

## 2014 TAPPA Conference

The TAPPA 2014 Conference and Business Meeting was held April 12-16, 2014 in El Paso, Texas at the Historic Camino Real Hotel and was hosted by El Paso Community College – Valle Verde.

**Saturday, April 12, 2014:** TAPPA Registration - (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) – Poncho Villa Room -2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
APPA Credentialing Prep Course for EFP and CEFP) – Angus Room -3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.  
Business Partners – Set up & Registration – (Noon to 5:00 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Ballroom and Mezzanine)  
Educational Course: Energy Security on a Barrier Island - (3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) – Kohlberg Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
Educational Course: Higher Education Project Case Study: Bayou Building Re-Roof – Kohlberg Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
EFP Testing – (5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.) - Charolais Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.  
CEFP Testing – (5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Angus Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.

**Sunday, April 13, 2014:** Golf Tournament – Butterfield Trail Golf Course (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)  
TAPPA Registration – (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) – Poncho Villa Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
Business Partners – Set up & Registration – (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Ballroom and Mezzanine.  
Business Partner & First Time Attendee Reception – Ballroom and Mezzanine – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Also two educational sessions were held Sunday afternoon in the Kohlberg Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor regarding Emergency Engines and Workplace Violence. (2:00 -3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

**Monday, April 14th 2014:** Registration (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) – Poncho Villa Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### **Welcome Opening Breakfast: - Monday April 14th**

The Welcome Breakfast was held in the Exhibit Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Terry Pritchett, President, welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked the business partners for their participation and sponsorships. A special “thank you” was expressed by Terry to ChemCal for being the 2014 Presidential Sponsor, SchoolDude for being the Golf Lunch Sponsor and also Curtis King with Shoppa’s for the golf car donation.

Terry introduced Rick Lobato, Executive Director of Physical Plant from El Paso Community College – Valle Verde who graciously consented to host the 2014 Conference. Rick also gave a very warm welcome and expressed his appreciation to everyone for their support at this year’s conference and also thanked his staff who without their help could not have made this conference such a success. He also expressed his appreciation to Dr. William Serrata, President of EPCC, for taking time from his busy schedule to attend the breakfast and say a few words.

Dr. Serrata also welcomed everyone for their attendance and also wanting to visit El Paso and invited everyone to take time to drop by and see the various campuses through the city. He also gave a brief overview of the accomplishments of EPCC under his leadership.

Rick Lobato introduced Brad Hyde, keynote speaker. "Teaching People How To Treat You" was Brad's presentation and it demonstrated techniques on how to project, present, influence and/or understand how professionals, families and friends interact with each other. Brad is with the Delta medical Center of Memphis, Tennessee.

Several door prizes were handed out and a drawing for the Facilities Management early registrants was also held.

Terry announced the Business Partner Fair was to open at 9:00 a.m. today and tomorrow and encouraged facilities personnel to network with our business partners. Terry also encouraged everyone to participate in the Scavenger Hunt which would be held at 2:00 p.m.

The first time attendees and five year attendees were also recognized and Terry explained that although there were several who had attended TAPPA longer than 5 years, we only started keeping an official count since the 2009 Conference.

One educational class would begin at 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Kohlberg Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the hotel; and also The Kay Bailey Hutchinson Desalination Plant Tour would be from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and also there would be a spouse tour at the Fountains Mall at 2:00 p.m.

Opening Session ended at approximately 9:10 a.m.

### **Lunch – Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Lunch began at approximately 12:05 p.m.

The business partners were acknowledged again by Terry and everyone was encouraged to visit the booths. Terry reminded everyone again about the Scavenger Hunt going on now and the drawing would be held at 2:00 p.m.

Terry announced for everyone to attend the Banquet and Awards dinner tomorrow night as awards, prizes, scholarships and the Grand Prize drawing would take place, along with the installation of officers. He also announced Casino Night would be held on the first floor near the Dome Bar area following the dinner which was held in the Ballroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor beginning at 6:00 p.m. It was announced great prizes are in store for the various winners at the end of Casino Event.

