

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2018

Heart of Texas COG Training Room, 1514 S. New Road, Waco, TX
1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

A welcome was given by Gary Luft, Executive Director of Heart Of Texas AAA.

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Walter C. Graham. Invocation was led by Wayne Merrill. The pledges were led by Bill Bailey.

Guests in attendance were Irene Andrews, Paul Furukawa, Mike Sandoval, Sharon Brazeal, Linda Mitchell, Paul Stempko filling in for Sherry Hubbard, Danny Volcik, and Captain Bob Bratcher.

The roll was called by Mona Bailey. A quorum was present.

Speaker Graham received a motion to accept with regrets the resignations of Louise Butler, Chair of UNR Committee, and Mary A. Collins, TSHL Secretary. Upon second and vote, the motion was approved.

A nomination was made by Bill Bailey for Pat J. Porter to be the TSHL Secretary until the elections at Orientation in July, 2019. Irma Cauley called for nominations to cease and Pat be elected by acclamation. This motion was seconded and passed.

The agenda was adopted.

The minutes from July 26 were accepted as presented.

The Financial Reports were given by Rhonda Rogers, Comptroller and accepted. Please see attachment 1, pages 1-4.

Al Campbell then took the floor to discuss his comments and suggestions from the 2018 Legislative Session. His comments included that there were fewer resolutions written, some committees have less resolutions to consider (which is the result of how they are assigned to LIC committees which is laid out in our Documents); LIC committees and leaders lack procedural training; resolutions on paper lack personal information and passion and need to be verbally addressed by the author or a designated TSHL agent; and that the process used in 2018 did not prioritize the "Top Ten". He also commented that additional training and tools are needed to increase advocacy. His suggestions to address his comments were:

1. Assign equal number of resolutions to LIC Committees regardless of the topic addressed (which is contrary to current wording)
2. No LIC will make decisions on resolutions without hearing from the author and/or experts and background research.
3. All resolutions that reach floor debate will be accompanied by a verbal presentation to the assembly by the author or TSHL agent.
4. A list of established priority criterion will be presented to the membership prior to voting on the top 20/10.
5. Ballots with more or fewer votes than the required number (20/10) will be disqualified.

In addition to his comments and suggestions concerning procedure, Mr. Campbell suggested that a change be made in our current method of producing and distributing the Silver Bulletin. He suggests that the Silver Bulletin (SB) be produced as a Public Relations tool with content providing general senior information of interest to all readers such as TSHL accomplishments, relevant activities, goals, etc. The SB would be printed and distributed to legislators, organizations having senior interests, financial supporters, media sources, and TSHL members. Oversight will be by Communications Committee and TSHL Foundation. In addition, he suggests establishment of a TSHL Newsletter for internal distribution and content.

Speaker Graham then asked the Communications Committee and the LAC Committee to jointly study these comments and suggestions and report back at the next EC meeting February 11.

Gary Luft then brought in the Executive Director of the HOT COG, Russell Devorsky introduced him to us, and Mr. Devorsky spoke briefly in welcome to us.

Reports from Administrative Committees:

Paul Stempko, filling in for Sherry Hubbard, Chair of Communications Committee, said he had Legislative Reports for anyone who needed them. A consideration of making the Legislative Report and our Documents a spiral bound book that will lie flat has been suggested. Business cards have been printed and distributed and new members will get theirs at a later date. Documents Review is working on our current Documents for printing in Qtr 1 of 2019.

Barbara Aydlett, Chair of Elections and Credentials, reported that all the AAA's have received the 18th TSHL Election Kits as she attended the T4A meeting recently and personally delivered them to the AAA Executive Directors in attendance. Those who were not there will receive their kits later. Hard copy and email copies will be provided. The AAA directors were very pleased with the removal of the \$5.00 filing fee

The Finance Committee report was given by Wayne Merrill. The Proposed Budget is based on information furnished by the officers and Committee chairs. The Proposed Budget has been approved by the Finance Committee and is submitted to Executive Commission for approval. See Attachment 2.

