

TSHL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2013  
Wyndham Garden Hotel, Lake LBJ Room, Austin  
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

The TSHL Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Speaker Walter Graham on April 8, 2013, at the Lake LBJ Room of the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Austin, TX.

The invocation was led by Pat J. Porter, TSHL Secretary. The pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by Carlos Higgins.

Guests, Dr. Steve Wilson of Bexar, Jamie Larson of Central TX, and Frances Morrow of Coastal Bend were introduced. The roll was called by Secretary Porter with a quorum in attendance.

Before the vote to adopt the agenda was taken, Speaker Graham asked to move Item O-3 to a location adjacent to Item J as they are related. This move was approved and the amended agenda was approved by vote. Another guest, George Perry from Belton, entered the meeting and introduced himself.

The Minutes from the December 10, 2012 meeting were presented, and upon motion, made, seconded, and a vote taken, were approved as presented.

No report was heard from the TSHLF Board as there has been no meeting since the last EC meeting. Chris Kyker, Treasurer of the Foundation, presented the financial report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013, Attachment A

The Item O-3 to report on the resignations of Rey and Delia Oropez, Bruce Davis, and Joyce Mayer was brought to the table and upon motion made, seconded, and voted, was accepted. These resignations were accepted with regret.

Since Bruce Davis was the Comptroller and has now resigned, this position is open to be filled by action of the Executive Committee.

“Per Bylaws: Executive Committee Article VII Section 2, B. 6 Fill, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, vacancies in an elected office not established by order of succession. “

Since this position will be filled in July at Orientation, upon motion made and seconded, the decision was to defer action on this item until the election in July. This was approved by vote. An additional motion was made, seconded, and approved by vote that all documents from the Comptroller be delivered to the Speaker until the election.

The end year 2012 report was filed from the former Comptroller, Attachment B.

Reports from Administrative Committees:

1. Communications – Chair Roy Watson expressed thanks to Chris Kyker for her help in preparing the Legislative Report which were distributed at the Capitol on Monday, January 7.
2. Election & Credentials – Linda Parrish announced that the Election Kits have been completed and distributed to the 28 AAAs for use for the 2013 election process for TSHL. She has been working closely with the AAAs who have been very responsive and working well. She does not have a complete listing of all AAAs and their representatives as yet.
3. Finance – Chair Rudy Cantu was absent, so no report was heard.
4. Operations – Billie Erwin, Chair, met with the Wyndham this morning working on items for Orientation. Ted Hubert is handling the police escort and Speaker Graham has already contracted with the transportation for our Capitol trip on Monday, July 15. Ted Hubert is also handling the photos for badges and the group photo to be taken at the Capitol. Speaker Graham announced the receipt of a \$500 grant for use for the Hospitality Room and Chair Erwin is looking for a host/hostess for this function.
5. LAC Chair Carlos Higgins reported on a number of bills that are being followed in the Texas Legislature and especially was disappointed that our No. 1, Personal Needs Allowance, did not make

it out of committee, thus will not be heard. The fiscal note may have been the reason this bill did not go forward. Testimony on HB 2705 was being heard today. HB 930 relating to insurance companies being able to refuse to pay or renew based on weather-related claims is to be heard April 9. No casino bills are currently scheduled to be heard yet. SB303 and SB675, both relating to End of Life Decisions are being heard in Committee. We have submitted through the work of Carlos Higgins a substitute bill for SB 303 reflecting changes that are needed to protect an elderly person after having signed an Advance Directive.

Carlos Higgins is also serving on the Aging Texas Well Advisory Council for DADS which is addressing topics such as increasing Community Caregiver wages, nutrition for homebound seniors, more affordable utilities using the SBF (System Benefit Fund), powers of attorneys and end of life documents, expanding PACE, support for unpaid caregivers, and improve mobility to reduce isolation (SB 565 and HB 1102).

