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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education."

Mark Twain (1835 - 1910), Pudd'nhead Wilson (1894)

Are you a cauliflower or a cabbage? That is the question that each of us in the tax profession should ask ourselves. Training is vital for our members. In order for our industry to flourish we must be well trained. Laws and procedures constantly change. But more importantly is the public's perception of tax professionals. Many property owners do not have a high opinion of our profession or of us! They want to call us bureaucrats and tell us we do what we do because we can't do anything else. This is why training and TSAA are so important. TSAA provides the resources to insure that we are well-trained professionals. Whether it be new property tax laws, new tax collection technology or new innovations in appraisal theory, TSAA helps spread the word to our members. As members it is incumbent upon us to make sure this tradition continues. We should share information from our offices with one another to make sure that all of us are on the cutting edge in the property tax field. We should volunteer our time to teach classes and seminars to spread the word. We should encourage, not resist, proposals by TDLR or the legislature to place higher requirements on our qualifications and certifications. Wouldn't it be nice to be considered in the same breath as engineers, accountants and attorneys (well maybe not attorneys) as true professions that require comprehensive education and training?

I encourage each and every one of you to participate in the TSAA Annual Conference. We have an excellent agenda which will educate you and inform you about the latest laws, innovations, and changes in our profession. We need your help and your profession needs your help.

DON'T BE A CABBAGE!

Ken Nolan



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Texas School Assessors Association, Inc. 2020 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
% Colette Ballinger, Exec. Director
3072 Mustang Dr
Grapevine TX 76051
817-251-5632

First-Time Attendee Scholarship Application

2020 Conference & Workshop

March 29 - April 1, 2020

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
% Colette Ballinger, Exec. Director
3072 Mustang Dr
Grapevine TX 76051
(817)251-5632

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS MARCH 6, 2020.

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 53rd Annual Conference Registration Form

March 29 - April 1, 2020

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:

Food Allergies _____

President's Reception ____ Monday Luncheon ____ Awards Banquet ____

Registration Fee:

Early Registration	\$225	_____
Late Registration	\$250	_____
Non-Member Registration	\$255	_____
One Day Registration	\$125	_____
Monday _____		
Tuesday _____		
Companion Registration (Spouse/Child)	\$130	_____
Extra Luncheon Ticket	\$ 30	_____
Extra Banquet Ticket	\$ 50	_____
Total Enclosed		_____

Deadline for Early Registration: March 6, 2020

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.

Texas School Assessors Association, Inc. 53rd Annual Conference & Workshop Tentative Schedule

Sunday, March 29, 2020

1:00 - 5:00	Committee Meetings	To Be Posted
3:00 - 5:00	Conference Registration	Hotel Lobby
3:00 - 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 30, 2020

8:45 - 9:00	President's Welcome Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Ken Nolan, President
9:00 - 11:00	State Laws & Rules Update	Windy Nash Dallas Central Appraisal District
11:00 - 11:15	Break/Door Prizes	
11:15 - 12:15	Heirship	Bruce Medley Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP
12:00 - 1:30	Fellowship Luncheon/View Vendors	
1:30 - 2:00	TSAA & CSTA Business Meeting/Door Prizes	
2:00 - 3:30	Truth-N-Taxation	Connie Rose McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen
3:30 - 3:45	Break/Door Prizes	
3:45 - 4:45	School Finance/HB 3	Amanda Brownson TASBO
4:45	Door Prizes & Adjourn	

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

8:45 - 9:00	Call to Order	Ken Nolan, President
9:00 - 10:00	SB 2	Jim Lambeth Linebarger Goggan Blair Sampson, LLP
10:00 - 10:30	Break/Door Prizes	
10:30 - 11:45	Current Issues in Taxation	Paul Villarreal - Moderator Ken Nolan Randy Riggs Cher Elzy
11:45 - 1:30	Lunch on your own	
1:30 - 2:30	Ethics	Tracy Foster Hugh Landrum & Associates, Inc.
2:30 - 3:00	Break/Door Prizes	
3:00 - 4:00	Ethics Cont'd	Tracy Foster Hugh Landrum & Associates, Inc.
6:30 - 8:00	Banquet & Installation of Officers	
8:00 - 12:00	Entertainment/Door Prizes	People's Choice

Tentative Schedule Continued

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

8:45 - 9:00	Call to Order	Ken Nolan, President
9:00 - 10:15	Cyber Security	TBA
10:30 - 11:45	Comptroller of Public Accounts Update	Korry Castillo Comptrollers Office Shannon Murphy Comptrollers Office
11:45	Grand Prize Drawing - Adjourn	

**THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE
EMBASSY SUITES SAN MARCOS
1001 E MCCARTY LN
SAN MARCOS TX 78666
THEIR NUMBER IS 512-392-6450. RATES ARE \$149 FOR SINGLE/DOUBLE.
USE GROUP CODE TSA**

**THE RATES ARE GOOD THROUGH MARCH 7, 2020.
COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY HOTEL**

Use the link below to book your room!

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/S/SNMESES-TSA-20200328/index.jhtml>

CSTA Application

Dorset Neeley is accepting and processing applications for the Certified School Tax Administrator designation. Those of you who hold an RTA or RTC certification from TDLR or PCC certification from TACA 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:

**TSAA
% Dorset Neeley
PO BOX 90458
Houston TX 77290-0458**

281-891-6163

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

Address: _____

TDLR # _____

TACA # _____

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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