



TCDLA Annual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 9, 2012
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas

Introduction

J. Gary Trichter, President calls the meeting to order at 11:55 am. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Officers

P J. Gary Trichter, President
P Lydia Clay-Jackson, Pres-
Elect
P Bobby Mims, 1st VP
P Emmett Harris, 2nd VP
P Sam Bassett, Treasurer
E John Convery, Secretary
E Greg Westfall, *Voice*
Editor

Directors

P John Ackerman
E Heather Barbieri
A Robert Barrera
P Lawrence Boyd
P Fred C. Brigman
P F. Clinton Broden
P Jaime Carrillo
P Jason Cassel
E Erika Copeland
E Harold Danford
P James Darnell
P Nicole DeBorde
P Emily Detoto Munoz

P Danny Easterling
A Steven Gordon
A Deandra Grant
A Keith Hampton
P Theodore Hargrove
P Sam Lock
P Jani Maselli
E Reynaldo Merino
P Patrick Metze
P David Moore
P Doug Murphy
P David O'Neil
P Kelly Pace
P Shawn Paschall
P Stephanie Patten
A Bruce Ponder
P Carole Powell
P Bennie Ray
P Ray Rodriguez, Jr.
P Sarah Roland
P George Scharmen
P Fred Stangl
P Clay Steadman
P George Taylor
P Gary Alan Udashen

P William Vitz
P Charles Coby Waddill
A James Whalen
P Warren Alan Wolf

Associate Directors

P Marjorie Bachman
A Rick Berry
E Kelly Case
E Sharon Curtis
P Robert Fickman
A Melissa Hannah
A Craig L. Henry
P Jo Ann Jacinto
P Steve Keathley
P Laurie Key
P Adam Kobs
P Michael McDougal
P Anthony Odiorne
P Oscar Pena
P John Hunter Smith
E Edward Stapleton

Key: P = Present; E = Excused Absence; A = Unexcused Absence

Past Presidents in Attendance: Betty Blackwell, David Botsford, Charles Butts, Tim Evans, Gerald Goldstein, Ron Goranson, William Harris, Michael Heiskell, Scrappy Holmes, Dan Hurley, Robert Lerma, Edward Mallett, E.G. Morris, Vincent Perini.

Staff: Joseph Martinez, Melissa Schank, Rick Wardroup, Mari Flores, Amanda Martinez, Tracy Casares, Erin Manley

President State Bar of Texas, *Buck Files*

Mike Heiskell will be one of twelve members of the board, first for criminal defense attorney. TCDLA members will be part of CLE committee. Looking for changes for MCLE. Buck is looking forward to a good year! Buck gave an update on various committees and State Bar changes, State Bar benefits and 611 opinion.

Inspirational Readings

David Moore read inspirational reading. Readings are available on the TCDLA website.

Declaration of Independence Reading

Encouraged board members to join in the readings at the courthouse. The entire board took part in reading the Declaration of Independence.

Recognition of Veterans

The following were recognized: Bobby Mims, John Ackerman, David O'Neil, John Hunter Smith, John Convery, William Harris, Kelly Pace, Bennie Ray and John Boston for their service to our country.

Recognition of Fallen Heroes and Heroines, *Gary Trichter*

Recognition for Craig Austin, Marley Vega Joseph, Bob Ford, Hector Villarreal, Jimmy Parks Jr., Cindy Sue Hudson, Homer Salinas, B.B. Schraub, David Moore. Moment of silence was observed.

MOTION: Minutes

Approve minutes from March 10, 2012, TCDLA Board Meeting in New Orleans. Motion made by Gary Trichter, seconded by Sam Bassett – motion carries.

Executive Director's Report, *Joseph Martinez*

- Thanked the board, officers and President Gary Trichter. We have had an extraordinary year.
- **New Staff:** Introduced new staff Mari Flores, Controller; Tracy Casares, Administrative Assistant and Erin Manley, Seminar Planner. Introduce his son Damian Martinez who volunteered.
- **Financials:** Reported \$146,000 in projected surplus at the end of the year.
- **Membership:** Current membership is 3,175 all time high continue to increase 5% each year, attributed to board members giving out complimentary memberships. Rusty Duncan at this time 859 attendees, second largest.
- Joseph commented having the pleasure to work with such a professional staff and that he enjoyed coming to work each day - round of applause was given to staff.

