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A hearty howdy from the Texas Panhandle! (Yes, there is a Texas Panhandle. It is the rectangular part at the top of the Texas map.) We are proud people here in the Panhandle of Texas. Are we all proud to be Texans? I think so. And I think Texas Appraisal Districts have a right to be proud as well. We have come a long way since the passage of Senate Bill 621 in 1979.

The journey has not been easy or swift but it has been successful. The Comptroller's Annual Property Tax Report for the tax year 2002 (the latest final report), shows property tax appraisal is as good as it has ever been at a median level of 1.00 Statewide. We should continue to improve in every way possible, but we have accomplished something for which we should be proud.

However, the latest information and press releases indicate that the governor's office is

convinced, at least in part, that we are not doing as well as we should. Although we may feel confident in the quality of the job we are doing, most of our current legislature and the governor were not

"around" before the changes brought about by SB 621. They did not experience the previous property tax system and as a result may not have the comparison between the two. It makes me feel like an "old timer" because I remember how unfair and unequal the system was "back in those days." I do not want to return to the day when property valuation was politicized and lacked uniformity. There are some things we can do to



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Hello...

...and Farewell



What a tremendous honor you have given me to allow me to be your president this past year. TAAD has always been the one organization that I believe has consistently focused

on improving the professionalism of its members in every possibly way while maintaining keeping its fees to a minimum. It was my goal to move forward with even stronger ethics, better education, and better training for chief appraisers, board members, ARB members, and staff.

As most of you know, a key goal of my year was to better prepare the chief appraisers of tomorrow for the task they face. To that end, the

Chief Appraiser's Institute was formed with the support and assistance of the Education Committee and the Executive Board. I am so pleased with the first class of 23 who will complete their work this November. I surely believe they will be well prepared to fill the many openings that will occur this decade. Better, more knowledgeable chief appraisers mean fewer complaints to legislators and tax unit administrators.

There is still much to do. Best wishes to Pat, Michael, Charley, and Kathy as they lead us through this year. Thanks again to all of you who gave of your talents and time to make TAAD even better. May God bless you all.

Richard Petree

TAAD's Mission Statement

The purpose of the Association shall be promoting the effective, professional and ethical administration of the appraisal districts in Texas.

Welcome to **Brett McKibben**, taking over as chief appraiser at the Coryell CAD on (no foolin') April 1. He previously served as deputy chief appraiser at Howard CAD.

Sad news from South Texas—the Cameron CAD reports the death of **Erwin “Scotty” Scott**, a longtime board member of the district. Folks who knew him would tell you he never met a stranger, and had a firm handshake and a conversation for everyone who passed through his life. TAAD sends its sympathy to his friends and family.

TAAD sends its sympathy to the family of **Fred Fox**, retired chief appraiser of the Deaf Smith CAD and a charter member of TAAD. Mr. Fox died in late March.

Thanks to **John Marshall** of the Tarrant AD as he completes his term as a board member of the Texas County and District Retirement System. He was the first appraisal district representative appointed to the board, and he has served since 1996. TAAD appreciates your hard work and efforts.

Welcome to **Jim Childers**, chief appraiser for Potter-Randall CAD, the newest member of the Board of Tax Professional Examiners effective in February 2004. Governor Rick Perry appointed him to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Stanton Brown. Childers' term will expire on March 1, 2007.

- The **Van Zandt County Appraisal District** is seeking a **Chief Appraiser**. Applicants should have a RPA designation and experience in the property tax field. The position requires strong administrative, organizational, management and appraisal skills. Salary negotiable, depending upon experience and qualifications. Send resume to: W.A. Daniels, Chairman of the Board; Van Zandt County Appraisal District; PO Box 926; Canton, TX 75103. The Van Zandt CAD

is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Deadline for resumes is May 31, 2004.

- The **Brown County Appraisal District** is accepting applications for the position of **Appraiser**. Applicants should have an RPA designation and experience in commercial and residential appraisal. Salary negotiable, depending upon experience and qualifications. Send resume to: Linda Meeks; Brown County Appraisal District; 403 Fisk; Brownwood, TX 76801.

