

Approved TSHL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December, 2012
La Quinta Capitol, Austin
10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

The TSHL Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Speaker Walter Graham on September 9, 2012, at the La Quinta Capitol Hotel in Austin, TX. The invocation was led by Betty Streckfuss, Speaker Pro Tem. The pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by Jim Brisbin.

No guests were in attendance. The roll was called by Secretary Porter with a quorum in attendance. The Minutes from the July 17, 2012 meeting were presented, and upon motion, made, seconded, and a vote taken, were approved as presented. The agenda was adopted.

Due to the absence of TSHLF Board President Jim Hine, no report was heard. Chris Kyker, TSHLF Board Treasurer presented the Foundation financial report, and noted that a \$10,000 approval for funding was received to be shared by all members of TSHL who are attending the Legislative Session. This money came as a result of the exceptional effort in sales for the TSHL Silver Directory by many members. It will be distributed as a \$100 credit to the hotel accommodations by TSHL members or if not staying at the La Quinta, a Form 305 will need to be prepared and presented to TSHL Comptroller Bruce Davis for reimbursement.

ATTACHMENT A

Comptroller Bruce Davis presented his report and presented the August 31 bank statement. He will furnish a quarterly budget report after the end of September.

Reports from Administrative Committees:

1. Communications – Rey Oropez, chair, was not in attendance, Vice Chair Roy Watson will chair the Committee meetings.
2. Election & Credentials – Linda Parrish was absent, but Vice Chair Carolyn Williamson and Chris Johnson presented the report. Chris Kyker and the E&C Committee presented the Election Kit that has been prepared for the AAA's to use for the 2013 election process for TSHL. Three pages were distributed to members for perusal. First page covers calendar dates, second page show current TSHL members and additional information re potential voters in each AAA area. The third page is a brief calendar with contact references. Upon motion made, seconded, and voted on, the Election Kit was approved to be distributed and to be posted on website. The Final E&C Manual was presented and upon motion made, seconded, and voted upon, was approved as a final document to be printed for the upcoming session.
3. Finance – Rudy Cantu, Chair, presented the proposed Budget for approval by TSHL to be presented to the membership for approval and then on to TSHLF Board in December for approval. Other members of the Finance Committee who have assisted to building this document are Mari Okabayashi, Trini Garza, Speaker Walter Graham, Comptroller Bruce Davis, Chris Kyker and Jerry Stamps. ATTACHMENT C
4. Operations – Billie Erwin, Chair, reported that all ready to go and that the Hospitality Room will be open Monday and is the Breakfast Room provided by the hotel. It may also be used by spouses and guests for other entertainment in the evenings.
5. LAC Chair Carlos Higgins stated that determining the common needs for seniors across the State of Texas is the reason we are here this week.. He suggested that all members read through Appendix D for the Policy & Procedures Manual to refresh the purpose and design of the resolutions in order to give each resolution thorough but fair consideration before voting. In Committee is the place to make changes including corrections of wording for clarity, etc. Please make any needed changes in Committee. The Resolved paragraph especially should be succinct and only an action item without justification. When in committee, the resolution then belongs to TSHL, not the author. Questions about if an issue is a "senior issue". If it is a federal issue, we cannot address. We can ask Texas Legislature to support a federal issue as needed. Be brief and clear. Use action verbs on what you want the Texas Legislature to do. The ranked resolutions should be resolutions that we can all support and be proud to take to the Texas Legislature for

their action. He also reported that the LAC will be meeting in the evenings to review the Committees' approved resolutions and prepare the agenda for Floor Debate the next day. Once presented to the Texas Legislature, we have no control over the bills written, but is up to us to follow the idea with Texas Legislators.

Reports from Legislative Committees:

1. Criminal Justice – Due to the absence of chair Liz Whiteside, no report was heard. Robert Smith, Vice Chair, will chair the committee meetings.
2. Education Chair A G “Pete” Hinojosa, Sr. had no report at this time.
3. Health & Human Resources – Betty Trotter, Chair, has forwarded the Committee resolutions to other members of this committee for study before the session.
4. Human Service Chair Chris Kyker reported that the HS Committee had a conference call on August 29 for discussion. An agenda was adopted for consideration of the Proposed Resolutions assigned to this committee and the authors were contacted to advise them of time assignments that would be used by the committee, so they could attend and defend their Proposed Resolution.
5. Insurance Committee Chair Juretta Marshall contacted members for study.
6. Retirement & Aging Chair Jim Hitt forwarded Proposed Resolutions to all members for study.
7. Rural – Urban Committee Chair Brigitte Rogers also forwarded copies of the Proposed Resolutions assigned to other committee members and has discussion by telephone.
8. State Affairs Chair Mona Bailey furnished copies to her committee with email and snail mailed to members without email.
9. Utilities & Natural Resources Chair Dr. Bob Fitzgerald forwarded to his committee and they are ready to work.

