

PARALEGAL DIVISION

STATE BAR OF TEXAS



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Historian Report

2017-2018

2017 Incoming Board Meeting

The Incoming Board Meeting was held on June 24, 2017 in Addison, Texas. President Tucker discussed her goals for the year.

2017-2018 Board of Directors

2017-2018 Executive Committee & Officers	
President	Mona H. Tucker, ACP
President-Elect	Stephanie R. Sterling, TBLS-BCP
Treasurer	Javan Johnson, ACP, TBLS-BCP
Secretary	Mary Wintermote
Parliamentarian	Edna W. Garza, TBLS-BCP
2017-2018 District Directors	
<i>District 1 Director</i> Sherylyne "Sherie" Hollinger	<i>District 8 Director</i> Vacant
<i>District 2 Director</i> Jay Williams, TBLS-BCP ¹ Eugene Alcala	<i>District 10 Director</i> Jennifer Barnes
<i>District 3 Director</i> Mary Wintermote	<i>District 11 Director</i> Sandra Seutter
<i>District 4 Director</i> Pam Etie, ACP, PLS	<i>District 12 Director</i> Michelle Beecher
<i>District 5 Director</i> Susi Boss	<i>District 14 Director</i> Javan Johnson, TBLS-BCP, ACP
<i>District 6 Director</i> Vacant	<i>District 15 Director</i> Edna W. Garza, TBLS-BCP

¹ Mr. Williams was removed in February 2018, and Mr. Alcala was appointed to complete the remainder of the term as District 2 Director.

<i>District 7 Director</i> Sharla Fowler, CP	<i>District 16 Director</i> Rebecca Lopez
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The following committee chairs, advisors, and liaisons were appointed:

Standing Committee Chairs/Board Advisors:

Committee	Chair	Board Advisor
2018 Annual Meeting Committee – Austin	Alice Lineberry	Pam Etie
Continuing Education Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o District CLE o Online CLE 	Jennifer Evans Shannon Shaw	Jay Williams
Elections Committee	Martha Ramirez	Michelle Beecher
Membership Committee	Francesca Romans	Pam Etie
Professional Development Committee	Donna Lynn Waldon	Mary Wintermote
Professional Ethics Committee	Ellen Lockwood	Jennifer Barnes
Public Relations	Erica Anderson	Rebecca Lopez
Publications	Megan Goor	Edna Garza

Ad Hoc Committee/Board Advisors:

Committee	Chair	Board Advisor
Ambassadors Program	Debbie McBride	Sandra Seutter
E-Group Policy	Kimberly McDonald	Sharla Fowler
eNewsletter – <i>Paralegal Pulse</i>	Sheila Posey	Javan Johnson
Governing Documents	Stephanie Sterling	Stephanie Sterling
Membership Renewal Spot Audit	Deb Pointer	Mary Wintermote
Mentor Program	Deb Pointer	Sherie Hollinger
Paralegal Ethics Handbook	Ellen Lockwood	Jennifer Barnes
Pro Bono	Shanna Mello	Edna Garza
TAPS 2017 Planning Committee	Megan Goor	Mona Tucker
TAPS 2018 Planning Committee [default President]	Mona Tucker	Stephanie Sterling
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	Michelle Beecher	Michelle Beecher

Liaison appointments:

Committee	Liaison
American Alliance of Paralegals (AAPI)	Jennifer Barnes
American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE)	Sharla Fowler
American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC)	Sherie Hollinger
American Bar Association (ABA)	Rebecca Lopez
Office of Court Administration	Michelle Beecher
National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA)	Susi Boss
National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)	Jay Williams

Texas Alliance of Paralegal Associations (TAPA)	Mona Tucker
Texas Association of Legal Professionals (TALP/NALS)	Sandra Seutter
Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS)	Edna Garza
Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans (TLTV)	Javan Johnson
Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)	Mary Wintermote

Other appointments were as follows:

Representative to State Bar [default President]	Mona Tucker, ACP
Representative to State Bar College (2017-2020)	Jena Parker
State Bar of Texas Pro Bono Workgroup	Misti Janes

TAPS 2017

TAPS 2017 was held in Addison, Texas at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Near Galleria, on October 4-6, 2017. The theme was "TAPS Unmasked – Knowledge Awaits".

2017 Fall Board Meeting

The Fall meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Addison, Texas, on October 27 and 28, 2017. President Tucker announced Nominations Committee Chairs and 2018 TAPS Planning Committee appointments. President Tucker introduced Michael R. Akins as the new Director for District 6. She also informed the Board of the organization of a proposed new section to the State Bar, that of Child Protection Law. She had been approached with an invitation for the Paralegal Division to be in on the ground floor of this committee and had willingly accepted. At her suggestion, President-Elect Stephanie Sterling was appointed to the planning committee.

Winter 2018 Board Meeting

The Winter meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Addison, Texas, on February 9-11, 2018. President Tucker announced the results of the Board's email votes to appoint Lisa Pittman to the position of Director for District 12.

PD Trip

The Paralegal Division sponsored its annual trip to Europe on April 21-29, 2018. The destinations this year were Bruges, Brussels, and Amsterdam. Next year Paralegals Return to London.

Texas Forum

It was announced that the Texas Forum would be moving to every other year format rather than annually. The next Texas Forum will be in 2019.

2017-2018 Outgoing Board Meeting

The outgoing meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 21, 2018, in Austin, Texas. The Board received and approved the annual audit report, and also ratified two Bylaws amendments: one providing for future Annual Meetings to be held in conjunction with TAPS, and the second to dissolve Districts 6 and 8, combining those counties affected with adjoining Districts. President Tucker announced the results of the Board's email votes to appoint Eugene Alcalá to the position of Director for District 2.

2018 Annual Meeting

The 2018 Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Paralegal Division was held at the Austin Marriott South in Austin, Texas, on June 22, 2018. The theme was "Operation: Military Legal Support". Three hours of CLE were provided, and the keynote speaker was Thomas Palladino, Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission. His topic was "Veteran Services in Texas".

The following awards were presented:

Award	Recipient
Exceptional Pro Bono Service Award	Toya Walker, CCEP
Outstanding Committee Chairs Award	Deb Pointer, Membership Renewal Spot Audit Ad Hoc Committee and Francesca Romans, ACP, Membership Committee
Award of Excellence	Megan Goor, TBLS-BCP, Publications Committee
Special Awards	Javan Johnson, TBLS Helpful Hints Guide
Outgoing Director Plaques	Pam Etie, ACP, District 4 Director Jennifer Barnes, CP, District 10 Director Mona Tucker, ACP, President

Other general PD business was conducted, and the annual report of the President was given, followed by the installation of the 2018-2019 Officers and Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

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