April 29-30	TREC Outlook/Texas Rural Land Markets, College Station
May 15-20	23rd Annual TACA Seminar, South Padre Island
Aug. 9	TAAD Third Quarter Executive Board meeting, Austin
Aug. 22-24	TAAO Annual Conference, Corpus Christi Omni Bayfront Hotel
Aug. 29-Sept. 1	IAAO Annual Conference, Boston
Sept. 1-3	18 th Annual TREC/TAMU Legal Seminar, San Antonio Hyatt Riverwalk
Oct. 18-19	LBJ Tax Institute/Comptroller's Conference, Austin
Nov. 14-16	Texas Rural Chief Appraisers Conference, Austin Omni Southpark
Nov. 15-17	TACA Conference-VG Young Institute, College Station
Nov. 17	TAAD Fourth Quarter Executive Board meeting, Austin
Jan. 10, 2005	79 th Legislature Convenes
Feb. 20-23, 2005	TAAD 24 th Annual Conference, Renaissance Austin Hotel

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Gene Landry
Jefferson CAD

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Buddy Winn
Brazos CAD

REGION 7

Michael Barnett
Smith CAD

REGION 8

Katrina Perry
Titus CAD

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Larry Ward
Grayson CAD

REGION 11

Jerry Lee
Erath CAD

REGION 12

Robert Waldrop
McLennan CAD

REGION 13

Lynn Rodgers
Comal CAD

REGION 14

Larry Crooks
Scurry CAD

REGION 15

Orlando Rubio
McCulloch CAD

REGION 16

Jim Childers
Potter-Randall CAD

REGION 17

Garth Gregory
Kent CAD

REGION 18

Ann Stapp
Pecos CAD

REGION 19

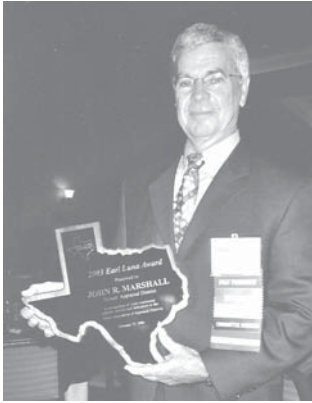
vacant

REGION 20

William Haenn
Kinney CAD

John Marshall is 2003's Earl Luna Award winner

This award is named for the first president of TAAD, the late Earl Luna, who also served on the Dallas Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. How appropriate it is that the 2003 winner, John R. Marshall of the Tarrant CAD, was the first chief appraiser hired by Mr. Luna.



Over the years the award has been recognized as being presented to a person who has gone above and beyond what is expected of a member to support and promote the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts. This is TAAD's version of the Most Valuable Player.

Marshall has spent nearly two decades in public service in appraisal districts. Even so, there was time to serve TAAD – as Legislative Committee Chair, as Conference Committee Chair, as Budget Committee Chair, as a member of various committees—even working through the ranks of the TAAD Executive Board, and finally serving as president. Our winner has also served as chair of the Metropolitan Council of Appraisal Districts, and has been one of TAAD's state representatives to IAAO.

Marshall has served terms as president both of TAAD and the Texas Municipal League. He was the first chief appraiser at Dallas Central Appraisal District, and now serves at Tarrant Appraisal District. Marshall is a Viet Nam veteran. He has an extensive background in city management, having previously served as city manager at Lancaster and Gladewater.

Earl Luna Award Winners

- 2002 Rick Kuehler, Dallas CAD
- 2001 Buddy Winn, Brazos CAD
- 2000 Rod Lewallen, Callahan CAD (retired)
- 1999 Charles Gaskamp, Washington CAD (retired)
- 1998 Roy Holcomb, Lee CAD (formerly)
- 1997 Dana Ripley, Bastrop CAD (formerly)
- 1996 W. B. Criswell, Lubbock CAD BOD
- 1995 Walter Stoneham, Bexar AD (retired)
- 1994 Michael Barnett, Smith CAD
- 1993 Sid Danner, Cherokee CAD (retired)
- 1992 Bill Lovelady, El Paso CAD BOD
- 1991 Roland Bieber, Jefferson CAD
- 1990 Bill Carroll, Williamson CAD
- 1989 Ken Graeber, (formerly) Harris CAD
- 1988 Jackie Self, Kaufman CAD
- 1987 Richard Petree, Taylor CAD
- 1986 James Archer (formerly) Travis CAD
- 1986 Earl Luna (deceased), Dallas CAD BOD

Who was EARL LUNA ?



