

PARALEGAL DIVISION

STATE BAR OF TEXAS



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Historian Report 2016-2017

2016 Incoming Board Meeting

The Incoming Board Meeting was held on June 18, 2016 in Fort Worth, Texas. President Goor discussed her goals for the year.

2016-2017 Board of Directors

2016-2017 Executive Committee & Officers	
President	Megan Goor, TBLS-BCP
President-Elect	Mona Tucker, ACP
Treasurer	Jay Williams, TBLS-BCP
Secretary	Mary Wintermote
Parliamentarian	Stephanie R. Sterling, TBLS-BCP
2016-2017 District Directors	
<i>District 1 Director</i> Holly Huckabee, TBLS-BCP ¹ Kim Goldberg, TBLS-BCP ² Jennifer Evans, TBLS-BCP, CP	<i>District 8 Director</i> Vacant
<i>District 2 Director</i> Jay Williams, TBLS-BCP	<i>District 10 Director</i> Jennifer Barnes, CP
<i>District 3 Director</i> Mary Wintermote	<i>District 11 Director</i> Janet L. McDaniel, CP
<i>District 4 Director</i> Stephanie R. Sterling, TBLS-BCP	<i>District 12 Director</i> Michelle Beecher
<i>District 5 Director</i> Susan Wilen, RN	<i>District 14 Director</i> Javan Johnson, TBLS-BCP, ACP

¹ Ms. Huckabee passed away in August 2016, and Ms. Goldberg was appointed as District 1 Director for the remainder of the term.

² Ms. Goldberg resigned in December 2016 due to personal conflicts, and Ms. Evans was appointed as District 1 Director for the remainder of the term.

<i>District 6 Director</i> Kimberly Fox, ACP ³	<i>District 15 Director</i> Edna W. Garza, TBLS-BCP
<i>District 7 Director</i> Shandi Howard, CP	<i>District 16 Director</i> Rebecca Lopez

The following committee chairs, advisors, and liaisons were appointed:

Standing Committee Chairs/Board Advisors:

Committee	Chair	Board Advisor
2017 Annual Meeting Committee - Dallas	Melody Gordan, CP	Jay Williams
Continuing Education Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o District CLE o Online CLE 	Pam Snavely, CP Shannon Shaw	Holly Huckabee
Elections Committee	Vacant	Shandi Howard
Membership Committee	Pam Etie	Kimberly Fox
Professional Development Committee	Monty Mayes	Mary Wintermote
Professional Ethics Committee	Ellen Lockwood	Jennifer Barnes
Public Relations	Erica Anderson	Rebecca Lopez
Publications	Heidi Beginski and Kim McDonald	Jan McDaniel

Ad Hoc Committee/Board Advisors:

Committee	Chair	Board Advisor
Additional Directorship	Michele Boerder	Susan Wilen
Ambassadors Program	Debbie McBride	Edna Garza
Coordinator Transition	Eric Anderson	Javan Johnson
E-Group Policy	Heidi Beginski	Michelle Beecher
eNewsletter – <i>Paralegal Pulse</i>	Sheila Posey	Javan Johnson
Governing Documents	Stephanie Sterling	Mary Wintermote
Membership Renewal Spot Audit	Pat Howay	Mary Wintermote
Paralegal Ethics Handbook	Ellen Lockwood	Kimberly Fox
Pro Bono	Shanna Mello	Edna Garza
TAPS 2016 Planning Committee	Erica Anderson	Megan Goor
TAPS 2017 Planning Committee [default President]	Megan Goor	Mona Tucker
TBLS Examination Helpful Hints	Javan Johnson	Javan Johnson
Texas Bar College Membership Application Review	Jena Parker	Susi Boss
Vendor Liaison	Susan Davis	Michelle Beecher
Website Development	Deborah Andreacchi	Stephanie Sterling

³ Ms. Fox resigned in January 2017 due to personal conflicts, and the District 6 Director position remained vacant for the remainder of the term.