#### Reports from Legislative Committees:

1. Criminal Justice – Due to the absence of Chair Liz Whiteside and Vice Chair Robert Smith, no report was heard. Ted Hubert has been following HB 1937 concerning fishing and hunting licenses for persons over 65 and will testify this week before the committee. Carlos Higgins also presented information re the resolution submitted by Jerry Johnson concerning Veterans cremains has a bill written, HB 3064 which is being heard in Committee this week. Additional funding for ombudsman is included in SB 1.
2. Education Chair A G “Pete” Hinojosa, Sr. reported that Tim Lee, Executive Director of TRTA will be joining us in July.
3. Health & Human Resources – Betty Trotter, Chair, reported that no election will be held and all five members will be returning.
4. Human Services Chair Chris Kyker reported that the HS Committee is monitoring 22 filed bills and has built and submitted a chart to show our bills by number and the Texas Legislature bill numbers for reference. This chart is being updated and furnished by email. SB 1 includes Ombudsman funding and has passed the Senate and on its way to the House.
5. Insurance Committee Chair Jureta Marshall presented no report.
6. Retirement & Aging Chair Jim Hitt was absent due to illness of his father.
7. Rural – Urban Committee Chair Brigitte Rogers reported only two TSHL members are returning at this time. She is suggesting that LeeRoy Kiesling be appointed so he will be able to work next year. The tax freeze issue that we have worked on in the past in being questioned in some counties and it has been determined there is no central reference point. TSHL is the only one that is keeping up with which governmental agencies have frozen. Chair Rogers suggested that members all check with local agencies to make sure the tax freezes are being shown properly. This information should be shown on tax bills or in minutes of the taxing entities. Chair Rogers will be on the radio in Eldorado educating about the tax freeze. She also reported that a county adjacent to the Concho Valley (Edwards Co., Middle Rio Grande Area) has requested to be moved into the CV AAA area and this request is under consideration by the Council of Governments but it will be a Governor’s decision. A question would be how much funding would CV lose if it adds another county. How will services be provided by the other county?
8. State Affairs Chair Mona Bailey reported that SA affairs committee has been very busy and is still following a number of bills, especially the end of life bills. Jack Fisk, member of the SA, has been and continues to have health problems and may not be returning. Tarrant County representatives are all returning, and Carolyn Williamson and Mona Bailey are serving on United Way Board.
9. Utilities & Natural Resources Chair Dr. Bob Fitzgerald reported that the UNR committee is following HB 168, Relating to the operation, powers, and duties of certain water districts; providing clarification of existing authority with regard to the imposition or use of certain assessments, fees, or taxes; providing authority to change a fee or repeal a tax, SB 22 Fraser Relating to the administration of the Texas Water Development Board; making an appropriation from the economic stabilization fund to

finance certain water-related projects; as well as SB 957 Fraser Relating to the procedure for action by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on applications for certain environmental permits and administrative and judicial review of the commission's action. .

#### 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 and are in the Policies & Procedures Handbook. Nominations will cut off on June 1 for presentation at the Orientation Session in July, 2013. Outstanding Freshman Award will be awarded in July and must be nominated by and voted on only by Freshmen. Nominators need to add names of endorsees to their nomination for verification as they may be verified by phone. All questions should be addressed to Jane Blay.
3. Technology Committee Chair Chris Kyker reported that the Technology Committee is maintaining the website as in the past. A new poster for exhibit has been prepared and can be furnished to any member who needs to use it at a meeting or event. Contact for it is Chris Kyker.

Website has been updated this quarter with a feature story on Oscar Garcia. Additional information on the tax freeze is also on the website.

Election kit has been posted and for all members, Member Information forms 201-203 are online and available to be completed and submitted electronically by opening [www.txshl.org](http://www.txshl.org) website, entering member2008 as user and silver 2008 as password. Top of middle column is where the forms are located.

Speaker Graham and Chair Kyker met with Baylor School of Nursing in March at a Gerontology Symposium in Dallas, to try to establish a relationship for the Online courses and also attended the March symposium. The Online Academy brochure has been updated and is now available for any member to pull down and print at home.

The general brochure will be updated after the Orientation Session and will be made available at that time. Chair Kyker explained how this brochure can be personalized for each member's use.

Chair Kyker announced that, of the \$5000 grant application reported in December, \$1000 was received for use for the Online Academy and to develop another course.

The Technology Committee has updated the Technology Plan and it will be updated as needed. She announced that our "Comments" page on the website is beginning to be used more often.

4. Betty Trotter announced the NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) meeting in Amarillo April 26-27, will be using the TSHL exhibit, and invited any TSHL members to attend for recruiting purposes. She also announced that Chair Kyker will be speaking in the Panhandle area in May. Speaker Graham will meet with the Baylor Nurses group again on April 25, to do a PowerPoint presentation.
5. Speaker Graham announced that the Silver Bulletin will be published later in April.

Speaker Graham then called a five minute recess. The meeting was then called back to order.

#### Speaker's Report:

1. Dr. Bob Fitzgerald was given the floor to address his Issue of Concern. After a full and thoughtful discussion, no action occurred.
2. Linda Parrish, E&C Chair, reminded members that the deadline to file for a state officer position (Form 204) is June 28, which is available from the website in the "Members section", and that all member information forms and committee choices are due by June 10, (Forms 201-203). She suggested that returning members get together with new members and meet together to educate them on these choices.

3. Betty Streckfuss announced that attention needs to be given to the cuts/changes under Obamacare re Part D in Medicare along with other parts of Medicare. Betty will furnish comment letters for our use in fighting the cuts to Part D. Betty read an article re Margaret Thatcher that applies to us so ably.
4. Al Campbell stressed that we need to continue to follow our Strategic Plan which currently expires in 2014 and make sure it is updated as needed addressing our strengths and weaknesses. He suggests that our presentation of our resolutions should be made earlier in the year prior to the Texas Legislature coming into session and also suggests that we take time to consider a change in schedule. His suggestions for fundraising: ads in Silver Bulletin and making a cookbook, were not presented at this time.
5. Brigitte Rogers added some information from her position as a Benefits Counselor about the attack on Part A and Part B of Medicare and also information on knee replacement being removed from coverage.