Earl Luna was a prominent attorney in Dallas in private practice for many years under the name of Earl Luna & Associates. He was the attorney for many school districts in Dallas County and represented many of them as their delinquent tax attorney. He also served as the attorney for Dallas County. Mr. Luna was elected to the first Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District in 1980 and became the first Chairman of the Board, a position he held for his entire time on the Board of Directors (1980 - 1989).

Mr. Luna was instrumental in forming an association of appraisal districts, beginning in 1980. He and the Dallas Central Appraisal District hosted the first conference of appraisal districts in 1981; during this conference in Dallas the groundwork was laid for the current Texas Association of Appraisal Districts. Also at this conference Mr. Luna was elected the first President of TAAD, serving through 1982.

W. B. Criswell is Board Member of the Year for 2003

Board Member of the Year Award

This award is annually presented to the outstanding appraisal district director — a tough choice because TAAD has many board members in the association, and all contribute in their own way. For 2003, W. B. Criswell, Lubbock CAD Board of Directors, was chosen for the honor by TAAD President Richard Petree.

Through Criswell's service as a director of his appraisal district for nearly two decades, he has given back to his community. He's been the district's board chair since 1987. His public service doesn't stop there — he's been a director of the Plains Co-op Compress, the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, the Plains Cotton Co-op Association, the Plains Gas Users Association, the Plains Cotton Growers, the Texas Association of Cotton Producers, and many more local, state and national agricultural bodies.

He's been all over the board at TAAD — working his way through the executive office track and serving as the association's president, he was the 1996 *Earl Luna Award* winner, and he's served on TAAD's Legislative Committee for better than a decade. (A little-known fact is he's been a virtual one-man campaign to put *beef* on as many TAAD banquet menus as possible!)

Not to be forgotten — when you see our winner, you can count on seeing his wife, Jo Ellen. And you may be seeing them on his motorcycle!

Previous Board Members of the Year

2002	Deborah Hunt, Williamson CAD
2001	Roxana Tom, Atascosa CAD
2000	Gene Landry, Jefferson CAD
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1998	Jack Cargill (formerly), Terry CAD



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help preserve and improve this system as individuals but much more that we can do as an organization, as TAAD.

The appointment of committees is possibly the most important single function of your president. Certainly, the effort of our committees goes a long way in demonstrating our resolve and our effectiveness as an organization. I have tried to appoint committee chairs, vice chairs and committee members that I believe will work in the best interests of TAAD.

I have appointed Jim Robinson as Chair of the TAAD Legislative Committee and Buddy Winn and Jim Childers as Vice-chairs. My hope is that they, and what I believe to be a well rounded and diverse group of committee members, will be able to influence our law makers to understand what we actually do and not be directed by misinformation. It is incumbent upon us all to support this effort by not only becoming the best resource for the governor and our senators and representatives, but further to enlist the assistance of our local leaders; county judges, mayors, superintendents and other influential citizens. If a special session is called, and I believe there to be a good chance it will, this could be a very important time for us to act in this way.

Sandy Griffin will serve as Chair and Ron

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ARB Committee

Chair: Sandy Griffin, Perdue Brandon Fielder
Collins & Mott 04-05
Vice Chair: Ron Huckabay, Andrews CAD 04-05
Twila Butler, Hardeman CAD 03-04
Willy Dilworth, Washington CAD 03-04
Peter Low, Law Office of Peter Low 03-04
Pat Moraw, Milam CAD 03-04
Richard Mohundro, Ellis CAD 03-04
Glenda Strackbein, Gonzales CAD 04
Teresa Terry, Harris CAD 04
Kathy Vermillion, San Patricio CAD 03-04
Darville Orr, Gray CAD BOD 04-05
Jeanine Hawkins, Wheeler CAD 04-05
Ola Moore, Smith CAD BOD 04-05

Budget Committee

Chair: Kathy Rodrigue, Ellis CAD 04-05
Vice Chair: Richard Petree, Taylor CAD 04
Mike Amezquita, Cameron CAD 03-04
Patricia Davis, Nolan CAD 04
John Dennis, Kimble CAD 03-04
Joe Forsythe, Denton CAD 03-04
Rick Kuehler, Dallas CAD 03-04
David Piwonka, Waller CAD 04-05
Roxana Tom, Atascosa CAD BOD 04-05