Ted Hubert, Chair of Operations Committee, discussed needs. A suggestion that signage could be prepared for use on the buses we use and for other functions. A suggestion was made to make sure bus times are on agenda. He reminded members that you serve until your replacement is sworn in. Mr. Hubert then complemented officer team.

Linda Parrish, Chair of LAC Committee, presented a table of resolutions to be followed by the LIC Committee chairs and members in order to determine our progress in getting bills written. Each committee chair will report back to Linda for updating. Linda will send to Secretary Porter for distribution to TSHL members, so all can watch for action. See Attachment 3. She advised that Scott Christensen has been active and Mary Pat Smith and Paul Stempko were on television recently on TSHL issues. Linda Parrish gave several other opportunities for advocacy that are being held soon. Suggestion was made to contact authors to help track their resolution in the hopper of the Texas Legislature.

Reports from LIC Committees:

Criminal Justice report was given by Bill Bailey. Bill Bailey stated that we should communicate with our Texas legislators about our issues at the Capitol and at their district offices. Steve Coycault has given three talks since April on TSHL. Debra Anderson is working in Pearland. New member, Frank Archuleta, has been in New York City attending at the UN and networking. He also has been very active in several other organizations and sharing our story.

Education report was given by Scott Christensen for Trini Garza. Three Resolutions came out of this committee re retirement issues for retired teachers and employees. Scott has, along with others, contacted many Tx Legislators or Chiefs of Staff as well as gotten newspaper coverage of these issues. The status of these three resolutions is very high and very visible.

Health and Human Resources report was given by Sue Wilson. APRN and flu are being addressed by Mary Pat Smith. Sue and Susan Merrick contacted Troy Alexander with TMA to address MRDO (multi-resistant drug organisms) in nursing services. They met with Four Price's representative and J D Sheffield's office re immunizations. The APRN resolution was brought up to Troy Alexander and he stated that TMA will not support. Ahia Shabaaz has testified on telehealth and telemedicine before Texas Legislative Committee hearings. Sue has been meeting with senior centers and noted that some people thought AAA was insurance.

Human Services chair, Mary Pat Smith, has contacted several offices to see if bills are being prepared for pre-filing and filing. Authors have been contacted to follow up on their resolutions.

Insurance Committee chair, Richard Garnett, reported that he would be amenable to consolidating resolutions addressing insurance into another committee. R07 Financial abuse of seniors is a major topic. Senior abuse task force in Tarrant County meets monthly with other organizations and TSHL. He suggests that we need to get other senior groups involved with us like AARP.

Retirement & Aging report was given by Don Murphy. Seniors were calling and contacting re the TSHL Top Ten list shortly after TSHL Legislative Session. At a presentation at a health fair re transportation with HHS, the HHS representative suggested that it be referred back to TSHL representative for action. Don has recruited a new member in Permian Basin.

Rural - Urban report was given by Scott Christensen. Susan Merrick is working with Sen. Charles Schwertner, chair of HHS in Senate on issues such as telemedicine and telehealth as well as the chiefs of staff for Four Price and J D Sheffield. More info needs to go to Governor Abbott and Lt Gov Patrick. Some Texas Medical Association advocates and some advocates re Disabilities are working with us on some issues. 63% of Texas 65 and older has some kind of disability. Linda explained that definition is very broad and this may be where this percentage came from. Susan Merrick has gotten commitments from several companies and asked that we be at the Gala in February to show support of corporate sponsors.

