

# TACVPO

## Texas Association of Collegiate Veteran Program Officials

June 21, 2013

**Conference Planning Meeting** – *MCM Eleganté, Abilene, TX*

**Board Attendees:**

Tammy Micallef, President  
Bernice Flett, First Vice President  
Elizabeth Johnson, Secretary  
Annabelle Smith, Treasurer  
Debbie Alexander, Ex-President  
Janne Herfurth, Web Master

**Also in attendance:**

Michelle Nelson, VA ELR – Waco  
Deb Crosby, former President

**Meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m.**

The Treasurer's report was given by Annabelle Smith. All Expenses have been paid from the 2013 Annual Conference. There is a check in the amount of \$300 still outstanding as it was returned from the individual's bank NSF. This information has been sent to the individual's college for further action and payment. After expenses there is a balance of \$42,515.27 left in the account. (Note: the question was asked on the approximate cost of a conference of this caliber - \$35,000-40,000.)

**Discussion:** It was proposed by Tammy Micallef that TACVPO business cards be made for each officer in order to promote the organization and establish validity of our positions. The example was given of making contacts at the W.A.V.E.S. conference for future speakers. Annabelle will check with someone in association with the Print Shop Trade degree plan at CTC and see if this can be done as a student project. Debbie suggested double-sided cards with TACVPO information on one side and officer's title and contact information on the other. Discussion will continue as more information is available

**Discussion:** The new format for the TACVPO official website was discussed. Of the three options provided by Janne, all were in agreement that the option with the American Flag at the top was the best. Janne will see if she can also incorporate the TACVPO logo. The suggestion was made to include the by-laws. Annabelle also mentioned the service provider cost as being \$35.85 per month.

- Motion** The motion was made by Annabelle to appoint Janne Herfurth to the newly created position of "Web Master". The motion was seconded by Bernice Flett and the passed unanimously.
- Discussion:** Deb Crosby and Janne Herfurth met independently with two of the area schools and gained commitments for assistance with local arrangements.
- Discussion:** The following session topics/presenters were discussed and agreed upon for next year's conference:
- Principles of Excellence: Rep from CO (preferably Worley), maybe via Skype
  - Hazlewood OR Yellow Ribbon: Justin Greiner is the first choice for Hazlewood but we might need to include TVC as they are (unofficially at this point) the new governing agency. (*Note: suggestion was made to form a committee to represent TACVPO on legislative issues.*) Justin was contacted, has it penciled in on his calendar and will get back to us with more information on where his position will land. It was suggested that Diana Davis handle Yellow Ribbon.
  - Newbie vs. Oldie (or "Can you top this?"): All agreed that we need to provide something for the School Certifying Officials that do not fit the "Newbie" category. Michelle can talk to the new SCOs and Diana can moderate the session with the experienced SCOs.
  - Debt Management/Offset: This was a very important topic at the last conference. It was suggested that Timothy Wheeler present at this session and possibly allow extra time.
  - College Credit for Heroes: Annabelle will check the availability of Brigitte Flynt and Dr. Johnelle Welsh for this session.
  - Work Studies: How do you get one and what can they do? Rusty Young
  - Compliance Survey/Approval: Debbie Bush
  - VA Once: Terry Caston
  - PTSD: Amelia Baker
  - TVC: BeBe Glasgow
  - Best Practices: Various schools
  - Student Panel: There was discussion as to the direction this session should take as opposed to panels of this nature in the past. We want to make sure that it does not turn into a gripe forum.
  - Deciphering a DD214: What does all this mean in laymen's terms? Tammy Micallef
  - Muskogee Regional Office (Phone calls vs. emails, etc.): Rep from Muskogee

General Session (formerly Fireside Chat): Board and other key people moderating

**Discussion:**

Food

Breakfast is provided each morning by the hotel

Wednesday: *A.M. Break* – Assorted pastries and sliced fruit (\$8.50)

*Lunch* – choice of Grilled Rib Eye Steak (\$20.95) OR Grilled Salmon (\$16.95), NY Cheesecake (\$4.25) & Tuxedo Mocha Mousse Cake (\$5.95)

*P.M. Break* – Cheese w/crackers and sliced fruit (\$8.95)

*Dinner* – On your own

Thursday: *A.M. Break* – Assorted pastries and sliced fruit (\$8.50)

*Lunch* – Croissant Club sandwich (\$8.95), Kentucky Bourbon Pecan Pie (\$5.95) & Chocolate Torte (\$5.95)

*P.M. Break* – Cookies, brownies & sliced fruit (\$8.95)

*Dinner* – Grace Museum, “Jest Murder Mystery Company”, Aramark catering. Details to be determined later.

**Discussion:**

Audio and visual needs were addressed and the Board met with a representative from the hotel. Conference room set-up and dining arrangements were also decided upon.

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. (to be continued at dinner)**

**Meeting called back to order at 5:45 p.m. – Ta Molly’s Restaurant**

**Discussion:** With the resignation of Rhonda Hoover, the First VP and Second VP positions had advanced leaving the Second VP position open. The choice was given to Elizabeth to stay in as Secretary or advance to Second VP. Elizabeth chose to stay in as Secretary so the position of Second VP will be offered to Tina Dealy, Lone Star College.

**Discussion:** Further discussion centered on logistics of transportation, location, serving style, etc. for the President’s Reception/Awards/Special Event dinner. Janne will touch base with all parties involved and relay the information to the other Board members.

**Meeting was re-adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**