Bylaws Committee

Chair: Dave Kimbrough, Lubbock CAD 04-05
Vice Chair: Alonzo Vega, Hidalgo CAD 04-05
Kaye Cornutt, Mitchell CAD 03-04
John Brown, Denton CAD 04
Janice Henry, Bosque CAD 03-04
Diane Munson, Lavaca CAD 04-05
David Piwonka, Waller CAD 03-04
Glenda Strackbein, Gonzales CAD 03-04
Robert Waldrop, McLennan CAD 03-04
Donita Davis, Carson CAD 04-05

Conference Committee

Chair: Rick Kuehler, Dallas CAD 04-05
Vice Chair: Deborah Hunt, Williamson CAD
BOD 04-05
Art Cory, Travis CAD 04-05
Cheryl Evans, Brazoria CAD 03-04
Garth Gregory, Kent CAD 04-05
Linda Jaynes, McLennan CAD 03-04
David Luther, Jasper CAD 04
John Marshall, Tarrant AD 04-05
Karen McCord, Ector CAD 04-05
Sands Stiefer, Harris CAD 03-04
Jim Honderich, Gray CAD 04-05
Jackie Self, Kaufman CAD 04-05

Education Committee

Chair: Mike Barnett, Smith CAD 04-05
Vice Chair: Sands Stiefer, Harris CAD 04-05
Jeff Craig, Tarrant AD 03-04
Jim Honderich, Gray CAD 04-05
Scott Howard, MVB&A(ex-officio) 03-04
Ann Stapp, Pecos CAD 04
Leta Schlinke, Kendall CAD 04-05
Glen Whitehead, Fort Bend CAD 03-04
Ronny Babcock, Somervell CAD 04-05
Patricia Davis, Nolan CAD 04
Kathy Vermillion, San Patricio CAD 04
Frutoso Gomez, Cameron CAD 04-05
Brent South, Rockwall CAD 04-05
Eddy Trigg, Wichita CAD 04-05
Scott Griscom, Bexar CAD 04-05

Industry Liaison Committee

Chair: John Marshall, Tarrant AD 04-05
Vice Chair: Vance Liston, SBC 04-05
Bill Allaway, Texas Taxpayers & Research Organization
04
Carolyn Allen, Polk CAD 03
Ronny Burran, Terry CAD 04
Jim Carpenter, Pritchard & Abbott 04
Michael Fregia, Chambers CAD 04
Ollie Grant, Nueces CAD 04
Larry Holub, Wharton CAD 04
Hugh Landrum Jr., Hugh Landrum & Associates 04
Don Lee, Conference of Urban Counties 04
Bob Lehn, T. Y. Pickett 04
James Ramsey, CenterPoint Energy 04
Charles Stone, Harris CAD 04
Rod Sturgeon, Exxon/Mobil 04
Peggy Wardlaw, Wardlaw Appraisal Group 04
Ken Wright, Galveston CAD 04
Lewis Henderson, ARS 04-05
John Ostendorf, Ellis CAD 04-05
David Strother, Denton CAD 04-05
Jerry Bundick, Midland CAD 04-05
Bill Carroll, Williamson CAD 04-05

TAAD committee and board meetings are open to all members. You are welcome to drop in, watch the action and offer helpful suggestions! Contact the committee chair to find out when the next meeting will be held.

Legislative Committee

Chair: Jim Robinson, Harris CAD 04-05
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 Mike Barnett, Smith CAD 04-05
 Roland Bieber, Jefferson CAD 04-05
 Art Cory, Travis CAD 04-05
 W. B. Criswell, Lubbock CAD BOD 04-05
 Terry Decker, Rusk CAD 04
 Charley Hecker, El Paso CAD BOD 04
 Charles Holmes, Panola CAD BOD 04
 Deborah Hunt, Williamson CAD BOD 04-05
 Doran Lemke, Brown CAD 04
 David Luther, Jasper CAD 04
 John Marshall, Tarrant AD 04-05
 Dan McDevitt, Hays CAD BOD 04
 Kathy Rodrigue, Ellis CAD 04-05
 Roxana Tom, Atascosa CAD BOD 04-05
 Larry Ward, Grayson CAD 04
 Todd Paxton, Hockley CAD 04-05
 Robert Waldrop, McLennan CAD 04-05
 Foy Mitchell, Dallas CAD 04-05
 Karen McCord, Ector CAD 04-05
 Ron Stegall, Midland CAD 04-05
 Lee Flowers, Cherokee CAD 04
 Troy Sloan, Stephens CAD 04-05
 Richard Petree, Taylor CAD 04-05