Membership Directory, *Melissa Schank*

Will be the same as last year, printed directory available for \$20, orders will be taken until July 1st, send in address updates to the office. Last year 40 directories ordered for print and to date 22 orders.

Capital Assistance Report, *Rick Wardroup*

- **Publication Report**
All publications are updated. Sold out of Code Books, all but one of Punishment at Rusty Duncan.
- **Outreach Program**
This resource for private practice attorneys with capital cases. Contact Rick for more information.
- **CCLI Training**
October 4-6, 2012, paid travel and hotel. Bring your case, which will include teams of mitigation investigators, fact investigators and lawyers.

CDLP Committee, *Jeanette Kinard*

Jeanette thanked all the course directors and stating CDLP was having a good year. CDLP Stats for this fiscal year since 9/1/11 to 5/31/12

- 25 seminars
- trained 2,834 at CDLP seminars, cle: 241.75 including 22.5 ethics
- 46 course directors
- 325 speakers
- capital attorneys trained 92, cle: 28 including .75 hours

Budget Committee Report, *Sam Bassett* – will report at the next meeting.

Projected surplus 140k to 150k. Some seminars did not do as well as projected but were necessary to have and are a necessity. Continuously looking at the budget and areas of cutting costs: i.e. Voice printing and stop taking American Express.

Voice for the Defense, *Greg Westfall* – Thanked Gary for calling in professionals for sending in articles. Voice for the Defense has been generating interest and creating a national profile. Looking at advertising and phasing out print version eventually. Greg will be looking for someone to take his place in the future. Thanked board and TCDLA for their support.

APP Update, *Melissa Schank* – TCDLA now has updated the iphone and droid apps from the state legislature. Next session TCDLA will update when publications are updated instead of waiting for State Legislature to put on the website. TCDLA has an annual contract for the APPs. A windows based APP is available as well. TCDLA will upgrade the database and website that will have mobile capabilities, timeframe for upgrade is approximately 6 months.

25th Annual Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Course - Gary Trichter asked course directors Troy McKinney, Doug Murphy and Stephanie Stevens to come up and thanked them for an outstanding job.

TCDLA Board, CDLP and TCDLEI Committee Orientation and Members Retreat – Lydia Clay-Jackson invited all to attend the orientation in Kemah Boardwalk, July 20-22, 2012. New and old members are encouraged to come, many activities planned.

Texas Forensics Science Commission, *Bobby Lerma*

Reporting of several retesting and cases being reviewed due to inconsistencies. Executive committee authorized staff to contact commission to see about a joint effort of working together.

Texas Integrity Commission, *Gary Udashen*

As legislative session approaches this group will be more active.

Sunset Commission, *Bennie Ray*

Judicial complaints were not shared with the Sunset Commission. TCDLA and HCCLA were represented and well received by the Sunset Commission. The Sunset Commission passed three resolutions. They will also have one annual public meeting.

Affiliates, *Bobby Lerma*

Working with new affiliates, everything is good.

Amicus, *Angela Moore*

Angela gave an update on current projects.

Bylaws, *Adam Kobs and Coby Waddill*

Adam and Coby presented bylaw recommendations and gave background information. Discussion was given. Coby solicited for additional suggestions to be sent to him or Adam.

Gary Trichter tabled the discussion until the next board meeting.

Ken Anderson Resolution

Ken Anderson resolution will be presented next board meeting. Gerry Goldstein gave an update on the case.

Minute Man Strike Force Awards, *Gary Trichter*

Awards were presented to: Michael Heiskell, Rob Fickman, JoAnne Musick, Gerry Goldstein, Cynthia Orr, Buck Files, Stanley Schneider, Bobby Mims and David Moore.

Old and New Business

MOTION: DIVO Resolution, *Rick Wardroup*

Resolution to support Capital Murder cases. Motion made by Sam Bassett, seconded by Lydia Clay-Jackson. Motion carries.

Awards/Recognitions

2012 President's Awards were announced and presented by Gary Trichter.

Lydia Clay-Jackson presented Gary Trichter with a Presidential belt buckle from TCDLA Officers.

Presented Dee Dee Trichter with roses from TCDLA and Dee Dee pinned Gary Trichter with past president ribbon.

MOTION to approve the 2012-2013 officers, new and reappointed Board Members.

Motion made by Emmett Harris, seconded by Sam Bassett – motion carries.

Swearing in of Officers and Directors.

MOTION to adjourn at 2:20 pm. Made by Sam Bassett – motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph A. Martinez
Executive Director