Partner Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP
4:30	Door Prizes & Adjourn	

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

8:00 - 8:45	Continental Breakfast	
8:45 - 9:00	Call to Order	Jim Hudspeth, President
9:00 - 10:00	Legal Issues Concerning Tax Assessor Collectors	Dan Bearden, Attorney Law Office of Robert E. Luna
10:00 - 10:30	Break/Door Prizes	
10:30 - 11:45	School Finance	Joe Smith TexasISD.com
12:00 - 1:30	Luncheon	
1:30 - 2:45	Ethics	Tracy Foster Hugh Landrum & Assocs., Inc.
2:45 - 3:15	Break/Door Prizes	
3:15 - 4:15	Ethics Cont'd	Tracy Foster Hugh Landrum & Assocs., Inc.
6:30 - 8:00	Banquet & Installation of Officers	
8:00 - 12:00	Entertainment/Door Prizes	People's Choice

Tentative Schedule Continued

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

8:00 - 8:45	Continental Breakfast	
8:45 - 9:00	Call to Order	Jim Hudspeth, President
9:00 - 10:15	Legislative Update	Fred Hill
10:30 - 11:45	Comptroller of Public Accounts & Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation	Shannon Murphy Comptrollers Office Shane Docherty Advisory Board
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 \$139 FOR SINGLE/DOUBLE.**

THE RATES ARE GOOD THROUGH MARCH 7, 2015.

Courtesy of The Hilton Austin Airport Hotel we now have a personalized group page. To get to the page you have to enter the whole link. You can make your reservations here or you can contact the number above.

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/AUSAHHF-TSAA-20150321/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

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 \$30.00. 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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