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 Rosalva Guerra, Zapata CAD 03-04
 Katrina Perry, Titus CAD 03-04
 David Piwonka, Waller CAD 04-05
 Donita Davis, Carson CAD 04-05

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 Amelia Stayton, Lee CAD 04
 John England, Denton CAD 04-05
 James Morgan, ARS 04-05

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 Victor Perry, Maverick CAD 03-04
 Amelia Stayton, Lee CAD 03-04
 Keith Toomire, Howard CAD 03-04
 Kathy Vermillion, San Patricio 03-04
 Roland Bieber, Jefferson CAD 04-05
 Garth Gregory, Kent CAD 04-05

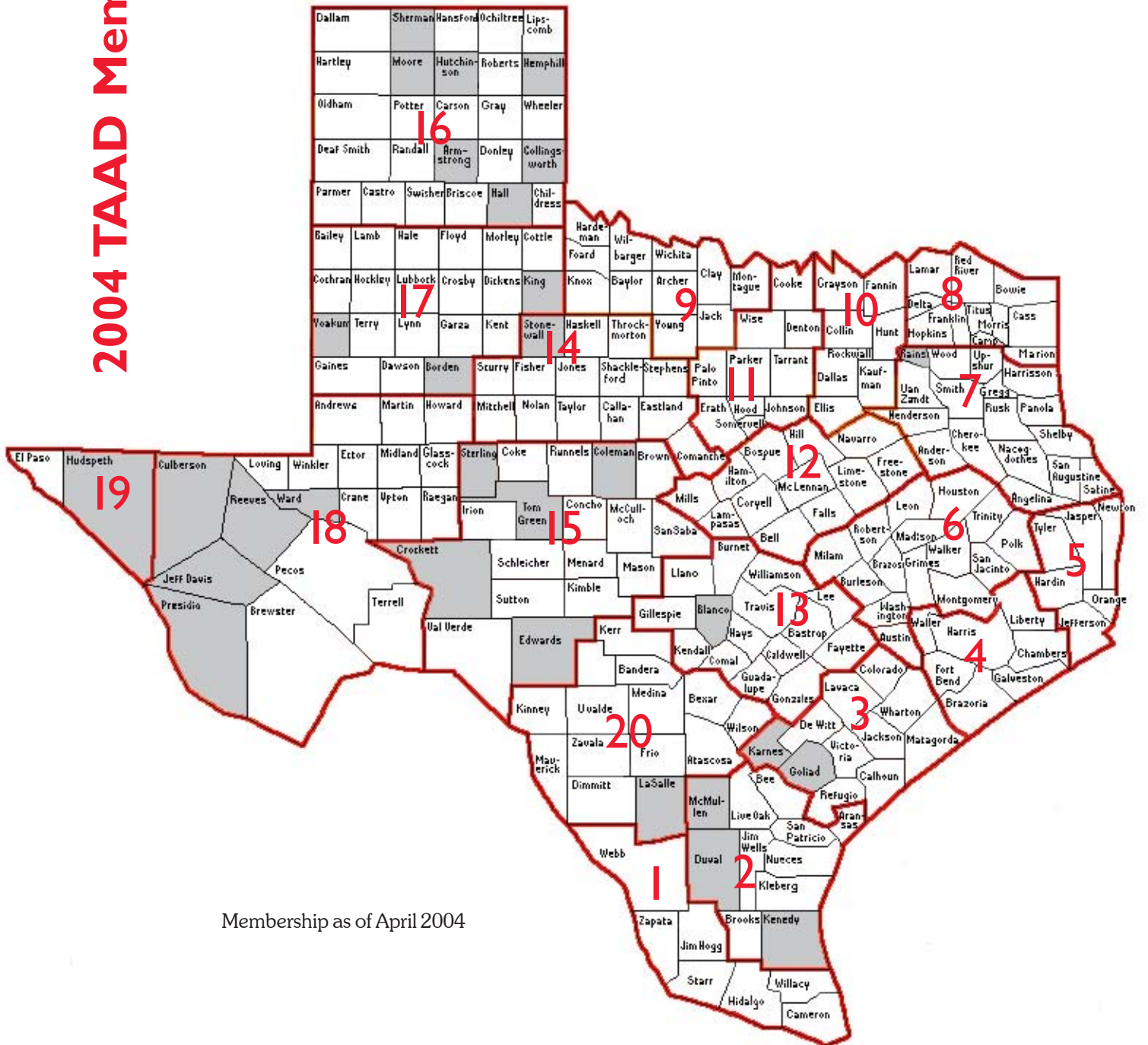
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Chair: Ron Stegall, Midland CAD 04-05
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 James Archer, PTD
 Buddy Breivogel, PTD
 Kay Byrd, Kent CAD 04
 Deborah Cartwright, PTD
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 Bernie Little, PTD
 Mike McKibben, Hill CAD 04
 Dave Montoya, BTPE
 Sarah Pruit, Delta CAD 04
 Bob Tarola, Tarrant AD 04
 Buddy Winn, Brazos CAD 04
 Tim Wooten, PTD
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 Gene Landry, Jefferson CAD BOD 03-04
 Jerry Lee, Erath CAD 03-04
 Darville Orr, Gray CAD BOD 04-05
 Twila Butler, Hardeman CAD 04-05
 Jean Whiteside, Panola CAD BOD 03-04
 John England, Denton CAD 04-05

