



TCDLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 9, 2013
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Dallas, Texas

Introduction

Bobby Mims, President-Elect calls the meeting to order at 10:15 am. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Officers

<u>P</u> Lydia Clay-Jackson, President	<u>P</u> Danny Easterling	<u>P</u> Charles Coby Waddill
<u>P</u> Bobby Mims, Pres-Elect	<u>A</u> Steven Gordon	<u>P</u> James Whalen
<u>P</u> Emmett Harris, 1st VP	<u>E</u> Deandra Grant	
<u>E</u> Sam Bassett, 2nd VP	<u>P</u> Michael Gross	Associate Directors
<u>P</u> John Convery, Treasurer	<u>E</u> Melissa Hannah	<u>P</u> Marjorie Bachman
<u>P</u> David Moore, Secretary	<u>P</u> Theodore Hargrove, III	<u>P</u> Sharon Curtis
<u>P</u> Greg Westfall, <i>Voice</i> Editor	<u>P</u> Jo Ann Jacinto	<u>P</u> Robert Fickman
	<u>A</u> Jeanette Kinard	<u>P</u> Donald Flanary, III
	<u>E</u> Adam Kobs	<u>E</u> Steve Keathley
	<u>P</u> Jani Maselli	<u>P</u> Laurie Key
	<u>P</u> Patrick Metz	<u>A</u> Michael McCrum
	<u>E</u> David O'Neil	<u>P</u> Michael McDougal
	<u>P</u> Anthony Odiorne	<u>P</u> George Milner, III
	<u>P</u> Shawn Paschall	<u>A</u> Angela Moore
	<u>P</u> Stephanie Patten	<u>E</u> Oscar Pena
	<u>E</u> Bruce Ponder	<u>P</u> John Hunter Smith
	<u>P</u> Carole Powell	<u>P</u> Edward Stapleton, III
	<u>E</u> Bennie Ray	<u>P</u> John Stickels
	<u>E</u> Ray Rodriguez, Jr.	<u>E</u> Oscar Vega
	<u>P</u> Sarah Roland	
	<u>P</u> Clay Steadman	
	<u>E</u> George Taylor	
	<u>P</u> Gary Alan Udashen	
	<u>P</u> William Vitz	

Directors

<u>E</u> John Ackerman
<u>A</u> Susan Anderson
<u>P</u> Heather Barbieri
<u>P</u> Rick Berry
<u>P</u> Lawrence Boyd
<u>E</u> Fred C. Brigman, III
<u>P</u> F. Clinton Broden
<u>P</u> Jaime Carrillo
<u>P</u> Jason Cassel
<u>E</u> Harold Danford
<u>P</u> James Darnell
<u>E</u> Nicole DeBorde
<u>E</u> Emily Detoto Munoz

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

Past Presidents in Attendance: Gary Trichter, Mark Daniel, H.F. Rick Hagen, William Harris, Daniel Hurley, Robert Lerma, Edward Mallett, Gerry Morris, Vincent Walker Perini, Stanley Schneider

Staff: Joseph Martinez, Rick Wardroup, Mari Flores

President Elect's Comments, *Bobby Mims*

Acknowledged guests

MOTION: Minutes, December 8, 2012

Motion to approve minutes from December 8, 2012, TCDLA Board Meeting in Houston. Motion made by Michael McDougal, seconded by Sarah Roland – motion carries.

Recognition of Fallen Heroes and Heroines, *Bobby Mims*

Alex Zocchi from Dallas, Cris Thompson from Dallas, David Judd, and David Thomas.

Executive Director's Report, *Joseph Martinez*

- **Staff Anniversaries** – The following staff celebrate their anniversaries: Rick Wardroup – 2 years, Mari Flores – 1 year, Melissa Schank – 8 years
 - Annual Report in packets
 - Financial Reports in packets
 - Membership in packets, look at dropped membership and reach out to them if you see them. You have 3 complimentary reports per board member, please use them. Sign up for auto draft and save \$10
 - Pubs and Merchandise are set up at back of room. Come see us if you want to buy. Promote pubs to move out
 - Email us a picture or come to us to take a picture after meeting. Mari called out board members we are missing photo from
 - Silent auction sign up , posters for Rusty take with you for office or courthouse
 - Sign up for June Board Meeting

