

## 2016 TAPPA Conference

The TAPPA 2016 Conference and Business Meeting was held April 16-31, 2016 in College Station, Texas at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center and was hosted by Texas A&M/SSC.

### **Saturday, April 16 2016:**

TAPPA Registration - (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) – Promenade Hallway  
Business Partner Exhibit Set up & Registration – (Noon to 5:00 p.m. - Bluebonnet Ballroom & Pre-function Hall)  
TAPPA Board Meeting & Dinner – (3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) – North/South Forty Rooms and Restaurant

### **Sunday, April 17 2016:**

Golf Tournament – Texas A&M Course Tee Time 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (lunch provided). Several nice door prizes were awarded along with the trophies for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dead Last, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.  
TAPPA Registration – (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) – Promenade Hallway  
Business Partner Exhibit Set up & Registration – (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Bluebonnet Ballroom & Pre-function Hall)  
First Time Attendee; Business Partner Reception & Talent Show Videos– (5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) – Oakwood Ballroom. Several door prizes were awarded at the First Time Attendee Session for both Facilities and Business Partners. Texas A&M's all – female a cappella group (Femmatas) will perform and also the a group of young boys and girls will dance.

Educational Sessions were also held on Sunday which included topics as Facility Management Programs at Texas A& M University – Working with and for the Industry; Improved Chiller Plant Performance Through Air-Dirt Separation at Youngstown State University and University of Akron; Best Practices Application for Cooling Tower Makeup Water Alternatives in the new Millennium; Healthy + Green= A Sustainable Life; Economic and Environmental Benefits of Central Plant Heat Pump Chillers.

Two Educational Sessions provided 1 CEU each; Job Ordering Contracting: A University Facility Management Perspective and Economic and Environmental Benefits of Central Plant Heat Pump Chillers.

### **Monday, April 18, 2016:**

Registration (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) – Promenade Hallway

**Welcome Opening Breakfast: - Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)**

The Welcome Breakfast was held in the Oakwood Ballroom beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Bettie Simpson Weeks – Interim Vice President, welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked the business partners for their participation and sponsorships and introduced James G. “Jim” Norcom III as TAPPA’s President.

Jim welcomed everyone and recognized all military personnel which included reserves both past and present and ask them to stand. Following their recognition; the audience sang along to the video of The Star Spangler Banner.

A special “thank you” was extended by Jim to US Water Services/ChemCal for being the 2016 Presidential Sponsor and Metro Golf Cars for the cart which will be awarded at the banquet on Tuesday Evening. In addition Jim acknowledged and express his appreciation to all business partners who contributed by means of sponsorships, scholarships and/or purchasing booth spaces this year. He stated without their support our association would not be what it has become today.

Jim thanked Texas A&M/SSC for hosting this year’s conference and also all the volunteers who assisted with the conference. He also asked the current board to stand.

Jim asked for all First Time Attendees to stand which included both facilities and business partners and announced this was the largest turn out ever in the history of TAPPA.

Also acknowledged were all Emeritus and 5 year members (included Business Partners and Facilities Personnel).

Christina Hills, APPA’s Director of Credentialing & Benchmarking and Glen Haubold, Immediate Past President of CAPPA were also asked to stand by Jim and be recognized. This was Christina’s first time to attend a TAPPA Conference.

Jim introduced Bob Casagrande – VP of Operations for Texas A&M/SSC. Bob extended a welcome and introduces Texas A&M/SSC representatives. He also announced carnival games at the business fair.