State Affairs report was given by Irma Cauley. She has been very busy and has asked Mike Sandoval and Scott Christensen to do some reporting on State Affairs issues. Mike Sandoval reported that TSHL has broadened his horizons even though he is a Llano County Commissioner and a veterans' representative. He has discovered many opportunities to spread TSHL by the use of Town Hall meetings in Llano. He has also started quarterly meetings using representatives of organizations such as Capital Area Alzheimer's Association, etc. and shares our Top Ten resolutions in nursing homes and other meetings. He also serves on Capital AAA

Advisory Council. Mr. Christensen reported that the Top Ten are very representative of needs for seniors which is important to all seniors, but you can look at the other 38 for additional information. Contacts have been made with Texas legislators to sponsor several of our resolutions.

No report was heard from Utilities & Natural Resources.

Reports from Special Committees

Scott Christensen reported on the Training Committee planning. Jeanine Blankenship, previous chair of Training Committee, is moving from her current residence and because of several other moving parts, has asked to resign as Training Committee chair, but will remain on the committee and in TSHL as she relocates. Scott asked for input from EC members limited to two each to help direct study of needs for training in 2019.

A check for \$1,000.00 from Bob Bratcher was received for the TSHL Foundation and acknowledged to be used for the Gala in February.

A special Proclamation was announced in honor of Paula Johnson, long time TSHL member and founding member of TSHL as part of the Texas Department on Aging. She was chosen to put together the requirements for TSHL. A copy of the 1st TSHL membership photograph will be presented to Paula as well as the Proclamation. Linda Parrish will accept for Paula in her absence. Speaker Graham noted that he had known Paula since 1974.

Gala update: February 11, 2019, at the Bob Bullock Texas Sate Historical Museum. More details to follow.

A discussion followed concerning how our resolutions are assigned. It was suggested that if any changes need to be made, it is urgent to get these amendments filed by early January so that the new documents to be published for Orientation will reflect changes, if any. The February meeting agenda will need to be sent to members by January 11, 2019. Linda Parrish announced that the House has 36 standing Committees and the Senate has 16. Documents Review committee will need to study these to see how they correspond to our Legislative Issues Committees.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat J. Porter, Secretary

Announcements:

2019 dates for EC Meetings and Orientation Session*

TSHL Executive Committee Meeting	February 11, 2019	1 PM Wyndham	Austin, TX
Senior Day at the Capitol	March 12, 2019	Capitol Auditorium	Austin, TX
TSHL Executive Committee Meeting	April 18, 2019	Wyndham	Austin, TX
TSHL Orientation Session	July 14-18, 2019	Wyndham	Austin, TX

*Meetings subject to change in date and place

Attachment 1p1

**TSHL Comptroller Financial Report to
TSHL and TSHL Foundation Board
Period: 1 July 2018 to Sept 30, 2018**

Beginning Balance	\$ 5251.08
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Deposits:

Date	Check#	Source of Funds	Amount	Balance	Comment

Expenditures:

Expenditures:

Date	Check #	Payable To	Amount	Deposit	Budget Line Item
July 26, 2018	1063	Gerardo Tito Camacho	\$ 350.00		Reimburse Travel Expense
July 26, 2018	1064	Trini Garza	\$ 260.97		Reimburse Travel Expense
July 26, 2018	1065	Joe Henderson	\$ 352.40		Reimburse Travel Expense
July 26, 2018	1066	Void			Travel Exp Did NOT Attend
July 26, 2018	1067	Sherry Hubbard	\$ 200.00		Reimburse Travel Expense
July 26, 2018	1068	Walter Graham	\$ 239.80		Reimburse Travel Expense
July 26, 2018	1069	Rhonda Rogers	\$ 300.00		Reimburse Travel Expense
Aug 4, 2018	1070	J. Ted Hubert	\$ 26.00		Reimburse Mail Display Brd

Balance at end of period	\$3,521.91
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I certify that the income and expenditures are correct and complete and that I have documentation on file to support all financial records pertaining to this report, including monthly financial statements from Liberty National Bank, Paris, Texas