Membership Report, *Joseph Martinez*

Current membership is 3,224; last year at this time 3,245. Need assistance with board complimentary retention. Contact members in your area and encourage them to renew. Please contact expired members on your monthly list from your area

Seminar Report, *Joseph Martinez*

Assist with promoting seminars in your local area. TCDLEI is providing scholarships for all TCDLA events. Encourage a new lawyer to attend Rusty Duncan. Early bird rate available

TCDLA Stats for this fiscal year 2013: 9/1/12 to 2/15/13

- 6 seminars
- Trained 525 at TCDLA seminars, cle: 53.5 including 1.0 ethics hours
- 9 course directors
- 50 speakers

Budget Report, *John Convery*

Went over checking/Savings account balances. Went over FY13 Budget recap. Discussed significant expenses for January. 2012 Audit is complete Budget Committee met with Archie Montemayor on 2/27th. Financials are clean and no outstanding items to report. Audit report has been sent out to the full board.

Dexter Gilford old signor was not removed from Wells Fargo bank account where credit card deposits are made into. Counter withdrawal was made, banker confused personal account with TCDLA account. Since then money has been reimbursed and deposited back into TCDLA account.

MOTION: Do Not allow Counter cash withdrawals with Wells Fargo checking account.
Motion made by John Convery, seconded by Bobby Mims - motion carries

Publication Report, *Rick Wardroup*

New Publications coming out this year by Sept 1st so they are current as new laws become effective

Capital Assistance Report, *Rick Wardroup*

Completed the CCLI course in San Antonio, trained eight teams which were comprised of two lawyers, a mitigation investigator and a fact investigator. Checked on the Losch Manual which was being updated by GRACE and expecting the book to be out by the summer. There has been two capital trials this year, one ended in a mistrial and the defense secured a life sentence in the other one. The Capital Trial Advocacy Course at CAIL is scheduled for the same week as the Trial College and the program has been expanded to four days.

Legislative committee, *Mark Daniel and Allan Place*

Mark Daniel and Allan Place gave report on legislative session and issues affecting TCDLA.

Mark Daniel read Resolution dated 3/9/13 to be passed by the TCDLA Board at the 3/9/13 board meeting held in Dallas, TX.

MOTION: Pass Resolution presented by Legislative Committee and Discuss
Motion made by Mark Daniel, seconded by Bill Harris - motion carries.

MOTION: Add Brady Reform and Revise wording regarding TDS to Resolution just passed by board.

Motion made by Mark Daniel, seconded by Lance Evans – motion carries

MOTION: Allow Executive Board to look at revised resolution

Include Brady Resolution and remove a specific person's name and instead include the leadership of TDS.

Motion made by Mark Daniel, seconded by Carol Powell – motion carries

CDLP, *Sarah Roland*

Read Speaker Evaluations. Trial College in two weeks. All spots filled. Longview and Waco, Trainer of Trainers in SPI. If you are going to speak, come and if you are in CDLP.

Committee Reports

By-Laws (*Adam Kobs and Coby Waddill*)

MOTION: Modify the proposed amendments to the by-laws approved at the last board meeting and will put a new version regarding vacancies whoever replaces someone will serve a term ending. Motion made by Coby Waddill seconded by Emmett Harris - motion carries.

Capital Assistance, *Katherine Scardino*

Wants updated capital motions says that she has contacted John and Kathryn Amy Martin and Kase are working on updating

Ethics hotline -- Robert Pelton had a heart attack recently and will be returning soon

Federal Assistance -- Jason Cassell recommend TCDLA should work on providing federal training because the federal PD is being cut

Lawyer of the Year Committee, *Pat Metz and Tony Odiorne*

Allow Bobby or Lydia to make calls to notify recipients. Lawyer of the Year still on hold meeting for next week.

MOTION: Jani Maselli for Charles Butt Pro Bono Award

Motion made by Tony Vitz, seconded by Emmett Harris - motion carries.

Capital Assistance, (*Katherine Scardino and Anthony Odiorne*)

Referrals are up, four this year

Past President, *Joseph Martinez*

Richard Anderson donated pictures that are displayed outside.

Rural Practice, *Tip Hargrove*

Working on projects with Melissa.

Old and New Business

John Convery gave thanks to Joseph, Melissa and Mari for their hard work.

MOTION – Adjourn meeting

Motion to adjourn at 12:05 pm made by Bobby Mims, seconded by Coby Waddill – motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

David Moore

TCDLA Secretary