

Texas Silver Haired Legislature
Executive Committee Meeting
March 22, 2010
Bluebonnet Room, Inn of the Hills
Kerrville, TX

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Walter Graham who requested to move agenda item S. "announcements" up between items D & E while we were waiting for the flags.

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to the rearrangement to the agenda. There being none, the agenda was changed from the printed agenda as noted.

The flags arrived and pledges to the flags were led by Ted Hubert. The invocation was led by Steve Coycault.

Speaker Graham introduced new members Joyce Mayer (who was not in the room), Bobbie Brodnax, and our Parliamentarian, Lu Russell.

Item S, Announcements were presented.

1. by Chris Kyker re Town Hall with LCA luncheon at noon. Members will sit at separate tables as facilitators to help record topics and issues for Legislative Session. Numbered envelopes with cards will be furnished and a oral report will be given.
2. By Pat Porter re resolutions deadline of August 1. Tickets for the TSHLF Board meeting guitar are available to all members to take home for sale. Drawing will be at Broken Spoke on Sept 12. Additional tickets are available at the TSHL exhibit.

New Member Joyce Mayer was welcomed. Ted Hubert asked and received a point of personal privilege to announce that of the several candidates in that area, Joyce was selected as the best candidate.

The roll was called by Pat Porter and a quorum was present. Al Campbell stated that he was present to represent Brazos Valley in the absence of any other representative from that area.

The agenda was adopted with the noted rearrangement.

Chris Kyker presented a copy of the financial report that was presented to TSHLF Board. Mr. Hine and Mr. Crowe were unable to attend. TSHLF Board will be fundraising over the next two years to fund the TSHL activities.

The minutes of September 14 and December 11 were presented as distributed by email and snail mail. No comments or corrections have been received. Oscar Garcia moved to accept the minutes of both meetings. Mr. Brisbin questioned the minutes of December concerning the 2007-2008 directory. He questioned whether the money for the directory was submitted to the Board. Mrs. Porter replied that she could not answer as she had only been selected as Acting TSHL Comptroller recently and could not answer for the TSHLB Treasurer.

Financials for TSHL bank account were furnished by Pat Porter, with a recap of the bank account from the time that Mr. Osborn received the transfer of funds and records from former Comptroller Gail Johnson. The report was accepted.

No reports were heard from Administrative committees.

Ethics Committee members have met by email and telephone to formulate a form for use for candidates at election time. The Documents Review committee has integrated this form into the E&C manual and into the electoral procedure for 2011. Mr. Abraham stressed the need for AAA's to be aware of the new form when 2011 elections occur.

Awards Committee Chair Barbara Effenberger previously presented a written (Copy attached) report and has not received any questions after the December 11 meeting. Carlos Higgins and Jetta Roberts are additional members of this committee. Awards are to be presented based on merit. In addition to existing Emeritus, there are other awards to recognize various members for their work such as Members Choice. There are no forms for nominating, but information is in the packet and will be on the website. Another new award is the Outstanding Leadership with criteria explained. All except the Speaker's Award will be submitted to the Awards Committee for vetting and then presented for approval. There are Service Awards that will be automatic for years of service. The report was accepted.

Al Campbell presented a report on the Strategic Plan. He stated that the Plan helps you to know how your goals and plans are being met. A Strategic Plan is very important for grant proposals, and is important for keeping us on track. Mr. Campbell will ask for approval at next meeting. If copies are needed, see website.

Documents Review Committee Chair, Carlos Higgins, presented the Bylaws as Amended and the Policy & Procedures Handbook as amended. The documents are posted on the TSHL website for member critique before printing. There is still some additional work to be done on the E&C Manual, and it is nearing completion.

Lila Millican requested all input for Silver Bulletin including activities/awards of any members.

Linda Parrish, Training Committee Chair, thanked her committee for the work at this meeting. She also noted that additional training for Resolution Writing in June at the Mock Session will be important to help educate new members and have better resolutions. She noted that some members were concerned about the access at this location and advised that more work with Operations will be done to help members with access at future locations.

Jim Brisbin asked to be recognized to make a comment. Speaker Graham asked the Parliamentarian for a ruling and she said that the agenda was being followed. Speaker Graham explained that with a long agenda and a short time to meet, it is imperative that the agenda be followed tightly and requested that if members have items that are not pertinent to today's agenda, please do not ask to be recognized.

Sandy Graham noted that several TSHL Silver Directories are still available and asked that members contact her with corrections and changes to update information for the next printing.

Oscar Garcia announced that Al Campbell has received a National Award and suggested that he furnish information to Mrs. Millican for the Silver Bulletin. A round of applause followed for Mr. Campbell.

Katy Kappel presented information on possible office space with AGE (COPY ATTACHED) to be discussed further. She advised that it is contingent on TSHLF Board budget, but that the Board attitude is encouraging.

Alan Abraham suggested that committees use conference calls between meetings. This suggestion will be placed on the next EC meeting agenda for further discussion.

Report on LCA by Homer Lear and Betty Streckfuss. TSHL will host a Town Hall meeting at TCoA and gather topics and issues as presented. Mr. Lear noted that Betty's focus is on nursing issues and Homer is addressing caregiver issues. He stated that our main focus should be on advocacy, both on the state and national level. The next scheduled meeting of the LCA is April 1.

Speaker Graham accepted with regrets the resignations of Emilie Campbell, Jane Ratcliff, and Jack Sanderson.

