

14th GENERAL SESSION
TEXAS SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE
ORIENTATION
Wyndham Garden Hotel, Austin, Texas
July 10- 14, 2011

MINUTES

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011

Pre-Session

The 14TH General Session began with pre-session Officer's meeting, a meeting of the Training Committee and a meeting of the Awards Committee. The TSHL Executive Committee met in the afternoon.

There was a Get-acquainted Reception following the EC meeting, where old and new members met each other.
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011

Registration was set for 8:00 AM to Noon, with photos taken at 9:00 - 9:45 AM for new members followed by 9:45 - 10:45 for returning members. The Elections & Credentials Committee met from 10:00 to 10:30 AM.

A Training Session for new members entitled "TSHL 104- Call for Leadership" was held from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM, followed by a training session for all entitled "So you want to be a committee chair? What it takes".

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

The Opening General session was started immediately after lunch was served. The Session agenda was presented and accepted. An invocation was led and pledges to both the US and Texas flags were heard. The roll was called by Secretary Porter with 82 members in attendance. The Rules for the Session were adopted. Candidates for state level offices were heard with their campaign speeches. The Freshman Class voted for the Outstanding Freshman Award.

At 1:45, the General Session was recessed and the LIC Committees met to get acquainted and review the results of resolutions handled in the 82nd Texas Legislative Session. The tasks and charges of the committees were presented and candidates announced for LIC officers.

At 3:45 PM the Administrative Committees met for the same reasons. These meetings were adjourned at 5:00 PM.

At 6:30, a Dinner was served and members were introduced to State TSHL officer Candidates.

TUESDAY, July 12, 2012

Breakfast was served at 7:00 AM and at 9:00 AM members boarded the bus to the Capitol.

At 10:00 AM, the Session was called back to order in the House Chambers. An invocation was led by Speaker Pro Tem Betty Lee Streckfuss and pledges were led by Roberto Gutierrez, Sr.

Guests were introduced and the roll was called by Secretary Porter with 82 members present. Don Green of Lt. Governor Dewhurst's office welcomed the group. Jim Brisbin was introduced as the Sergeant at Arms.

Secretary of State Hope Andrade gave a rousing talk to us and then swore us in as members of the 14th TSHL. Candidate speeches for the office of Deputy Speaker Pro Tem were heard from Al Campbell, Callie Ragon, and Betty Trotter.

The session was then recessed until this afternoon. A group picture was taken in the rotunda and individual photographs were taken of those who did not have their pictures made yesterday.

The afternoon session was called back to order at two o'clock and the roll was called with 82 members in attendance. A special award was presented to Chris Kyker as the emeritus awardee for this session. Oscar Garcia gave a tribute to Ms. Kyker for her long and dedicated service to the organization. This afternoon the members of the Oropez family were recognized as guests in the gallery. Speaker Graham also recognized Ted Hubert, Al Campbell, Bob Fitzgerald, and others who are assisting in getting our wheelchair-bound members back and forth to the Capitol from the bus.

At this time ballots were distributed for the voting on the Deputy Speaker Pro Tem position which was the only officer position with competition. Carlos Higgins was election administrator and Bert Greenfield was election judge.

It was announced that name badges and certificates will be distributed at the hotel but then a decision was made to distribute the certificates here at the Capitol while we are waiting on the results of the election.

After the ballots were tallied, the election administrator announced the results of the election and Al Campbell was selected as the new Deputy Speaker Pro Tem.

We then recessed and returned to the hotel by bus.

A Dinner followed with Rep. Elliot Naishtat as Speaker. The new officers for the TSHL were introduced:

Speaker: Walter Graham
Speaker Pro Tem: Betty Streckfuss
Deputy Speaker Pro Tem: Al Campbell
Secretary: Pat J. Porter
Comptroller: Bruce Davis

After the dinner, we moved to the Lake Bird Lake Room for an ice cream social. Following the social, the new officers met to select the LAC Officers who are:

Carlos Higgins Chair
Paula Johnson Vice Chair, and
Sandra Graham Secretary

WEDNESDAY, July 13, 2011

Following, breakfast, the LICs met again to elect committee officers. They then selected topics for interim studies and assigned members for these studies.

At 10:20 AM, the Administrative committees met to elect their officers, organize sub-committees, and develop and outline of the plan of action for the biennium.

Lunch followed, and then Training Workshops were begun.

1:00-2:00pm: Session A

- 1 Betty Ford, Lake LBJ
- 2 Bruce Davis, Lake Austin
- 3 Jim Hine, Lake Travis

2:15-3:15pm: Session B

- 1 Betty Ford, Lake LBJ
- 2 Bruce Bower, Lake Austin
- 3 Jim Hine, Lake Travis

3:30-4:30 pm: Session C

- 1 Bruce Bower, Lake LBJ
- 2 Bruce Davis, Lake Austin
- 3 Lu Russell, Lake Travis

Following the workshop, the Awards Dinner was held where all awards were presented (Appendix A). Chris Traylor, DADS, was the featured speaker.