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October 2, 2018

Date

2018 TSHL Budget Report
As of September 30, 2018

Attachment 1, pg 2

BUDGET #	2017		2018		2018		2018				Remaining Balance 2018
	Budget	Expenses	Budget	Expenses	Balance	Remaining	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	
REVENUE											
Transfer from TSHL											
Paid directly by TSHL											
Session Registration Fees											
Grants through TSHL											
TSHL Directory											
Sales from Hospitality											
Directory Income											
Totals											
BUDGET #											
EXPENSES											
Administrative											
Executive Committee											
Speaker											
Speaker ProTeam											
Deputy Speaker ProTeam											
Secretary											
Comptroller											
TSHL Directory											
Silver Bulletin											
Reimbursements Paid in Error											
Reimburse Travel (Grant)											
Totals											
Remaining											
Administrative Comms											
Communication											
Electron & Credentials											
Finance											
Operations											
Legislation Action											
Totals											
Legislative Issues											
Criminal Justice											
Education											
Health & Human Resources											
Urban Services											
Justice											
Environment & Aging											
International Urban Affairs											
State Affairs											
Utilities & Natural Resources											
Totals											
Program Expenses											
Ecology											
Town Hall Forums											
Leadership Training											
Awards											
Reimburse for Legislative Council											
Advance Super Shuttle											
GRAND TOTAL											

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	A	B	C	D	E
1	Finance Committee approved TSHL Proposed Budget For 2019-2020				
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3	Reverend	\$400			
4	Transfer from TSHLF	\$700			
5	Paid directly by TSHLF	\$180			
6	Session Registration Fees	\$180			
7	Grants through TSHLF	\$200			
8	TSHL Directory	\$400			
9	Totals	\$1,800	\$250	\$250	\$1,800
10	Expenses				
11	Administration				
12	Executive Committee		700.00	700.00	1,400.00
13	Speaker		1,600.00	800.00	2,400.00
14	Speaker Pro Tem		600.00	200.00	800.00
15	Deputy Speaker Pro Tem		350.00	175.00	525.00
16	Secretary		2,570.00	275.00	2,845.00
17	Comptroller		1,980.00	844.00	2,824.00
18	TSHL Directory		14,750.00	1,000.00	15,750.00
19	Silver Bulletin			1,000.00	1,000.00
20	Totals		22,510.00	5,024.00	27,534.00
21	Administration Committees				
22	Election & Credentials		700.00		700.00
23	Communication		2,990.00	1,500.00	4,490.00
24	Finance		700.00	350.00	1,050.00
25	Operations		\$4,950.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,950.00
26	Legislation Action	\$200			
27	Legislation Action	\$350			
28	Legislation Action	\$90			
29	Legislation Action	\$90			
30	Legislation Action	\$100			
31	Legislation Action	\$200			
32	Legislation Action	\$200			
33	Legislation Action	\$90			
34	Legislation Action	\$125			
35	Legislation Action	\$100			
36	Legislation Action	\$140			
37	Legislation Action	\$250			
38	Totals		2,680.00	1,280.00	3,960.00
39	Program Expenses				
40	Technology	\$200			
41	Town Hall Forums	\$350			
42	Training Committee	\$90			
43	Awards	\$90			
44	Scanner for Legislative	\$1,000			
45	Scanner for Legislative	\$200			
46	Scanner for Legislative	\$350			
47	Scanner for Legislative	\$350			
48	Totals		\$3,180	\$3,050	\$6,230
	Legislation Action	\$1,975	\$1,600	\$1,500	\$5,075
	Legislation Action	\$67,685	\$62,400	\$69,215	\$199,300
	Totals	\$69,660	\$64,000	\$70,715	\$204,375
	Legislative Issues Committees				
	Criminal Justice	\$400			
	Education	\$650			
	Health & Human Resources	\$350			
	Human Services	\$90			
	Insurance	\$90			
	Retirement & Aging	\$100			
	Rural - Urban Affairs	\$200			
	State Affairs	\$90			
	Utilities & Natural Resources	\$125			
	Totals	\$2,500	\$1,410	\$1,280	\$5,190
	Program Expenses				
	Technology	\$4,000			
	Town Hall Forums	\$500			
	Leadership Training	\$600			
	Awards	\$1,200			
	Scanner for Legislative Session	\$6,500			
	Totals	\$12,800	\$1,500	\$3,050	\$17,350
	Super Shuttle Van Fees				
	GRAND TOTAL	\$97,781	\$88,715	\$97,765	\$284,261

