



TCDLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 20, 2015
Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas

Introduction

Emmett Harris, President calls the meeting to order at 11:35 am. A quorum was present. Emmett recognized all the past presidents, guests and new board members.

Roll Call:

Officers

<u>P</u> Emmett Harris, President	<u>P</u> Deandra Grant	<u>A</u> Ed Stapleton
<u>P</u> Sam Bassett, Pres-Elect	<u>P</u> Melissa Hannah	<u>P</u> Clay Steadman
<u>P</u> John Convery, 1st VP	<u>P</u> Theodore Hargrove, III	<u>P</u> George Taylor
<u>P</u> David Moore, 2nd VP	<u>A</u> Jo Ann Jacinto	<u>A</u> Gary Alan Udashen
<u>P</u> Mark Snodgrass, Treasurer	<u>A</u> Steve Keathley	<u>P</u> Oscar Vega
<u>P</u> Kerri Anderson-Donica, Secretary	<u>P</u> Laurie Key	
<u>P</u> Michael Gross, <i>Voice</i> Editor	<u>E</u> Jeanette Kinard	Associate Directors
	<u>P</u> Adam Kobs	<u>P</u> Roberto Balli
	<u>P</u> Jani Maselli Wood	<u>P</u> Robert Barrera
	<u>A</u> Michael McDougal	<u>P</u> Curtis Barton
	<u>P</u> George Milner, III	<u>P</u> Michael Head
	<u>P</u> Angela Moore	<u>E</u> Susan Kelly
	<u>P</u> David O'Neil	<u>A</u> Bradley Lollar
	<u>P</u> Anthony Odiorne	<u>P</u> Louis Lopez
	<u>P</u> Stephanie Patten	<u>P</u> Hiram McBeth
	<u>A</u> Oscar Pena	<u>P</u> Audrey Moorehead
	<u>A</u> Bruce Ponder	<u>P</u> Jeremy Rosenthal
	<u>P</u> Carole Powell	<u>P</u> David Ryan
	<u>A</u> Bennie Ray	<u>P</u> Frank Sellers
	<u>P</u> Ray Rodriguez, Jr.	<u>P</u> Monique Sparks
	<u>P</u> Sarah Roland	<u>P</u> Courtney Stamper
	<u>P</u> John Hunter Smith	<u>P</u> Mark Thiessen

Directors

<u>P</u> Susan Anderson
<u>E</u> Marjorie Bachman
<u>P</u> Heather Barbieri
<u>A</u> Rick Berry
<u>E</u> Fred C. Brigman, III
<u>O</u> F. Clinton Broden
<u>P</u> Jim Darnell
<u>P</u> Nicole DeBorde
<u>A</u> Emily Detoto Munoz
<u>P</u> Don Flanary
<u>P</u> Steven Gordon

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

Past Presidents in Attendance: Richard Anderson, David Botsford, Mark Daniel, Tim Evans, Gerry Goldstein, Ron Goranson, William Harris, Scrappy Holmes, Dan Hurley, Bobby Lerma, Edward Mallett, Gerry Morris, Stanley Schneider, Bill Wischkaemper

Staff: Joseph Martinez, Melissa Schank, Rick Wardroup, Mari Flores, Cindy Escobar, Nitu Gill

President Announcements: Emmett welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

Recognitions, *Emmett Harris*

Emmett gave a moment of silence for recognition of fallen heroes Bill White (Austin).

Emmett gave special recognition to Robb Fickman for organizing over 100 local criminal defense bars who will participate in the Declaration Readings all over Texas!

MOTION: Minutes – March 7, 2015

Motion to adopt the minutes from the TCDLA Board Meeting on March 7, 2015, in Houston made by Ray Rodriguez, seconded by Stephanie Patten - motion carries.

MOTION: Board Electronic Votes

Motion to approve electronic votes for recipients of:

- **Hall of Fame: Michael Heiskell, Michael Gibson and Jeff Kearney**
- **Percy Foreman Lawyer of the Year: Daniel Hurley and Heather Barbieri**
- **Charlie Butts Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year: Cynthia Orr and Mark Bennett**

Made by Ron Goranson, seconded by Frank Sellers.

Lobbyist Report, *Allen Place*

Allen gave an update of the past legislation. A written paper will be distributed to members after the session.

Executive Director's Report, *Joseph Martinez*

- Welcomed board members and members to San Antonio. He and Bertha gave thanks for giving both of them the opportunity to serve TCDLA. Joseph commended Emmett leading the association this year. Round of applause was given. Joseph thanked the board for renewing his contract for five years, he looks forward to many successful years.
- **Staff anniversaries** - Joseph recognized TCDLA staff anniversaries: Joseph also recognized Melissa Schank for celebrating ten years and presented her with a gift from the board and Tracy Casares for four years.

Budget and Finance Committee, *Mark Snodgrass*

Mark gave a recap through April 30th financials, balances in checking and savings. He gave an update on revenue and expenses as well.

Seminars, *Melissa Schank*

Melissa gave an update on Rusty Duncan, SBOT seminar did not affect numbers. Melissa thanked the awesome fabulous TCDLA staff, dedicated course directors and board for allowing her to be a part of TCDLA for the past 10 years.