Reports from Special Committees:

1. Ethics Review Panel had no report at this time.
2. Awards Committee Chair Jane Blay reported that the schedule for awards for 2013-14 has been prepared and published online for nominations for the various awards. Awards to be made in 2012-2013 term will follow earlier schedule.
3. Technology Committee Chair Chris Kyker reported that the Technology Committee is maintaining the website and posted all Proposed Resolutions on website. Once session is over, approved Resolutions will be posted on website for all members and people running for office as well as incumbents. Top Ten will be available very soon after close of Session. After the session, the Legislative Report will be prepared and printed for distribution in January to Texas Legislature, the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House. All hands are welcome to help.
4. Silver Bulletin Chair Nancy Byler is working on the next issue of the Silver Bulletin which will be published after this session.
5. TSHL On-Line Academy may need additional study for effectiveness.

Speaker's Report

1. Deputy Speaker Pro Tem Al Campbell presented a recap of discussion of a memorial recognition to be added to the Policy & Procedures Manual. ATTACHMENT D After considerable discussion, this addition was approved to be added with a process of whoever knows of the illness or death of a current or former TSHL member is charged with the responsibility to notify their Committee Chair who will, in turn, notify the TSHL Secretary who will notify the general membership by email. If the member is determined to be terminally ill or referred to hospice or is deceased, the TSHL Secretary will order a TSHL blanket in honor or in memory of that member to be delivered either to the member or family as is appropriate. LIC Committee chairs will be responsible for distributing official TSHL wellness or condolences cards. The Communications Committee will design the

communication devices and Operations will provide printing, logistics, and the cost will be part of the Operations Committee budget. Deputy Speaker Pro Tem Campbell also reminded members that an inventory of personalized TSHL items is available, and that mugs are particularly good gifts for legislators and staff. A comment was made by a member who said that the black mugs tend to overheat in a microwave and therefore could present a burn danger and suggested that the mugs be white. Suggestion was taken under consideration.

2. LAC Chair Carlos Higgins presented the issue that sometimes a Proposed Resolution is considered in Committee as "not a senior issue" and suggested an appeals process that can be used to appeal this type of issue. After considerable discussion, this process was adopted and will be added to the P&PH. ATTACHMENT E

Announcements: Betty Lee Streckfuss, Speaker Pro Tem, announced that she and Paula Johnson would be speakers for TSHL on Dr. Mara Karpel's radio program, tonight at 7 PM on 1570 AM.

Deputy Speaker Pro Tem Al Campbell offered suggestion re calling author on cell phone for committee hearings. And also made a suggestion about making the Hospitality Room open during LAC meeting for those who do not wish to come to LAC. He has inventory from TSHL Store with him.

Education Committee has video to show pertaining to how to talk to legislator etc.

Van will leave at 7:30 AM promptly to go to the Capitol with multiple trips and will leave at 5:00PM for first trip. Trips are \$2.00 each trip, cash preferred, and pay the driver.

House rules are in the member packets.

It was announced that the TSHLF Board meeting will be held at the Capitol Room E1.018 at 1 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

_____/s/ Pat J. Porter_____

Pat J. Porter, TSHL Secretary

Approved December 10, 2012

TSHL FOUNDATION TREASURER'S REPORT

3rd Quarter (part) July 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012

Wells Fargo Accounts	1-Jul-12	31-Aug-12	Variance
1. Investments Value	\$ 315,540.19	\$ 323,418.09	\$ 7,877.90
2. Checking	\$ 43,512.22	\$ 30,856.65	\$ (12,655.57)
3. Special (grants)	\$ 3,510.84	\$ 3,129.02	\$ (381.82)
Total	\$ 362,563.25	\$ 357,403.76	\$ (5,159.49)

Notes. Data based on Wells Fargo website, August 31, 2012

2. Checking Account payments to TSHL:

- Legislative Session - \$10,000.00 defray expenses, in part, for members' lodging
 - Operating Expenses - \$ 2,500.00 balance from 305 request, March 15, 2012
- Total \$12,500.00

3. Grants Account:

- Renewal TSHL website URLs for 3 years - \$281.82
 - Webmaster expense - \$100.00
- Total \$381.82

Submitted,



Chris Kyker, Treasurer

Sept 9, 2012

Primary Account: 2511480429
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 Aug 01, 2012 to Aug 31, 2012



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Your business is important to us. So let us know if you ever have a question or if we can assist you in any way. We're always happy to hear from you and we're ready to help.

If you have questions about your statement, call Customer Service at 1-800-852-0803.

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Deposit Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2012		696.64
3 Deposits	(Plus)	12,535.85
1 Withdrawals	(Minus)	167.24
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2012		13,065.25

Courtesy Overdraft Amount

Courtesy Overdraft Amount for All Transactions \$4,850
 Any payment of an item into overdraft is completely discretionary. We will charge you an "NSF Charge Paid Item" fee of \$38.00 each time we pay a transaction into overdraft. Also, if your account becomes overdrawn and continues with a negative balance for ten (10) consecutive calendar days, an extended overdraft fee of \$25.00 will be charged. An additional \$25.00 extended overdraft fee will be charged if the ending daily balance in your account remains negative for twenty (20) consecutive calendar days. The total of the negative balance, including any and all fees and charges, and including all non-sufficient funds/overdraft fees is due and payable immediately, without demand. If you would like to opt-out of this Courtesy Overdraft Amount, visit your local Banking Center or call 1-800 Compass.