Liaison appointments:

Committee	Liaison
American Alliance of Paralegals (AAPI)	Jennifer Barnes
American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE)	Shandi Howard
American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC)	Susan Wilen
American Bar Association (ABA)	Rebecca Lopez
Office of Court Administration	Michelle Beecher
National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA)	Jan McDaniel
National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)	Jay Williams
Texas Alliance of Paralegal Associations (TAPA)	Megan Goor
Texas Association of Legal Professionals (TALP/NALS)	Kimberly Fox
Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS)	Edna Garza
Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans (TLTV)	Holly Huckabee
Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)	Mary Wintermote

Other appointments were as follows:

Representative to State Bar [default President]	Megan Goor, TBLS-BCP
Representative to State Bar College (2017-2020)	Jena Parker, CP
State Bar of Texas Pro Bono Workgroup	Misti Janes, TBLS-BCP

TAPS 2017

TAPS 2017 was held in San Antonio, Texas at the Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel on September 28-30, 2017. The theme was "TAPS on Track – Journey to Excellence". This TAPS was paired with the Division’s 35th Anniversary. The charity this year was San Antonio Food Bank and the committee worked to integrate a sense of community and “pay it forward” message. The Thursday night social was a “Roaring 20s” social which incorporated a costume contest with many attendees dressing in a 1920’s era costumes. The Friday luncheon keynote speaker was Louie Guzman of the San Antonio Food Bank, who continued the message to give back to the community.

2016 Fall Board Meeting

The Fall meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Addison, Texas, on October 21 and 22, 2016. President Goor announced a new memorial page in the Texas Paralegal Journal to honor the passing of PD members. President Goor also announced the 2017 TAPS Planning Committee appointments. President Goor introduced Kim Goldberg as the new Director for District 1. President Goor discussed new options with the Texas Paralegal Journal now that it is transitioning to a fully digital version.

Winter 2017 Board Meeting

The Winter meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Austin, Texas, on February 17-18, 2017. President Goor introduced Jennifer Evans as the new Director for District 1. The Board of Directors agreed to the recommendation of the creation of a separate Mentor Program Ad Hoc Committee.

Texas Forum 2017

The 35th Annual Texas Forum was held on March 8, 2017 at the Texas Law Center, Austin, Texas with the theme “*Today’s Legal Practice for Attorneys and Paralegals – Faster, Better, Stronger*”.

PD Trip 2017

The Paralegal Division sponsored its annual trip to Europe on April 21-29, 2017. The destinations this year was to Lucerne, Switzerland. The 2018 trip would be to Bruges, Brussels and Amsterdam.

2016-2017 Outgoing Board Meeting

The outgoing meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 22, 2017, in Addison, Texas. The Board of Directors has moved forward with fully online renewals and made changes to distribution of member bar cards. In addition to the recent creation of the memorial section in the Texas Paralegal Journal, a “100 Club” has been established to recognize firms in which there is 100% paralegal membership in the Paralegal Division. Additionally, a PD Online Store has been created. The Paralegal Division celebrated its 35th Anniversary in 2016 and there have been many events held across the state to celebrate this milestone.

2017 Annual Meeting

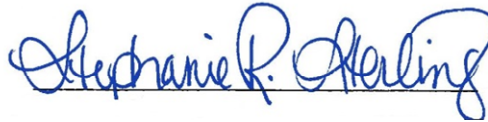
The 2017 Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Paralegal Division was held at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Galleria in Addison, Texas, on June 23, 2017. The theme was “*Writing and Cloud Storage: The Paralegal’s New Legal Pad*”. Three hours of CLE were provided, and the keynote speaker was Peter S. Vogel of Gardere, Wynne, Sewell speaking on “*Keeping Investigations About Cyber Instructions Confidential and Reporting Cyber Intrusions in the US and Around the World.*”

The following awards were presented:

Award	Recipient
Exceptional Pro Bono Service Award	Julie Sherman, TBLS-BCP
Outstanding Committee Chairs Award	Shelia Posey, TBLS-BCP e-Newsletter Committee and Susan Davis, TBLS-BCP, Vendor Liason
Award of Excellence	Stephanie R. Sterling, TBLS-BCP, Governing Documents Ad Hoc Committee
Special Recognition Awards	Vickie Lorenzen Deb Pointer
President's Award	Rhonda Brashears, TBLS-BCP, CP
Outgoing Director Plaques	Jennifer Evans, CP, District 1 Director Susan Wilen, RN, District 5 Director Jan McDaniel, CP, District 11 Director Megan Goor, TBLS-BCP, President

Other general PD business was conducted, and the annual report of the President was given, followed by the installation of the 2016-2017 Officers and Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,



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