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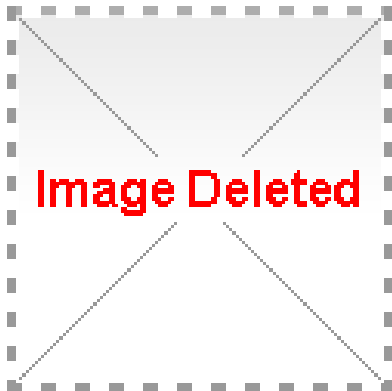
Presidents Message

President's Message Feb 2011

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TRASA Accessibility Professionals Association

Raising the Standards



2010 President Fred Cawyer
passes the gavel to 2011
President Michael Love

We had a fantastic meeting to start off this year with 182 in attendance. Few organizations have this level of participation and we are excited so many were able to enjoy the event and learn from the outstanding speakers. We again congratulate President Fred Cawyer along with our Board & Committee Chairs in leading us through a successful 2010. As you know, our members make up 60% of the RAS's in Texas. If you have not yet renewed your membership this year, we hope you will continue with us in 2011. To renew, just go to TRASATexas.com and look for Member Signup. This is an important year for our industry with the transition to the new 2010 Standards. Through this year, our members will learn and participate as this moves forward. We want you to be a part of it with us and to share your input.

You too can make a difference. We have 72 members already participating this year in a variety of committees. As we start off 2011, we hope you will become actively involved. One way is from the comfort from your home or office through Go-To Meeting. If you have a computer, it is a simple link to an emailed committee meeting invitation. If you happen to be out of the office, you can attend by phone. Contact Shirley Knox, our Executive Director in Austin at scknox@sbcglobal.net or call 512-415-5938 to sign-up for upcoming meetings. Our committees are listed on our website along with information on where we have been and things we are looking into this year.

If you were not able to be in Round Rock in January, here are a few of the highlights . . .

Keynote Speaker David Capozzi, Executive Director of the Access Board, came to us from Washington DC. Following, from The Department of Justice, Mary Adams discussed the implementation of the new 2010 Standards and the importance of understanding the scoping in applying the Standards. She highlighted certain changes to watch for in their use in the near future.

TDLR's Executive Director, William Kuntz and Brian Francis were both there, along with George Ferrie, David Gonzalez and Robert Posey. They were very supportive of the direction TRASA has taken in elevating Specialists across the state and congratulated us on broadening our opportunities in looking beyond Texas as Accessibility Professionals. The RAS program has been so successful, they are now looking at this model for several other programs under the agency.

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Bob responded to dozens of questions that had been submitted earlier by our members with thoroughly researched responses. This two hour program was extremely beneficial in reminding RAS's the importance of accurate application of TAS.

Helpful to new and experienced members, Chris Schexnayder walked through the Marriott facility with us in a mock inspection. He pointed out principals of a proper inspection and items that should not be overlooked by the inspector.

Kim Goss arranged our Casino Night on Thursday. Hopefully you did not miss this exciting evening which also included our silent auction for the Jim Boyce Scholarship. We raised over \$3000 toward accessibility education.

Many just as important seminars and discussions took place through the week. I thank all of you that worked so hard and contributed hours and hours in preparing for the event. All our speakers and committee members along with Shirley Knox and Nina Piquet orchestrated a very productive three days. Plan your calendar now to be a part of the 2012 Annual Meeting the last week in January.

Along with your Board for 2011, I am looking forward in working shoulder to shoulder with all our members this coming year. -Mike

TRASA & Texas Governor's Committee on People With Disabilities (GCPD) Accessibility Award Recipients Announced!



Hillcrest Baptist/Scott and White Healthcare receive Award

Congratulations to this year's award recipients. The following 2010 TRASA & Texas Governor's Committee on People With Disabilities (GCPD) Awards were presented in conjunction with the Texas Registered Accessibility Specialists

Association Annual Meeting on Thursday - 20 January 2011 @ 11:15am at the Austin Marriott North - 2600 LaFrontera Blvd. @ I-35 / Round Rock, Texas.

Educational Facilities Category:

The University of Texas at Arlington - New Chemistry and Physics Building

606 West South Street

Arlington, Texas

Medical Care Facilities Category:

Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center / Scott & White Healthcare - New Hospital

100 Hillcrest Medical Blvd. @ I-35 South

Waco, Texas

Recreational Facility:

Morgan's Wonderland - Special Needs (Amusement) Park

5223 David Edwards Drive

San Antonio, Texas

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