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Account Checks by Serial Number

Serial	Date	Amount	Serial	Date	Amount
1018	Aug 22	167.24			

Deposits and Other Credits

Date	Serial #	Amount	Description
Aug 10		10,000.00	DEPOSIT
Aug 13		35.85	CREDIT MEMO
Aug 29		2,500.00	DEPOSIT

Daily Balance Summary

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
Jul 31	696.64	Aug 13	10,732.49	Aug 29	13,065.25
Aug 10	10,696.64	Aug 22	10,565.25		

PROPOSED TSHL BUDGET 2013-2014						
#		Budget	Budget			
		2011-2012	2013-2014			
		Adopted	Proposed	Comment		
Administration						
10	Executive Committee	\$ -	\$ 300.00			
11	Speaker	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00			
12	Speaker Pro Tem	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00			
13	Deputy Speaker Pro Tem	\$ -	\$ 200.00			
14	Secretary	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 2,230.00			
15	Comptroller	\$ 200.00	\$ 440.00			
16	Directory	\$15,710.00	\$ 22,000.00	15th TSHL Directory, 2013-2014		
17	Silver Bulletin	\$ 3,940.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$300 x 8 quarters		
18	Storage	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$50 mo x 24 mo.		
19	Ethics Review Panel	\$ -	\$ 600.00			
	TOTAL	\$31,330.00	\$ 31,420.00			
Administration Committees						
21	Finance	\$ -	\$ 1,850.00			
22	Communications	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,200.00	Legis Report, Official doc, Brochure		
23	Elections/Credentials	\$ 135.00	\$ 500.00			
24	Operations	\$45,000.00	\$ 47,500.00	Three general sessions		
25	Legislative Action	\$ 425.00	\$ 520.00			
	TOTAL	\$48,860.00	\$ 53,570.00			
Legislative Issues Cmte						
28	Criminal Justice	\$ 764.00	\$ 400.00			
29	Education	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 400.00			
30	Health & Human Resources	\$ -	\$ 380.00			
31	Human Services	\$ 200.00	\$ 380.00			
32	Insurance	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00			
33	Retirement & Aging	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00			
34	Rural/Urban	\$ -	\$ 130.00			
35	State Affairs	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 250.00			
36	Utilities & Nat Resources	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00			
	TOTAL	\$ 5,334.00	\$ 2,790.00			
Program Expenses						
39	Tech. Website, On-line	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	2 websites		
40	Town Hall Forums	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	2 town hall forums		
41	Training Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 300.00	training materials		
42	Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00	Plaques, certificates for members		
	TOTAL	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 4,000.00			
	GRAND TOTAL	\$94,724.00	\$ 91,780.00			
Developed by 14th TSHL Finance Committee, Rudy Cantu, Chairman						

By: Elsie Whiteside and Albert Campbell

(Insert in TSHL Policies and Procedures Manuel)

RECOGNITION OF TSHL MEMBERS WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL/MEMORIALS

TSHL members or former members who are seriously ill or have died will be recognized. Chairpersons of the Legislative Issues Committee will maintain contact with committee members in order to identify wellness and memorial issues. LIC Committee chairs will be responsible for distribution of official TSHL wellness and condolence communications. The LIC committee chairs will notify the TSHL Secretary who will in turn notify the general membership concerning members illness or memorial status. If the member or former member is determined to be terminally ill or has been referred to a hospice, the Secretary will order a TSHL blanket for that individual. The Communications Committee will design appropriate communication devices. The Operations Committee will provide printing, logistics and budget items.

3. Legislative Issues Committee:

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- In the event the LIC rejects a Resolution on the basis that it addresses a “non-senior” issue, the author of that Resolution may appeal the LIC decision to the LAC. Such appeal shall be based upon an argument by the author that it is:
 - a. A senior issue, and/or
 - b. Of such importance to seniors that it should be allowed even though not strictly or exclusively a senior issue.

After hearing the author’s brief appeal for allowing the Resolution to be considered, the LAC shall vote to approve or deny the appeal. If denied by the LAC, the Resolution stands rejected. If approved by a majority vote of the LAC, the Resolution shall be presented to the membership for its consideration, along with a notation that it is being heard on appeal of the author, after being rejected by the _____ LIC for addressing a “non-Senior” issue.

End of Draft Minutes

Note: Here is the only reference I can find in 5 terms of the Resolution process re the appeal process of other than “a senior issue”. Nowhere can I find any reference to the Speaker having the authority to advance consideration of a PR that fails in Committee.

- Notify the author(s) of any PR rejected by the Committee, along with a brief reason for such rejection. The author(s) may request the Chair to reconsider the PR and give reasons why the PR should be reconsidered. If that request is denied, the author(s) may request the Legislative Action Committee for reconsideration.