The vacancy in the Comptroller's office was discussed and Speaker Graham stated that, with consent of the EC members, Pat Porter would remain as Acting Comptroller until the next regular election. Speaker Graham read the Bylaws

Article V, Section 4 under which he made the suggestion of the consent vote. During the consent voice vote, Mr. Brisbin interrupted to state that the bylaws were not being followed. Mr. Brisbin quoted Bylaws, Article V, Section 4, which states that vacancies would be handled at the next meeting. Speaker Graham explained that since the Dec 11 meeting did not have a quorum, it is being addressed today. Speaker Graham asked for a vote on Mr. Brisbin's objection which failed. Mr. Higgins stated that he felt the consent vote was interrupted and no discussion was had after the original motion and before the consent vote. To avoid any controversy, Mr. Higgins suggested that Katy Kappel would also be a good candidate, so the Parliamentarian stated that, per our process, the E&C committee would prepare and distribute ballots for the two candidates. It was noted that others could run for the office. No further candidates offered themselves. Nominations ceased. While ballots were being prepared, Speaker Graham reminded members that only EC members may vote. Speaker Graham then recognized Pat Porter, who withdrew from consideration with the recommendation that Katy be elected. Katy Kappel was elected Comptroller to fill the remaining term.

Betty Trotter announced the training to be held on Job Descriptions for TSHL members later this day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat J. Porter, Secretary

REPORT OF THE TSHL AWARDS COMMITTEE TO THE TSHL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 22, 2010

The TSHL Executive Committee has voted to expand the responsibilities of the present Emeritus Committee to include additional awards. Serving as Chairman of the Awards Committee is Barbara Ellenberger, Directory Sales Chairman. Committee members are Carlos Higgins, LAC Chairman and Jetta Roberts, Emeritus Member. The name of the Emeritus Committee will be changed to Awards Committee. In order to insure that awards presented at TSHL official functions are meaningful, the awards are to be approved by either the Awards Committee, by a vote of the TSHL Executive Committee or TSHL Officers, or by the TSHL Membership (as determined by criteria for the award) before an award may be presented during any general session of the TSHL.

The following special awards have been agreed upon:

Emeritus Member Criteria for this award are established in the TSHL Policy and Procedures Handbook, D. Emeritus Membership, page 6.

TSHL Outstanding Leadership Award (Maximum Two awards per calendar year)
Candidates must have served in the TSHL for a minimum of 6 years, have served as an Officer or Committee Chair for at least 4 years, and be nominated to the Awards Committee by 3 members of the Executive Committee. The Awards Committee may recommend no more than 4 candidates for consideration by the Executive Committee during any calendar year, and the Executive Committee may grant these awards by a 2/3 vote to no more than 2 recipients per calendar year.

Speaker's Commendation Award (Maximum Three awards per calendar year)
The Speaker, with the concurrence of at least 3 other Officers, may name no more than 3 members per calendar year to receive this award, in recognition of superior and sustained achievement in the TSHL on behalf senior citizens.

Members Choice Award (Maximum One award per calendar year)
Candidates must be nominated by 3 members of the TSHL to the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will review the nominations and recommend no more than 5 candidates whose names will be placed on a ballot for an election to be conducted by the Election and Credentials Committee at a general session. The candidate receiving the most votes by the TSHL members present and voting will be elected for this honor.

Executive Committee's Performance Award (Maximum Five awards per calendar year)
Any 3 members of the Executive Committee may nominate candidates for this award to the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee may recommend no more than 10 candidates during a calendar year to be considered by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may grant this award by a 2/3 vote to no more than 5 recipients per calendar year

Outstanding Freshman Award (Maximum One award per second year of election cycle)
During the 2nd year of their first term in the TSHL any 3 members of the Freshman Class may nominate a candidate for this award to the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will select no more than 3 candidates to be considered by the Freshman Class. The Election and Credentials Committee shall conduct the election at the September General Session. The nominee receiving the most votes from members of the Freshman Class present and voting shall be named Outstanding Freshman.

(6-02-09 Report of the Awards Committee continued)

Service Awards Members having served 4 and/or 5 terms shall be recognized with certificates of appreciation for their tenure. Those serving 6 terms or more shall be recognized with an appropriate service plaque. These awards shall be recommended by the Awards Committee to the Executive Committee and presented to the members at the end of their terms by the Speaker at the Orientation Session prior to the swearing in of the new legislature.

Criteria differs for each category as described above. With the exception of the Speaker's Commendation Award, all nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee for review to determine that the qualifying criteria has been met. Forms for submitting nominations are being developed and will be available on the website after July 1, and for distribution at TSHL meetings, by request from a member of the Awards Committee, or from the TSHL Secretary.

Completed nomination forms should be mailed to Barbara Effenberger, Awards Committee Chairman, and postmarked 30 days prior to a scheduled Executive Committee meeting in order for the Awards Committee to review the nominations. For example: The next Executive Committee meeting will be September __. Nominations for Awards to be presented at the September General Session should be postmarked by August ____ to be considered.

Respectfully submitted,
 Barbara Effenberger
 Awards Committee Chairman

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Report of Special Committee on Office Space
 December 1, 2009
 By Katy Kappel, Capital Area Representative
 BUDGET 2010-DRAFT

Office Space: Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE), 3710 Cedar St., Austin TX 78705, is a non-for-profit agency housing twenty-one non-profits in this historic Confederate Widows' Home. Rental of space includes furniture, utilities, janitorial service, access to small and large meeting rooms and kitchen, copier, postage machine and fax. AGE can also provide interns and volunteers as needed. Leasing agreements are flexible and can be arranged as monthly or annually.

Category	Description	Cost <i>(Estimated)</i>
Office Space	AGE office rental	\$1,850
Communications	Telephone/Internet	\$800
Copying/Postage	Meetings agendas, handouts, announcements, etc.	\$1,000
Office Supplies	Paper, pens, toner, etc.	\$500
Equipment	Computer, printer(<i>owned by TSHL - laptop assigned to a LIC chair, printer</i>) Fax - (<i>provided at AGE</i>)	\$0
TOTAL		\$4,150