The golf tournament winners were recognized as follows by Jim and asked to stand:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Conley Group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Quad-Tex Construction
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – American Seating
- Dead Last – W. M. Klunkert
- Longest Drive – Kelly Conley
- Closet To Pin – Scott Lowe

Rob Ramirez, Immediate Past President introduced Blake Godkin, Director of Strategy and Innovation. Blake champions creativity at Oven Bits and has nearly 15 years of experience in the study and facilitation of strategy articulation and creative problem solving. Blake has served as a strategist and creativity consultant in a number of arenas – from the development of strategic plans for large public-sector organizations (including school districts and institutions of higher learning), to the design of next generation classrooms. Before moving into the private sector, Blake served in many areas of academia including a faculty position at Texas A&M University – teaching courses in creativity, entrepreneurship,

and futures studies. While at Texas A&M, he also was responsible for shepherding the development of the University's "Build Your Own Major" degree program – allowing student to focus in fields of study that have yet to be invented. Blake holds several degrees and has spoken at various national and international professional conferences and events.

Blake's Topic: Taking a Virtual Perspective on the Physical Plant

Blake's speech was very intriguing and interesting. "What If Physical Plants were think tanks?" He mentioned by 2020 Cisco estimates the world to be filled with 50 billion internet connected devices. In fact the discussion is now shifting from the "Internet of Things" to the Internet of Everything". What happens when we take a "virtual" perspective on these facilities". What are some practical ways in which we can think about and build towards the future? During Blake's speech he also showed a power point presentation.

A drawing was held and for two Surface Pro 4's for Early Registration and the winners were:

- Facilities: Sergio Rivera – Alamo Colleges
- Business Partner: Bob Casagrande – Texas A&M/SSC

An announcement was made about the educational session which would be held at 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the respective class rooms. Also, Casino Night will be held this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall with dinner being provided. Robert encouraged our business partners to also attend this fun event.

#### **Housekeeping Notes:**

- Badges must be worn at all times for access into the exhibit hall. Exhibit hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today and encouraged attendees to network and support business partners by attending the Business Partner Fair.
- Board Members, Host Staff, Volunteers are not eligible for door prizes bought with TAPPA funds with the exception of the over-all prizes at Casino Night.
- Reminded everyone to participate in the new Scavenger Hunt on the Guidebook Mobile App and for those who do not have a smart phone, instructions are in the registration bags. Drawing for a Hero will be held at 2:30 p.m. today at the registration desk area.
- There is also a Mystery Business Partner Hunt and the winner will be announced on Tuesday at the Business Luncheon. Forms must be turned in by 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday at the registration desk area.
- Encouraged everyone to download the Guidebook Mobile App as election of officers will be conducted this year using the app. Instructions are posted on a sign in the registration area.
- Announcement of Tuesday Tours will pick up and drop off at the Hotel front entrance.

- Business Partner Meeting in the Brazos Room at 4:00 p.m. today: Gold Booth Space relating to the 2017 Conference will be awarded. Nominations and election for the Junior Business Partner will take place and the new BP will serve a two year term as a non-voting member on the Board. A Sign in Sheet will be available and only one representative will need to sign in to obtain a ticket for the drawing.
- Facilities Members Meeting in the Mockingbird Room A&B at 4:00 p.m.
- Scholarship Applications must be submitted by Tuesday Business Meeting and only one entry per institution/campus and a representative must be present at the time of the drawing. Laptop will be available in the registration area for submitting application.
- Casino Night is tonight and play begins at 7:30 p.m. in the North/South Forty Rooms. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakwood and Casino Bucks are in the badge holders and also one drink ticket. There will be some very nice prizes awarded

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

### **Lunch – Monday, April 18th**

The meeting began at 12:00 p.m. in the Oakwood Ballroom

Jim welcomed everyone and expressed his appreciation for their attendance and recognized the Presidential Sponsor, US Water Services/ChemCal, the Grand Prize Sponsor and all who sponsored different activities or events this year.

Jim reminded everyone about the educational classes which will be held this afternoon, so please sure to attend. An additional reminder was made about the Business Partner and Facilities Meeting this afternoon and to be sure and visit the various exhibits. Jim extend an invitation for everyone to participate in a great evening which had been planned that included a talent show, dinner and casino play. Play money and drink tickets are in badges and badges must be worn. Everyone is eligible for a prize if they are selected as a winner. Several drawings will be held during the casino event

Several door prizes were awarded by various business partners following announcements.