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2011

The Closing Session was called to order at 8:30, and an invocation was led. Pledges to the flags were led, and the roll was called. Reports were heard from the LIC and Administrative Committee chairs. A Memorial Service was held honoring members and former members who have passed on: Ivan Arceneaux, Don Brodnax, Jim Cowgill, John Hawkins, Jack Holcomb, Max Kennison, Jo Ann McFarland, Tom Perkins, Bill Reeves, Jim Caldwell, Nancy Foster, Bette Gunnerson, Dub Hoffman, Elmer Ingle, J. D. Kahler, Glen Peterson, Bill Sagstetter, Cal Stewart, Ingram Smith, Rachel Beall-vonTungein, Felix Nigh, and Naomi Elaine Norton.

Speaker Walter Graham then presented the charge to the TSHL members. Other announcements were made and the 14th Orientation Session was called Sine Die.

Following the Closing Session, the Executive Committee met with 31 members present. The invocation was led by Speaker Graham and the pledges were led by Al Campbell. Deputy Secretary of State Coby Shorter was welcomed as our special guest and administered the Oath of Office to the new officers. The minutes from July 10 were approved as presented and the Comptroller was authorized to open a TSHL bank account. The Speaker and the Comptroller were authorized to sign checks and make deposits and transact any other TSHL bank business.

The Finance Committee presented Jim Hitt as the chair of the Silver Directory, and he was approved by the Executive Committee. The Speaker was authorized by the Executive Committee to appoint Special Committees and their chairs: Ethics, Awards, Technology, Training, Documents Review, Strategic Planning and Silver Bulletin.

Members were reminded of their responsibilities by Carlos Higgins especially concerning missed meetings.

Reports were heard from the Training Committee chair Linda Parrish and Betty Trotter, Awards Committee Chair Jane Blay, and Chris Kyker was recognized for the preparation of the Awards.

A calendar for 2011-2012 was presented and dates were set for future meetings, subject to changes. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2011.

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat J. Porter, TSHL Secretary

End of Minutes from 14th Orientation Session, July 10-14, 2011.

14th TSHL Service Awards

APPENDIX A

**Current members who have served 4 or more terms, including the current term;
presentation, July 13, 2011**

Name	Terms	TSHL Office	Area
1. Estella L. Trevino	11	Charter Member 1986-1998; 2000-2011	Lower Rio Grande
2. Homer Lear	9	Speaker 2 terms; Speaker Emeritus; 1992-2011	Bexar County
3. Jetta E. Roberts	8	Emeritus - 1994-2011	Rio Grande
4. William Bugelholl	8	1990-1992; 1994-2000; 2002-2011	Tarrant County
5. Hazel Wright	8	Emeritus - 1994-2011	Texoma

6. Bobby Southwood	7	1996-2011	Dallas County
7. Charlotte Parks	7	Dep Sp Protem 2 terms, Sp 1 term 1996-2011	East Texas
8. Elsie Whiteside	7	Editor TSHL Silver Directory; 1996-2011	East Texas
9. William Zermano	7	1996-2011	Golden Crescent
10. Albert B. Campbell	6	Sec.1 term, Compt. Part term; 1998-2011	Brazos Valley
11. Lewis M.Marshall	6	6 terms, 1996-2008	Bexar County
12. Chris Kyker	5.5	Speaker 2 terms; 1992; 2000-2011	West Central TX
13. Barbara Effenberger	5	Comptroller 2 terms; 2000-2011	Alamo
14. Carlos Higgins	5	Speaker Protem 2 terms, Sec 1 term; 2000-2011	Capital
15. Oralia Cantu	5	1998-2000; 2002-2011	Coastal Bend
16. Edward Dylla	5	2000-2011	Bexar County
17. Ruth Bowling	5	2000-2011	Dallas County
18. Lynn Crisp	5	WCT 2002-2006; H/Gal 2006-2011	WCT & H/Gal
19. John Robert Osborne	5	1998-2006; 2008-2011	H o u s t o n / Galveston
20. Floy Nell Clark	5	2000-2011	South East Texas
21. Betty Kildahl	5	2000-2011	Ark-Tex
22. Pat J. Porter	5	Secretary 1 term; 2000-2011	Permian Basin
23. Brigitte R. Rogers	4	2002-2011	Concho Valley
24. Doris Griffin	4	2002-2011	Bexar County
25. JoAnn McFarland	4	Died Feb 28, 2011 ; served 2002-2011	Alamo
26. A.G. "Pete" Hinojosa	4	2002-2011	Harris County
27. Oscar Garcia	4	Speaker Protem 2 terms; 2002-2011	Tarrant
28. Lela Foreman	4	2000-2006; 2008-2011	Texoma
29. Charlyne Elliott	4	1996-2000; 2006-2011	Texoma

14th TSHL Special Awards

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 Emeritus - Chris Kyker

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Outstanding Freshman Award - Sandy Graham

Members' Choice - Albert Campbell -

Executive Committee Performance

- Betty Trotter
- Jetta Roberts
- Elsie Whiteside

Outstanding Leadership

- Homer Lear
- Oscar Garcia

Speaker's Commendation Award

- Pat Porter
- Linda Parrish