EFP and CEFPP Prep Courses and testing will also be available at the TAPPA 2015 Conference.

Numerous door prizes were given to the various winners during the luncheon.

Lunch ended at approximately 1:40 p.m.

### **Tuesday, April 15, 2014**

Numerous Educational Sessions were held in the Kohlberg, Charolais, Brahma and Angus Rooms of the hotel from 9:30 a.m. – through 4:30 p.m.

**Breakfast:** Begin at approximately 7:30 a.m.

Terry welcomed everyone and commented that everyone seemed to have a great time during Casino Night.

Chem Cal was again acknowledged and thanked for being our Presidential Sponsor along with Shoppa's for the Grand Prize donation. Terry acknowledged without the support of the various sponsors and business partners our conference would not be possible.

Brad Hyde gave another motivational speech during this session.

Kelly Baxley with Siemens was also recognized by Terry for the recognition bestowed upon him by APPA. Kelly Baxley, Senior Account Executive was recognized by APPA last August as being only the 18<sup>th</sup> recipient of the EAGLE Award since its inception. This award is APPA's highest individual honor for a Business Partner.

Terry announced a group picture would follow the breakfast and asked for everyone's participation.

The Mystery Vendor prize drawing will be at noon and also an announcement was made requesting the Business Partners to stay for the Business Partner Meeting and Drawing for the 2015 Gold Exhibit Space at 2:00 p.m. Also at the banquet tonight there would be several special prizes for the Business Partners.

A tour of the El Paso Saddle Blanket Company will be from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and another tour at the War Eagles Museum would be from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Several door prizes were distributed prior to the close of this session.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 a.m.

### **Business Luncheon: Tuesday, April 15, 2014**

The luncheon was held in the Exhibit Area beginning at noon.

The business meeting was officially called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Terry Pritchett and thanked ChemCal for being the 2014 Presidential Sponsor and also Shoppa's for being the Grand Prize Sponsor which will be awarded this evening at the banquet.

**President's Report:** Terry announced great progress was made during the year as evidenced by the number of scholarships received and membership drive as witnessed by our first time attendees and our business partner support.

Terry requested Sallie Spotanski to provide the Secretary/Treasurer's report.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Sallie stated the board had approved the minutes as listed on the website at the recent board meeting held on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and copies of the secretary/treasurer's report which

were approved was provided at each table . Spreadsheets relating to the various accounts; main, savings, scholarship and merchant accounts as of March 31, 2014 are noted for recording purposes.

- Main Account (0525) - \$33,248.47
- Savings Account (4750) -\$17,407.05
- Merchant Account (1837) - \$198,049.28
- Scholarship Account (1639) - \$1,522.31
- Combined total for these accounts is \$250,227.08

**Conference Accounts:**

- 2014 – Conference Account - \$80,121.70
- 2015 – Conference Account - \$13,715.33
- Combined total for Conference Accounts - \$93,837.03

Total Monies for all accounts is \$344,064.11

**IT Report** – Mike Billingsley had no updates to report at this time.

**Scholarship Committee Report:** James Norcom, III, Chair, thanked all contributors and stated at this time \$21,585 had been received for scholarships. TAPPA continues to receive donations in spite of the economy. TAPPA matches up to \$1,000 for each restricted scholarship. Jim reminded everyone a representative must be present from the institution whose name is drawn at banquet tonight.

**By-Laws:**

Robert Ramirez served as Chair of this committee during the past year and he and his committee did an outstanding job as announced by President Pritchett.

The term of the Secretary/Treasurer and also that of the Informational Director will be three (3) years instead of the current two (2) years.

A motion was made by James Norcom, III from University of Houston – Main to accept the By-Law changes as presented and Shelton Riley from TCU- seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Terry Pritchett stated winners of the Special Awards Committee would be announced at the banquet tonight.**

**Nominations:**

Mike Miller, Chair, announced the following nomination for the vacant officer's position of Vice President and asked if there were any further nominations from the floor.