This session ended at approximately 1:30 p.m.

### **Business Partner Meeting: Monday, April 18th**

The Business Partner Meeting began approximately at 4:10 p.m. and was conducted by Bob Casagrande, Senior Business Partner and Rhonna Endres, Junior Business Partner.

A sign in sheet was made available which had all Business Partners listed. One ticket was given to a representative of the company.

SRG won the Gold Booth space relating to the 2017 Conference and selected Booth 55 for their space. Shari Fricke was elected as the new Junior Partner Representative. One of the current Business Partners Liaison will provide the board with a report at a later date.

The sign in sheet will be placed in the Secretary/Treasurer's records.

### **Facilities Meeting: Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

No information at this time as Terry Pritchett, Director is conducting this meeting and will provide a report of the meeting at a later date.

### **Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

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

Jim welcomed everyone and announced everyone seemed to have a great time during Casino Night and some great prizes were given.

The 2017 Gold Booth Space Recipient was Asset Works as their name was drawn at the Business Partner Meeting held Monday afternoon. Shari Fricke was elected as the new Junior Business Partner Liaison and acknowledged.

Scholarship applications must be submitted by Noon today and please do not forget to load Guidebook as election for officers/directors will be done electronically this year.

Also anyone who wishes to serve on the board to be sure to turn in a nomination to Bettie Simpson Weeks, Interim Vice-President or any board member as there are several vacancies.

U S Water/Chem Cal was again acknowledged and thanked for being our Presidential Sponsor along with Metro Golf Cars for the Grand Prize donations. Without our various sponsors and business partners our conference would not be possible. Jim also thanked our refreshment break sponsors.

Numerous educational sessions will take place today beginning at 11:00 a.m. and after the Business Meeting Luncheon at noon. Topics and locations can be found in the conference brochure or on the Mobile App. Also, Jim, reminded everyone to please drop by and visit the various business partners. And also not to forget about the Mystery Vendor Game.

A group photo will be taken immediately following breakfast and everyone will meet up with Miles for the location and photo shoot.

The spouse tour of the George Bush Library will be at 9:30 a.m. and van will load at 9:30. will be held also this afternoon from 2:30- 4:00 p.m. and spouse tours will be available at the times listed in the conference brochure.

Several door prizes were awarded by various business partners during the meeting.

There being no further announcements or business the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.  
**Business Luncheon: April 19, 2016**

The business meeting was officially called to order at 12:30 p.m. by James G. Norcom III, President.

US Water/ChemCal was acknowledged for being the 2016 Presidential Sponsor and Metro Golf Cars for being the Grand Prize Sponsors along with all Business Partners who participated in this year's event.

Jim also thanked Grainger for being the lunch sponsor and also Garratt-Callahan and Siemen's for their break sponsorships

**President's Report:** Jim gave an overview via a power point presentation to the general assembly of the goals and missions he had established after he was elected President at last year's conference. Also shown were the accomplishments which he made and the board made throughout the year.

Sallie Spotanski, Secretary/Treasurer presented the minutes which are posted on the website from the 2015 Conference and stated these had been previously approved by the board. A motion was made by Rob Ramirez to accept the minutes as posted and seconded by Terry Pritchett. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim requested the Treasurer's Report to be presented at this time. Sallie stated the board had approved her report as follows at the 2016 Board Meeting which covered the time frame of May 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. The report included the following accounts:

- o Account 0525 (Main) - \$26,513.54
- o Account 4750 (Savings) - \$12,414.78
- o Account 1639 (Scholarship) - \$14,165.24
- o Account 1837 (Merchant) - \$217,901.16
- o **Sub Total - \$270,994.72**

**Conference Accounts:**

- o Account 8127 (2016 Conference) - \$77,535.94
- o Account 9649 (2017 Conference) - \$17,360.00
- o **Sub Total - \$94,895.94**
- o **Combined Total - \$365,890.66**

Sallie stated the balances are before expenses pertaining to the 2016 Conferences. Several spreadsheets relating to the Secretary/Treasurer's report were placed at each table for the membership to review. The spreadsheets pertained to accounts listed above and reflected balances as of March 31, 2016. The information is for recording purposes only.

