

TSHL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2012  
TMA Building, 15<sup>th</sup> and San Antonio, Austin  
1:00-4:00 PM

The TSHL Executive Committee meeting was called to Order by Speaker Walter Graham at 1:05 PM on July 17, 2012, at the Wyndham Garden 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 Betty Trotter, Health & Human Resources Committee Chair.

Guests were introduced including Joe Streckfuss, Paula Johnson, Ted and Thurla Hubert, Chris Johnson, Maurine Gross, Jim Brisbin, Dr. Norma C. Mena, and new members: Dr. Richard Garnett and Mari Okabayashi. Chris Kyker, TSHL Foundation Treasurer, was also in attendance. The roll was called by Secretary Porter with a quorum in attendance.

Speaker Graham requested that agenda items G and H be heard in reverse order and the agenda, upon vote, was adopted with that change..

Minutes from the December 2, 2011, meeting were presented by Secretary Porter and, upon vote, were accepted as published.

Jim Hine, President of TSHL Foundation, presented his report and reminded us of the Foundation-sponsored fundraising Gala to be held on February 11, 2013, followed by Senior Day at the Capitol on February 12, 2013.

Chris Kyker, Foundation Treasurer, presented her report. Attachment A

A report from TSHL Comptroller Bruce Davis was received and accepted as presented. Attachment B

Speaker Graham announced a donation from the Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 which is designated to give each attending TSHL member a \$100 hotel expense voucher.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

Rey Oropez, Chair of Communications Committee, was absent and therefore, no report was heard concerning the Certificates of Appreciation for retiring TSHL members.

Elections & Credentials Committee Chair Linda Parrish reported that the updated E&C manual is complete with the exception of the Ethics Complaint Procedure. She then asked for approval of the E&C Manual as presented with the exception of this section, but Speaker Graham requested that the vote be held after the presentation of the Ethics Complaint Procedure.

Finance Chair Rudy Cantu presented a preliminary Budget for FY 2013-14 for study and acceptance at the September 14 membership meeting.

Operations Chair Billie Erwin complimented Judy Ward, Ops Secretary, for getting information out early. Response for a van to transport members from the hotel to the Capitol was received and a van will be available. Chair Erwin asked for any volunteers to help supply and work in the Hospitality Room during the Legislative Session. She complimented her Vice Chair, Ted Hubert, for his good work and "get 'er done" attitude.

LAC Chair Carlos Higgins reminded members of the Proposed Resolution deadline of August 1. Legislature. He also reminded us that if a whole lot of funding is attached to a topic, it may not be heard by the Texas Legislature, but also suggested that most everything the legislature enacts costs something, so if you have an idea that's good for seniors, send it in even though there is some cost involved.

REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEES:

Due to the absence of Criminal Justice committee Chair Liz Whiteside, no report was heard.

A. G. "Pete" Hinojosa, Sr., Education Committee Chair, reported that his committee was working on proposed Resolutions.

Betty Trotter, chair of Health and Human Resources Committee, reported that her Committee is working to develop goals and challenges and is working on proposed resolutions.

Human Services Committee Chair Chris Kyker reported on a conference call held June 6. This Committee is compiling the results of the Town Hall meetings and Chair Kyker responded with a letter of support from TSHL (with the Speaker's blessing) to Health and Human Services Commission concerning the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) and funding from CMS. This addresses the "No Wrong Door" concept. Other Town Hall meetings have been hosted by Callie Ragon in June in Mansfield and another is planned for October in Frisco and will be hosted by Lyn Chambers. The next conference call will be August 29.

Insurance Committee Chair, Juretta Marshall, was absent, so no report was heard.

Retirement & Aging Committee: Chair Jim Hitt was not in attendance so no report was heard.

Rural – Urban Committee: Chair Brigitte Rogers has scheduled a conference call next week and this committee is preparing Proposed Resolutions re transportation issues.

State Affairs Committee Chair Mona Bailey chaired a conference call on May 29 and hosted a luncheon at the Doubletree immediately prior to this meeting for discussion including robo calls and POA for dementia patients. Oscar Garcia "bequeathed" several prior Proposed Resolutions to Chair Bailey to use in the future. Chair Bailey reported that the OPUC group who presented to us at the General Session is very effective. This committee is working on Proposed Resolutions on LiteUp Texas and predatory consumer lending policies.

Utilities & Natural Resources Committee Chair Dr. Bob Fitzgerald noted that Homer Lear is in good spirits and hopes to be with us in September. Carlos Higgins suggested that cards might be sent to Homer to encourage him in his recovery. Dr. Bob then, after a moment of levity, reported that his committee is gathering information to address the pressing need for water quality and quantity and input on deregulated electricity. He also mentioned the need for study on the volume of fatalities in the Eagle Fork area due to oil field traffic and Secretary Porter agreed and mentioned the wear on the roads in both areas. U&NR and R-U will be working together on some of these issues.

#### REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

In the absence of Chair Alan Abraham, Chris Johnson presented the Ethics Complaint Procedure document for approval. After presentation and further discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve this document for insertion in the E&C Manual. Upon motion made, seconded, and voted, the entire revised E&C Manual was then approved.

It was suggested that membership training on the topic of Ethics be included in next training session.

Awards Committee Chair Jane Blay presented a suggested schedule of when the application for each award would be due and when the award would be presented. Upon vote, this procedure was approved. Attachment D.

Technology Committee Chair Chris Kyker reminded members that Proposed Resolutions would be posted on website by committee as soon as assignments to Legislative Issues Committees were completed. Please review your information on website and notify Chris as soon as possible if any corrections need to be made.

Training Committee Chair Delia Oropez was absent and presented no report.

Nancy Byler, Editor of the Silver Bulletin, had no report.

## SPEAKER'S REPORT:

1. A report was heard from Deputy Speaker Al Campbell about the Memorial resolution as presented to the EC. Attachment C. He is standing for Liz Whiteside and Jureta Marshall who have been handling the Memorials. The suggestion is made that 1) using members of the Communications Committee to notify the TSHL Secretary concerning serious illness or demise of members within their District. 2) The TSHL Secretary in turn will notify the general membership. 3) TSHL Secretary will provide cards and order blanket from store. 4) Special TSHL get well cards and/or sympathy cards will be printed for use. 5) Some officer should attend the funeral of any deceased member, with stipend if needed. And 6) Finance Committee and TSHL Comptroller will establish a budget for this initiative.

Discussion followed concerning personal option to allow information to be passed around. It was suggested that the District Communication member would be responsible for finding out the person's option. Further discussion followed concerning notification of membership of any deceased member. Also further discussion concerning get well and sympathy cards ensued and attendance of officers at all funerals. The idea of printing up cards with TSHL cards with logo and given to committee chairs to mail to members or families was presented.

Discussion concerning sending the TSHL Memorial blankets to those members entered in hospice or to family of deceased member. The question arose about how to determine what is serious enough to justify a blanket, very subjective. This question needs more study. It was suggested that either a family member or someone close to ill member should let us know about desire for blanket. Brigitte Rogers explained that individuals can send cards personally, even if the TSHL member does not want the information shared. Bruce Davis noted the need for budgeting for cards and blankets in the current budget.

Campbell reiterated the need for communication. Brigitte Rogers suggested a "Sunshine" Committee to deal with this and could have a line item on the budget under the Speaker Pro Tem. Person with most longevity in each district could be responsible for determining need or LICommittee chairs should be responsible to send out cards to ill members. Speaker Graham suggested that presentation of samples of TSHL cards be at next meeting. It was suggested that after approval, Operations could be responsible to print and Communications to distribute cards to LIC chairs. It was suggested that the TSHL Secretary should notify Communications chair to coordinate notification of illnesses or demise. Currently TSHL Secretary sends to membership as soon as notice of illness or demise is received.

Motion that any of the committees immediately contact TSHL secretary as needs occur. Members can call and send cards on an individual basis. Requests an updated resolution to be presented at next EC meeting. No second. Motion failed.

Motion that Al Campbell bring revised resolution to be presented to EC for email vote was seconded, and on vote, approved with no deadline.

2. Betty Streckfuss reported on TMA meeting. There was no use of "geriatrics" until last panel. They indicated that Seniors are a money drain to doctors. They consider primary care physicians to be capable of treating seniors rather than seeing a need for a specialist in geriatrics. Betty asked that they not fight us in the Texas Legislature re continuing education for geriatrics. Rocky Wilcox, attorney for TMA, was baffled that TMA is not open to continuing education for seniors. State nomenclature now calls us "old people", not seniors. One doctor is receiving 7-12 requests from Pharmacy Benefits Managers to change to cheaper medications, predominately for seniors. The time required to deal with each request is estimated to be 25 minutes, depending on the doctor's knowledge of the patient. Brigitte Rogers reported that doctors are being penalized for not suggesting that seniors get the free Medicare wellness services.
3. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 9, beginning at 10 AM at the La Quinta Capitol Hotel.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Pat J. Porter\_\_\_\_\_

Pat J. Porter, Secretary

Approved September 9, 2012

## TSHL FOUNDATION TREASURER'S REPORT

2nd Quarter April 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012

<b>Wells Fargo Accounts</b>	<b>1-Apr-12</b>	<b>30-Jun-12</b>	<b>Variance</b>
1. Investments Value	\$ 323,910.90	\$ 315,540.19	\$ (8,370.71)
2. Checking	\$ 84,806.02	\$ 43,511.85	\$ (41,294.17)
3. Special (grants)	\$ 4,310.74	\$ 3,616.40	\$ (694.34)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 413,027.66</b>	<b>\$ 362,668.44</b>	<b>\$ (50,359.22)</b>