**James Norcom, III – Vice President**

There being no further nominations from the floor, Sallie Spotanski made a motion to elect James Norcom, III as Vice President and Bettie Simpson Weeks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike also announced the following nomination for the vacant officer's position of Secretary/Treasurer and asked if there were any further nomination from the floor.

**Sallie Spotanski – Secretary/Treasurer**

There being no further nominations from the floor Richard "Rick" Lobato made a motion to elect Sallie Spotanski as Secretary/Treasurer and Chad Crocker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike announced the following individual names which were submitted to the Nominating Committee for the three (3) vacant director's positions:

**Dee Littlejohn – Dallas Theological Seminary**

**Bridgett Blizzard – UT Austin**

**Richard "Rick" Lobato – El Paso Community College – Valle Verde**

**Chris Campbell – Tarrant County College District –Northeast Campus**

The membership voted and based upon the number of votes received by each candidate their terms of office were determined by the number of votes each received.

**2017 Directors:**

- o *Bridgett Blizzard*
- o *Richard "Rick" Lobato*

**2015 – Director (To fill James Norcom, III remaining term which would have expired in 2015 since he was elected as Vice President)**

- o *Dee Littlejohn*

The new board will take office on May 1, 2014.

There being no further business to discuss Shelton Riley made a motion to adjourn the official business meeting and Chad Crocker seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the annual business meeting officially adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

However, Business partners who had individual drawings at their booths were brought to the front of the podium and the winners names were drawn by them and pictures were taken of the business partner(s) presenting the recipient with their prize. These photos will be placed on the website.

**Business Partner Meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2014**

The informal meeting began approximately at 2:15 p.m.

A-Lert Roofing Company's name was drawn as the recipient for the 2015 Conference Gold Booth Space Terry Pritchett conducted the meeting as Curtis King was not present for this meeting and several comments and suggestions were made by various business partners. Terry stated he would present the comments and suggestions to the board at their next meeting and thanked everyone for their input.

The meeting came to a close about 4:00 p.m.

**A Reception was held from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Mezzanine of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the hotel.**

**Conference Banquet: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Terry Pritchett, President and Brad Hyde was introduced as the keynote speaker. Brad's motivational presentation was on Positive Thinking. This presentation demonstrated techniques on how to project, present or influence a positive attitude to clients, staff and patients. It provided anecdotal examples on how to create situations which would bring about positive outcomes.

Special recognition was again given to ChemCal as this year's Presidential Sponsor and also to Shoppa's for providing the grand prize. Terry stated it took all levels of business partners' participation whether large or small to have a successful conference and with the distance being so far this year we had a great turn out.

Introduction and recognition El Paso Community College Volunteers and Staff was conducted by Richard "Rick" Lobato.

**President's Distinguished Service Awards were presented by Terry Pritchett, President to:**

- Business Partner – SHW Group
- Facilities Member – Roberto "Rob" Ramirez – Texas A&M University-Kingsville/SSC Service Solutions

Robert "Rob" Ramirez was presented the President's gavel by Terry Pritchett. Rob gave a brief speech and expressed his appreciation to everyone for their support.

The new board members were recognized and sworn into office:

**FY 14 Officers:**

- Immediate Past President – Terry Pritchett, Tarleton/SSC Service Solutions
- President – Terry Pritchett – Tarleton/SSC Service Solutions
- Vice President – James "Jim" Norcom, III – Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer – Sallie Spotanski – UNT Health Science Center Fort Worth
- IT Information Service Officer – Mike Billingsley – Wharton County Junior College - Wharton

**FY 14 Directors:**

- Richard "Rick" Lobato – El Paso Community College Valle Verde (2017)
- Bridgett Blizzard – UT – Austin (2017)
- Gerry Rodriguez, Jr. – South Texas College (2016)
- Bettie Simpson- Weeks – University of Texas (2016)
- Marshall Lasswell – Texas A&M University/SSC Service Solutions – San Antonio (2015)
- Dee Littlejohn – Dallas Theological Seminary (2015)
- **FY 14 Business Partner Representative:**
  - Curtis King – Shoppa's (2015)

Also introduced was Miles Abernathy, TAPPA Photographer and Gloria Fuller, Event Administrator.