Jim called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Juan Ontiveros made the motion and Mike Billingsley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

No mention of the dues was announced for the upcoming year.

## **IT Report – Mike Billingsley, Chair**

Mike stated he had no updates to report at this time.

**Scholarship Committee Report:** Jim acting as Chair, thanked all contributors and stated at this time \$7,500 had been received for scholarships at this time. This year due to finances TAPPA would not be matching funds for the 2016 winners. Also, those business partners who donated scholarships in the past diverted their funds to help pay for other conference sponsorships this year, such as meals, golf holes, breaks, etc.

Jim reminded everyone a representative from the institution whose name is drawn at banquet tonight must have a representative from their institution present in order to be accept the scholarship. Only one winner from each institution will be allowed.

## **By-Laws Committee Report: Interim – Vice President - Bettie Simpson Weeks**

At this time the By-Laws committee has no proposed changes however there will be changes would be forthcoming as the committee is working diligently on this task.

## **Special Awards, Rob Ramirez, Chair**

Rob announced the names of the winners for the Special Awards would be announced at the banquet tonight.

## **Nomination Committee: Bettie Simpson- Weeks, Interim Vice President- Chair**

Several names were submitted to the Nominating Committee for several vacant director's position and since voting would be done electronically this year for the first time. Thus, the following names were presented and members of TAPPA are allowed to vote two votes. There were no floor nominations

### **2016 Director – Position # 1**

**Christina Williams – Texas Woman's University**

**Steve Rodriguez – Alamo Jr. College**

**David Reynolds – University of North Texas**

**Mike Feyen – Wharton County Junior College**

### **2016 Director – Position # 2**

**Christina Williams – Texas Woman's University**

**Mike Feyen –Wharton County Jr. College**

**Steve Rodriguez – Alamo Jr. College**

**David Reynolds – University of North Texas**

### **2017 Director – Position**

**Autumn Redman – Texas A&M**

**Mike Wheeler – University of Houston**

The membership voted and based upon the number of votes received electronically by each candidate the names and their terms of office are as follows:

**2019 Directors:**

- **Mike Feyen**
- **David Reynolds**

**2017 Directors:**

- **Mike Wheeler**

Bettie did not seek re-election as she retired from UT- Austin on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Rick Lobato stated his letter of resignation was intended to be a temporary leave of absence sometime during the conference to Jim and Bettie; therefore, he will retain his title of Vice President. He will serve another year as Vice President. An official note will be forthcoming for the records.

**May 1, 2015 is the official date for the new board to take effect.**

Several door prizes were given out and Specialty Supply & Installation was announced as the mystery vendor. A Hero was awarded to a recipient from Alamo College.

Jim reminded everyone about the awards banquet tonight and to be sure and attend as scholarships will be awarded and someone from the institution must be present. Also Metro will be giving away a golf car and the talent show winner will be announced and Elvis will be performing.

There being no further business to discuss Jim called for a motion to adjourn the official business meeting. Bettie Simpson-Weeks made the motion and Mike Feyen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The annual business meeting officially adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**Conference Banquet: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)**

The meeting was called to order 7:30 by James G. Norcom, III President.

US Water/ChemCal was recognized as this year's Presidential Sponsor. Metro Golf Cars was also recognized for providing the Grand Prize. Jim thanked all business partners for their support.