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2018-2019
(Top ten in bold)

Criminal Justice (Bill Bailey-6):

- R07- Texas Penal Code
- R11-Reverse Mortgage (#8)**
- R12-Internet Fraud (#6)**
- R21-Multi-Disciplinary Teams
- R22-Financial Institutions, Contact Information, APS
- R23-Gang & Criminal Protections

Education (Trini Garza- 3):

- R01- TRS Defined-Benefit Pension Plan (#1)**
- R02- Reject TRS Pension from DB to DC Plan (#7)**
- R03- Reform TRS-Care, Increase State's Contribution (#4)**

Health & Human Resources (Sue Wilson/Richard Garnett- 14)

- R04- Personal Needs Allowance, Medicaid, Nursing Homes (#5)**
- R05- Increase Funding for Adult Safety Net Immunization (Flu)
- R06- State Supported Living Centers
- R19- Emergency Room Basic Bill of Rights
- R20- Reduce the gap in Medicaid nursing home reimbursement
- R24- Licensed Physicians Protection to prescribe Medical Marijuana (#3)**
- R32- Treatment Options to Terminal Patients
- R36- Quality Community Attendant Retention and Outreach Council
- R39- Private Certified Nursing Homes to Loan star Revolving Loan Program
- R42- Authority for Advance Practice Registered Nurses
- R43- Healthcare via telemedicine (#9)**
- R44- Requiring Longterm Care Facilities to report Communicable Diseases
- R46- FBI Background Check for Nurses Aids (#10)**
- R47- Texas Transition & Integration of Care Coalition

Human Services (Mary Pat Smith- 8)

- R14- Volunteer programs that engage seniors in quality of life activities
- R15- Post Disaster Declaration Areas Procedures for Seniors
- R16- Preserve or Increase Funding for Home-Delivered Meals (#2)**
- R30- Family caregiver Training for Families of Seniors & P/W/D
- R34- Funding DKR Tx. Alzheimer's Initiative
- R35-HHS Communications to Medicaid Beneficiaries written at basic level
- R40- Funding for Senior Corps
- R48- Funding for Texas Lifespan Respite Care Program

Insurance (Richard Garnett – 0)

Retirement & Aging (Don Murphy- 5)

- R25-Reinstate Free Fishing License for Texans over 65

- R26- Uniform Adult Guardianship Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act
- R27- Construction of new & preservation of existing affordable housing
- R28- Amend Tax Code to prevent cancellation of Property Tax Deferral
- R38- Establish a Texas Guardianship Task Force

Rural-Urban (Scott Christensen-1)

- R08- Expand Rural Texas Broadband Infrastructure

State Affairs (Irma Cauley-10)

- R09- Repeal ESD Maximum Tax Rate by Constitutional Amendment
- R10- Prohibit issues of General obligation Re-funding Bonds
- R17- Legislation that Regulates the Payday & Auto Title Lending Industry
- R18- Redistricting Commission
- R29- HHSC Prioritization of Recruitment & Retention of Medicaid CAs
- R31- Service Needs Study of Texans over 60
- R33- Headlight adjustment in state inspections
- R37- Taskforce to study need & solution for Housing for LGBT Seniors
- R41- Rebuild the Texas Dept. on Aging
- R45- Assistive Listening Devices to visitors at the State Capitol

Utilities & Natural Resources (Ruben Saenz-1)

- R13- Funding for Examination, Exploration & Support of Desalinization

End of Minutes