2004 TAAAD Membership



2004 TAAD Member Appraisal Districts by Region

Region 1

Cameron
Hidalgo
Jim Hogg
Starr
Webb
Willacy
Zapata

Region 2

Aransas
Bee
Brooks
Jim Wells
Kleberg
Live Oak
Nueces
San Patricio

Region 3

Calhoun
Colorado
DeWitt
Jackson
Lavaca
Matagorda
Refugio
Victoria
Wharton

Region 4

Brazoria
Chambers
Fort Bend
Galveston
Harris
Liberty
Waller

Region 5

Hardin
Jasper
Jefferson
Newton
Orange
Tyler

Region 6

Austin
Brazos
Burlleson
Grimes
Houston
Leon
Madison
Milam
Montgomery
Polk
Robertson
San Jacinto
Trinity
Walker
Washington

Region 7

Anderson
Angelina
Cherokee
Gregg
Harrison
Henderson
Nacogdoches
Panola
Rusk
Sabine
San Augustine
Shelby
Smith
Upshur
Wood
Van Zandt

Region 8

Bowie
Camp
Cass
Delta
Franklin
Hopkins
Lamar
Marion
Morris
Red River
Titus

Region 9

Archer
Baylor
Clay
Foard
Hardeman
Jack
Knox
Montague
Throckmorton
Wichita
Wilbarger
Young

Region 10

Collin
Dallas
Ellis
Fannin
Grayson
Hunt
Kaufman
Rockwall

Region 11

Cooke
Denton
Erath
Hood
Johnson
Palo Pinto
Parker
Somervell
Tarrant
Wise

Region 12

Bell
Bosque
Coryell
Falls
Freestone
Hamilton
Hill
Lampasas
Limestone
McLennan
Mills
Navarro

Region 13

Bastrop
Burnet
Caldwell
Comal
Fayette
Gillespie
Gonzales
Guadalupe
Hays
Kendall
Lee
Llano
Travis
Williamson

Region 14

Callahan
Comanche
Eastland
Fisher
Haskell
Mitchell
Nolan
Scurry
Shackelford
Stephens
Taylor

Region 15

Brown
Coke
Concho
Irion
Kimble
Mason
McCulloch
Menard
Runnels
San Saba
Schleicher
Sutton
Val Verde

Region 16

Briscoe
Carson
Castro
Childress
Dallam
Deaf Smith
Donley
Gray
Hartley
Lipscomb
Ochiltree
Oldham
Parmer
Potter-Randall
Roberts
Swisher
Wheeler

Region 17

Bailey
Cochran
Cottle
Crosby
Dawson
Dickens
Gaines
Garza
Hale
Hockley
Floyd
Kent
Lamb
Lubbock
Lynn
Motley
Terry
Yoakum