DWI seminars continue to be challenging with many new entities putting on seminars. Melissa encouraged board members to “Accept No Substitutes” and come to a TCDLA DWI Event, special discounted rate for attending multiples. Visit the website to see some of the new topics for cle this year!

Membership, *Melissa Schank*

We are on track with membership. We need to focus on retaining new members. Please get with new members you have given comp memberships and/or anyone you have endorsed and assist in anyway so they will renew.

Publications, Rick Wardroup

Rick reported that he was taking over the updating of the Losch Manual because he hadn't been able to get any information from Danalynn and GRACE. Relating to other publications, Rick reported that Cynthia Orr had agreed to do the update on the Penal Code and the CCP, that Kelly Pace was assisting me with the Search and Seizure Manual, that Jani Maselli had agreed to update the Appellate Manual and that we were anticipating updating all of the cheat sheets and at least two other books. I reported that our goal was to have the updates out by September 1.

Capital Assistance Report, Rick Wardroup

Rick reported that we hadn't been able to determine whether the CCLI grant was going to be available to train capital lawyers and teams this year, that we hadn't had a death sentence in Texas to the date of the meeting.

By-Laws, Susan Anderson

Susan brought forward the following motion from March Board meeting.

MOTION: Bylaws Sec. 2. Nominations Committee.

Prior to January 31st of each year, the President-Elect shall appoint a Nominations Committee consisting of one member from each of the Association's membership areas and all officers. Each member shall be an attorney who is a current member of TCDLA and has a minimum of five years of practice in criminal law. Past-presidents may be appointed to the committee but shall be non-voting members. The chair of the Nominations Committee shall be designated by the President. The Nominations Committee shall meet, and the members present shall select its nominee(s) for those positions in the Association which are open for election or reelection. The chair of the Nominations Committee shall report in writing on or before 90 days prior to the next annual meeting all said nominee(s) for each such position to the President, the Board of Directors, the Executive Director, and the editor of the Voice for the Defense magazine. Association members shall be given notice in writing of the nominee(s) for each such elective position on or before 75 days prior to the next annual meeting. Such notice may be by publication in Voice for the Defense and shall also advise the membership that any qualified member in good standing may seek election for the position as an officer, other than President, director, or associate director of the Association by following requisites of Article IX Section 3(b) of the Bylaws. Any disputed questions regarding an election shall be resolved by those members in good standing who are present and voting at the annual meeting.

Made by Susan Anderson, seconded by Carole Powell – motion carries.

Voice for the Defense, Michael Gross

Michael stated Voice for the Defense is on track!

CDLP, Kelly Pace

Jani encouraged everyone to attend Trainer for Trainer and South Padre CLE events in July. Jani gave an overview of the Upholding Justice One Client at a Time. We will be training in 11 rural cities.

If you attend the event the “Trainer for Trainers” in South Padre you will be able to sign up for this year’s upcoming theme seminars. Jani Maselli Wood, CDLP chair for 2016 will have a signup sheet onsite.

Strike Force, Nicole DeBorde

Nicole gave an update on the current activities.

Swearing in of President Sam Bassett, Emmett Harris

Emmett swore in Sam Bassett as TCDLA President 2015-2016. A round of applause was given by the board! Emmett presented Sam with the TCDLA gavel.

Swearing in of 2015-2016 Officers, Sam Bassett

MOTION to approve the slate of nominations for 2015-2016 officers below and the new and renewing directors and associate directors made by Sam Bassett, seconded by David Moore – motion carries.

Slate of Officers:

Sam Bassett, President

John Convery, President-Elect

David Moore, 1st Vice President

Mark Snodgrass, 2nd Vice President

Kerri Anderson-Donica, Treasurer

Grant Scheiner, Secretary

Gift to Past President Emmett Harris

Sam presented Emmett with an outgoing gift from the officers.

Emmett was pinned with past president ribbon. Emmett graciously thanked the board for allowing him to be president.

South Padre Invite to Events, Sam Bassett

Emmett invited everyone to come together to South Padre Island for Trainer of Trainers, CLE and Members’ Retreat!

- Wednesday, July 8-12, 2015 – Members’ Retreat with Emmett Harris
- Wednesday, July 8, 2015 – Trainer of Trainers
- Thursday/Friday, July 9-10, 2015 – Trial Strategies
- Saturday, July 11, 2015 – TCDLA/TCDLEI/CDLP Orientation

Old and New Business

Waco Update, Susan Kelly and Stan Schwieger

TCDLA continues to support and work with the local Waco bar and those representing clients with cases. Visit TCDLA website for up to date information.

NACDL, Gerry Morris

Gerry Morris was recognized as the incoming President of NACDL in 2016, applause was given.

Comments by Incoming President, *Sam Bassett*

Sam addressed the board by thanking them and gave the history of how he became a member of TCDLA and then President. Sam recognized his family in the audience. Sam discussed his goals for TCDLA this upcoming year and looks forward to working with everyone.

MOTION to adjourn at 12:20 pm. Made by Sam Bassett, seconded by Emmett Harris – motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Anderson-Donica
TCDLA Secretary