Terry Pritchett was presented with the Past President's Award and also a gift card from the TAPPA Board for his leadership during this past year.

## **Scholarships Awarded:**

James Norcom III, Scholarship Chairman, expressed his appreciation to all of the business partners for their support this year with and stated over \$21,085 had been received. James explained only one entry per university was permitted and dues must be paid. A representative from the university whose name is drawn must be present to win. TAPPA will match the donation up to \$1,000.00 for the restricted donations. Also, another first for TAPPA this year was for the Business Partner to present the scholarship to the recipient if they were able to attend the banquet, if not then James presented the scholarship. Pictures were taken of the recipients and will be on the website. The institutions who will receive scholarships this year are:

- 1. Steve and Patty Dumler (Restricted) - \$3,000.00 – Lamar Institute of Technology**
- 2. Marcis & Associates (Non Restricted) - \$2,000.00 – TWU Houston**
- 3. Siemens -(Non Restricted) - \$2,000 – Baylor/Aramark**
- 4. Gilsulate - \$1,500.00 (Restricted) – Dallas County Community College - Eastfield**
- 5. APPA - \$1,495.00 - Alamo Colleges – Palo Alto – (TAPPA will match up to \$1,000)**
- 6. Charter Roofing Company – \$1,000.00 (Non Restricted) - Alamo Colleges – NW Vista**
- 7. SHW Group - \$1,000.00 (Restricted) – Alamo Colleges – San Antonio**
- 8. LMC Corporation – \$1,000.00 (Restricted) – Tarleton/SSC Service Solutions**
- 9. JonMar Electric Inc. - \$1,000.00 (Restricted) – UT Austin**
- 10. Texas Energy Engineering Services Inc. - \$1,000.00 (Restricted) – Dallas Theological Seminary**
- 11. P2MG, LLC- \$1,000.00 (Restricted) – Texas A&M – San Antonio/SSC Service Solutions**
- 12. HC Enterprise, LLC (Non Restricted) – \$500.00 - Texas A&M-Kingsville/SSC Service Solutions**
- 13. Cotton USA – (Non Restricted) - \$500.00 – TCU**
- 14. Carrier Corporation – (Non Restricted) - \$500.00 – University of Houston – Main**
- 15. Castro Roofing – (Non Restricted) - \$500.00 – UNT Health Science Center – FW**
- 16. KBR, Inc. – (Restricted) - \$500.00 – UNT – Denton**
- 17. Texas Engineering Services, Inc. (Restricted) - \$500.00 – Wharton County Jr. College – Wharton**
- 18. Vaughn Construction - \$500.00 (Restricted) – University of Houston – Victoria**
- 19. CQC Testing and Engineering, LLC (Restricted) - \$500.00 – Wharton County Jr. College – Fort Bend**
- 20. Brave Architecture - \$500.00 (Non Restricted) – TWU – Denton**
- 21. Walter P. Moore - \$650.00 (Restricted) – Tarrant County College District – NW Campus**

The grand prize this year was a utility vehicle which was donated by Curtis King of Shoppa's. Curtis reinstated "To be eligible for the drawing, the current year's dues must be paid and only one entry per institution will be entered into the drawing; also a representative from that institution had to be present at the banquet. Midland College's name was drawn and Ken Riley accepted the vehicle on behalf of his university.

The 2015 Host were acknowledged and due to technical difficulties the 2015 Video could not be viewed; but it was announced it would be available on the website.

The 2014 conference came to a close at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallie Spotanski, Secretary/Treasurer