Region 18

Andrews
Brewster
Crane
Ector
Glasscock
Howard
Loving
Martin
Midland
Pecos
Reagan
Terrell
Upton
Winkler

Region 19

El Paso

Region 20

Atascosa
Bandera
Bexar
Dimmit
Frio
Kendall
Kerr
Kinney
Maverick
Medina
Real
Uvalde
Wilson
Zavala

BIG COUNTRY CHAPTER

(Region 14)
President: Linda Carrington,
Throckmorton CAD
Vice President: Troy Sloan, Stephens
CAD
Secretary: Toni Shields, Scurry CAD
Treasurer: Richard Petree, Taylor CAD

CENTRA-PLEX CHAPTER

(Region 12)
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CAD
Vice President: Barbara Davis-Kyle CAD
Secretary-Treasurer: Jim Halbert,
McLennan CAD

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CHAPTER**

(Region 15)
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Vice President: Sheree Wigham,
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Secretary: Kandy Dick, Kimble CAD
Treasurer: Judy Cavnar, Menard CAD

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CAD
Secretary-Treasurer: Marquita Scott,
Lynn CAD

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(Regions 7, 8, 10)
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Secretary-Treasurer: Libby Neeley,
Gregg CAD

NORTH PLAINS CHAPTER

(Region 16)
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CAD
Vice President: Teresa Edmond,
Sherman CAD
Secretary-Treasurer: Danny Jones, Deaf
Smith CAD

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(Region 18)
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Vice President: Connie Carpenter,
Winkler CAD
Secretary: Sherlene Burrows, Loving
CAD
Treasurer: Byron Bitner, Reagan CAD

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CHAPTER**

(Regions 1, 20)
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Vice President: Irma Gonzales, Frio CAD
Secretary-Treasurer: Diane Brawner,
Medina CAD

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(Region 5)
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Vice President: Joyce Atkins, Orange
CAD
Secretary-Treasurer: Joan Malin,
Orange CAD

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(Regions 3, 6, 13)
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Vice President: Andrew Hahn, Calhoun
CAD
Secretary-Treasurer: Karen Schubert,
Fayette CAD

Delegate Assembly & Business Meeting February 16, 2004

Highlights of 2003, a good as well as prosperous, year for the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts include:

- TAAD enjoyed excellent member district participation with 226 appraisal districts, including two new member districts, the Reeves County Appraisal District and the Hall County Appraisal District, joining the association.
- TAAD's education program continued to develop and expand in 2003. We served 449 students in 25 state certification classes, and TAAD staff worked with the association's 53 secondary sponsors to set up education courses across the state to reach many more students. In addition, TAAD renewed a commitment to professional development of its members by offering five IAAO courses and workshops on advanced appraisal topics. With input from its membership, the Education Committee planned programs to reach all segments of the appraisal district population, including ARBs, directors, chief appraisers and CAD personnel through a USPAP update seminar; a seminar for new and prospective chief appraisers; a maps technology seminar; a deeds and records seminar for CAD staff; five statewide seminars on the use of Marshall & Swift field appraisal program in the PVS; a seminar on the appraisal of low-income property; instructor training classes for prospective BTPE instructors; and 10 ARB seminars. We continued to offer RPA review courses for BTPE registrants taking their licensing exams. In all, approximately 2,622 individuals attended our education programs in 2003 – a 15 percent increase over the previous year. Just wait until you hear about our plans for 2004!
- We inaugurated a new program, the **Chief Appraiser Institute**, designed to provide in-depth training to new and prospective chief appraisers. There are 23 individuals undergoing a rigorous one-year training program.
- TAAD participates in the Property Tax Education Coalition, a group of seven non-profit organizations interested in developing and offering a professional education program for BTPE registrants. TAAD is involved in field-testing the course materials as they are prepared and offering instructor orientation courses and instructor training. To date, TAAD has contributed more than \$103,000 to the cause of professional education, and has served as the group's financial agent since its inception.
- More than 570 individuals and 32 vendors attended TAAD's Twenty-second Annual Conference in Austin last February. The Conference Committee continues to work on providing the best program, speakers and facilities possible for a reasonable price. The committee worked to negotiate favorable contracts for future conferences.
- TAAD's Legislative Committee dedicated much time and resources in 2003 to following the 78th Regular Legislative Session by developing a list of legislative priorities and working to make those priorities a reality. We continued working with other groups interested in a fair, efficient property tax system. This work during the legislative interim has included following the Joint Select Committee on Public School Funding. We conducted two seminars and issued numerous email updates to keep members informed, as well as kept a daily update on our website.
- TAAD's executive board, committee chairs and vice chairs met to plan for the association's future at a Strategic Planning Conference. The areas of concentration we agreed on included developing and maintaining a sound education program for tax professionals; developing educational opportunities for support staff; evaluating and improving the program of the annual conference; improving and enhancing our presence on the worldwide web; addressing the goals and mission