Jim introduced the Bob Casagrande as this year's host and the host staff and volunteers from Texas A&M/SSC. Bob expressed his appreciation for a great conference and introduce the contestants of the talent show based on the theme TAPPA's Got Talent"

- ❖ Jeff Heye, SSC – Juggling: College Station
- ❖ Kirk Herbold, Texas Lutheran University – Singing: Seguin, Texas
- ❖ Paula Beebe and her bird, Peachy Beebe: Castro Roofing
- ❖ SSC Dancers, " Taking Care of Business" (Anna Barwick, Barbara Musgrove, Sara Boreen, Stephanie King, College Station



- ❖ Tommy Wallace, Southern Methodist University –singing, Dallas, Texas

The judges were Jim Norcom, Richard Gentry and Glen Haubold.

The winner was Jeff Heye who won the Samsung 48” Smart Flat Screen TV.

Bob introduced Elvis (played by Kraig Parker) who entertain us with some great songs and also several attendees danced during his entertainment.

**President’s Distinguished Service Awards presented by Rob Ramirez:**

- Business Partner – Rhonna Endres, SDB Contracting Services
- Facilities Member – Yana Stephens, SMU/Aramark

**Emeritus Awards were presented to:**

- Bettie Simpson-Weeks and Arthur “Art” Skyes.

Art’s award was presented to him remotely and he expressed his appreciation to all as he had planned to attend but was recovering from an injury and just got home from the hospital.

Bettie expressed her appreciation and said she will still be supporting TAPPA in the future although she officially retired from UT on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The new board members were recognized and sworn into office as:

**FY 16 Officers:**

- President – James G. “Jim” Norcom, III, University of Houston - Main
- Vice President – Richard “Rick” Lobato – El Paso Community College – Val Verde Campus
- Secretary/Treasurer – Sallie Spotanski – UNT Health Science Center Fort Worth
- IT Information Service Officer – Mike Billingsley – Wharton County Junior College - Wharton

**FY 16 Directors:**

- Mike Feyen – Wharton County Junior College (2019)
- David Reynolds - University of North Texas (2019)
- Michael Brantley – Dallas County Community College – Eastfield (2018)
- Yana Stephens – Aramark/SMU (2018)
- Terry Pritchett – Howard Payne (2017)
- Mike Wheeler – University of Houston (2017)

**FY 15 Business Partner:**

- Rhonna Endres, Senior Business Partner Liaison, SDB Contracting Services, (2017)
- Shari Fricke, Junior Business Partner Liaison, EMR Elevators (2018)Also introduced was Miles Abernathy, TAPPA Photographer and Gloria Fuller, Event Administrator.

### **Scholarships Awarded:**

Jim acting as Scholarship Chairperson expressed his appreciation to all of the business partners for their support this year with and stated \$7,500 had been donated. 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 and the winners were

- 1. Siemen's - (Restricted) - \$2,000 – El Paso Community College – Admin Service Center**
- 2. Marcias - (Restricted) - \$2,000 - UNT Health Science Center Fort Worth**
- 3. Gilsulate International, Inc. - (Restricted) - \$1,500 – Howard Payne University**
- 4. EMR - (Restricted) - \$1,000 – El Paso Community College – NW Campus**
- 5. EMR - (Non -Restricted) – \$1,000.00 – McLennan Community College**
  
- 6. APPA – Institute (\$1,495 in kind donation) presented by Christina Hills to Texas Lutheran University**

### **GRAND Prize Drawings: Shelton Riley acted on behalf of Metro Golf Cars**

To be eligible for these drawings, the current year's dues must be paid and only one entry per institution was entered into the drawing; also an institutional representative must be present at the banquet in order to accept the prize.

Texas Tech name was drawn to receive the golf car.

Hollis Dyer invited everyone to attend the 2017 Conference which would be hosted by TCU in Fort Worth. The date of the conference will be April 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> and will held at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Fort Worth. He is looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Several door prizes were awarded to Business Partners and Facilities personnel.

The 2016 conference came to a close at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallie Spotanski, Secretary/Treasurer