Announcements:

Dr. Ben Dickerson was appointed to Joint Legislative Committee on Aging to replace Homer Lear.  
The death of the wife of the late Jim Cowgill was announced.  
Pat J. Porter announced her intention to run for Speaker.  
Next TSHL EC meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2013, 4:00 PM, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Austin.  
2013 Aging in Texas Conference (old TCoA) June 16-19, Houston

Jim Brisbin spoke in favor of some of Dr. Bob Fitzgerald's issues and felt that the method of handling resolutions last term was not good. He brought out his feelings that some of the resolutions failed in committee, but were still brought forward and should not have been.

Brigitte Rogers announced that she will be in Germany during the Orientation Session time slot and suggested that people step up to accept chairmanships of committees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pat J. Porter, TSHL Secretary

Minutes approved July 14, 2013

TSHL FOUNDATION TREASURER'S REPORT  
January 1, 2013-March 28, 2013  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

<b>Wells Fargo Accounts</b>	<b>1-Jan-13</b>	<b>28-Mar-13</b>	<b>Variance</b>
1. Investments Value	\$ 332,344.01	\$ 346,426.12	\$ 14,082.11
2. Checking	\$ 35,615.98	\$ 54,300.73	\$ 18,684.75
3. Special (grants)	\$ 2,639.74	\$ 3,639.81	\$ 1,000.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 370,599.73</b>	<b>\$ 404,366.66</b>	<b>\$ 33,766.93</b>

Note 1. Investment Value based on Wells Fargo Advisors accounts, March 28, 2013

Note 2. Total Expenses = \$ 24,126.33 for Akin Business, Higginbotham Insurance and Awards Dinner.

Note 3. Total Income = \$ 43,811.08 - Award Dinner sponsors and website grants

Note 4. Award Dinner February 11, 2013

<b>Fund Raising dinner</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Income	\$35,000.00	\$45,210.00*
Expenses	\$20,000.00	\$23,306.58
Projected profit	\$15,000.00	\$21,903.42

- \$5,000 outstanding

Submitted,



Chris Kyker, Treasurer  
April 1, 2013

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT									
TSHL									
12/31/2012									
Budget #		Budget	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	Balance
		2011-2012	2011	1 Qtr. 2012	2nd Qtr. 2012	3rd Qtr. 2012	4th Qtr. 2012	2012	2011-2012
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>									
10	Exec. Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11	Speaker	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 122.58	\$ -	\$ 468.95	\$ 609.46	\$ 70.11	\$ 1,148.52	\$ 78.90
12	Speaker Protem	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00
13	Deputy Speaker Protem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	Secretary	\$ 2,230.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,230.00
15	Comptroller	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 23.90	\$ -	\$ 4.74	\$ (20.00)	\$ 8.64	\$ 191.36
16	Directory	\$ 15,710.00	\$ -	\$ 524.52	\$ 20,659.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,183.54	\$ (5,473.54)
17	Silver Bulletin	\$ 3,940.00	\$ 254.11	\$ 308.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 281.82	\$ 589.97	\$ 3,095.92
18	Office/Storage/Printing	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 597.50	\$ 278.85	\$ 724.94	\$ 739.10	\$ 2,427.65	\$ 4,170.54	\$ 2,431.96
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 31,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 974.19</b>	<b>\$ 1,135.42</b>	<b>\$ 21,852.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,353.30</b>	<b>\$ 2,759.58</b>	<b>\$ 27,101.21</b>	<b>\$ 3,254.60</b>
<b>ADMIN. COMMITTEES</b>									
21	Finance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
22	Communication	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,482.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,817.12
23	Elections & Cred	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00
24	Operations	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 37,177.60	\$ 150.00	\$ 461.61	\$ 6,916.31	\$ -	\$ 7,527.92	\$ 294.48
25	Legislative Action	\$ 425.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 425.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 48,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,660.48</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>	<b>\$ 461.61</b>	<b>\$ 7,016.31</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,627.92</b>	<b>\$ 2,571.60</b>
<b>LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMM.</b>									
28	Criminal Justice	\$ 764.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 764.00
29	Education	\$ 2,170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,170.00
30	Health & Human Resources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
31	Human Services	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
32	Insurance	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.00
33	Retirement & Aging	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
34	Rural-Urban Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
35	State Affairs	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
36	Utilities & Natural Resources	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,334.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,334.00</b>
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>									
39	Tech. Website, On-line	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,546.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 381.88	\$ -	\$ 381.88	\$ 3,071.32
40	Town Hall Forums	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 599.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 599.90	\$ 400.10
41	Training Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32.48	\$ 967.52
42	Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 340.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (140.50)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,887.30</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 632.38</b>	<b>\$ 381.88</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,014.26</b>	<b>\$ 4,298.44</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 94,724.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,521.97</b>	<b>\$ 1,285.42</b>	<b>\$ 22,946.90</b>	<b>\$ 8,751.49</b>	<b>\$ 2,759.58</b>	<b>\$ 35,743.39</b>	<b>\$ 15,458.64</b>

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minutes