## Notes.

1. Investment account value as of June 30, 2012. \$315,540.19

2. General Session April 1-4, 2012

Revenue: \$13,682.00

Expenses: \$11,737.36

\$ 1,944.64

2a. Texas Conference on Aging, May 6-10, 2012, Tarpon Title Sponsor

Pledges: \$10,500.00

Received: \$ 4,500.00

Due: \$ 6,000.00

Expenses: \$ 9,000.00 paid by TSHL Foundation

2b. TSHL Directory 2012-2013

Revenue: \$48,195.00

Expenses: \$21,183.54

\$27,011.46

2c. Additional major expenses:

Higginbotham Insurance \$1,060.00

Allman & Associates CPA \$2,100.00

Sheraton advance for award dinner \$2,800.00

\$5,960.00

Submitted,



Chris Kyker, Treasurer

July 17, 2012

<b>COMPTROLLER'S REPORT</b>						
TSHL						
6/30/2012						
<b>Budget #</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
		<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>1 Qtr. 2012</b>	<b>2nd Qtr. 2012</b>	<b>Balance 2012</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>						
10	Exec. Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
11	Speaker	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 122.58	\$ -	\$ 468.95	\$ 758.47
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		\$ 176.10
16	Directory	\$ 15,710.00	\$ -	\$ 524.52	\$ 20,659.02	\$ (5,473.54)
17	Silver Bulletin	\$ 3,940.00	\$ 254.11	\$ 308.15		\$ 3,377.74
18	Office/Storage/Printing	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 597.50	\$ 278.85	\$ 724.94	\$ 5,598.71
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 31,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 974.19</b>	<b>\$ 1,135.42</b>	<b>\$ 21,852.91</b>	<b>\$ 7,367.48</b>
<b>ADMIN. COMMITTEES</b>						
21	Finance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
22	Communication	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,482.88	\$ -		\$ 1,817.12
23	Elections & Cred	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 135.00
24	Operations	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 37,177.60	\$ 150.00	\$ 461.61	\$ 7,210.79
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>\$ 9,587.91</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>\$ 5,334.00</b>
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>						
39	Tech, Website, On-line	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,546.80	\$ -		\$ 3,453.20
40	Town Hall Forums	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 599.90	\$ 400.10
41	Training Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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>\$ 4,680.32</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>\$ 26,969.71</b>

By: Elsie Whiteside and Albert Campbell

RESOLUTION TO THE TSHL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / JULY 17, 2012

**RECOGNITION OF TSHL MEMBERS WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL / MEMORIALS**

**A RESOLUTION TO:** Establish a system that will recognize TSHL members and former members who are seriously ill and those who have passed away in a timely manner.

**WHEREAS:** TSHL members and former members who are seriously ill are or have recently died tend not to be recognized or recognized too late for funeral attendance due to a lack of a system that will inform our leaders and enable the TSHL to provide adequate concern or condolences for their service; and

**WHEREAS:** Recognition of a member's service and/remembrance should be an organizational matter and not just the concern of personal relationships within the organization or exclusively the province of annual remembrance ceremonies; and

**WHEREAS:** TSHL Districts have one member assigned to the Communications Committee. That individual's local assignment would be to notify the TSHL Secretary concerning serious illness of members within the District. The TSHL Secretary in turn will notify the general membership and a special committee which will provide a TSHL blanket and/or appropriate condolences. Finally, the Finance Committee and TSHL Comptroller will establish a budget for this initiative: Now therefore be it

**RESOLVED;** That the TSHL Executive Committee establish an efficient system for recognition of TSHL members who are seriously ill or have passed away.

## Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Member Awards

### Nominations and Presentations

**TSHL term** – 24 months; from swearing -in at Orientation Meeting, July, odd number year ('11, '13, etc), until a new legislature is sworn in, July, the next odd number year ('13, '15, etc)

Column explanation:

- A. Name of the Award
- B. Completed nomination application due to Awards Committee Chairman
- C. Award will be presented to the winner(s), during the session of TSHL
- D. Selection of winner(s) determined by

Specifics for each award are given in the current Policy and Procedures Handbook. Form 325. Award Nomination is in P&PH.

<u>Award</u>	<u>Application Due</u>	<u>Presented</u>	<u>Selection</u>
Outstanding Freshman	June 1	Orientation Session Last General Session	Nomination & Vote of Freshman Last General Meeting Class Members only(at end of term)
Member's Choice	June 1	Orientation Session Last General Meeting	Nomination & Vote of TSHL Membership
Service Awards		Orientation Session Last General Meeting	Member Completion of Terms
Emeritus	Feb. 1	General Session Last General Meeting	EC votes on applications
Outstanding Leadership	Feb. 1	General Session Last General Meeting	EC votes on applications
Executive Committee Performance	June 1	Legislative Session Last General Meeting	EC votes on applications
Speaker's Commendation		Legislative Session	Speaker's Choice



Last General Meeting

End of Minutes for July 17, Executive Meeting.