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And then there were five

In response to legislation passed by the 78th Legislature, the Board of Tax Professional Examiners has become a five-person board, with the chairperson appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor. The board now consists of four members from the property tax field, plus a representative of the public.

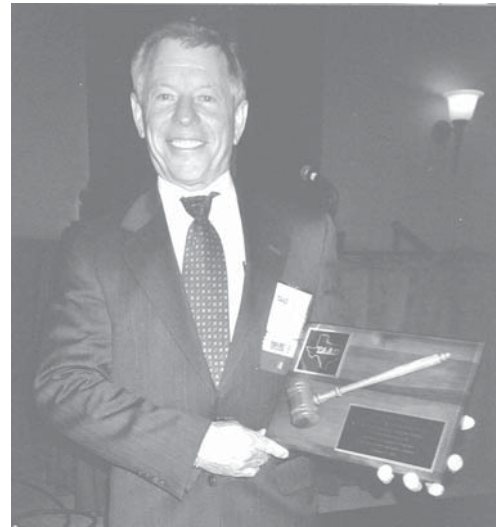
Members, their entities and their terms are:

- Michael Amezcuita, Bexar AD (term expires March 1, 2005)
- Jim Childers, Potter-Randall CAD (term expires March 1, 2007)
- Linda Hatchel of Woodway, public member (term expires March 1, 2009)
- Deborah Hunt, Williamson County (term expires March 1, 2005)
- Kristy Roe, Brazos County (term expires March 1, 2007)

At their recent board meeting members elected officers for 2004. They are: Deborah Hunt, chair (appointed to chair by governor);



Members of the BTPE include (l-r) Michael Amezcuita of Bexar AD; Deborah Hunt of Williamson County; Linda Hatchel, public member; Kristy Roe of Brazos County; and Jim Childers of Potter-Randall CAD.



Thanks, Richard! 2003 TAAD President Richard Petree of Taylor CAD was honored at the association's recent annual conference.

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of the Standards & Practices Committee; increasing membership and member services, addressing technology in appraisal districts and working with new legislators and state leaders to maintain a legislative presence.

- TAAD's presence on the internet is through its website, www.taad.org. It has been a very busy site since its inauguration in January 1998, and it is maintained in-house by Webmaster Dianne Carlson.

For 2004, the TAAD staff and I aim to do our best to continue to meet the needs of our membership. We will remember that each of you members, whether a member district, associate or affiliate member, are the most important reason for our being at TAAD. Please feel free to contact me at any time to share your concerns, questions and comments. At all times I will remember that TAAD exists to be of service to its members; please let me know how the staff and I can assist you and your appraisal district.

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2004 TAAED Education Course Schedule

				Class Hours	Exam Hours	CEU Full Credit	CEU Audit Credit
August	Aug. 9-11	Course 7	Property Tax Law	21	3	24	16
	Aug. 9-11	Course 10	Demo Appraisal Concepts	21	3	24	16
	Aug. 9-11	Course 12	Oil & Gas Appraisal	16	2	18	12
	Aug. 9-13	Course 2	Appraisal of Real Property	32	*4	*36	24
September	Sept. 13-15	Course 13	Appraisal of Ag & Open-Space Land	16	2	18	12
	Sept. 13-15	Course 11	Appraisal of Timber Land	16	2	18	12
	Sept. 13-17	Course 1	Intro to Texas Property Tax System	32	*4	*36	24
	Sept. 13-17	Course 14	Wildlife Appraisal	16	2	18	12
October	Oct. 11-14	Course 3	Income Approach to Value	24	2	26	18
	Oct. 11-14	Course 4	Personal Property Appraisal	24	2	26	18
	Oct. 11-14	Course 5	Mass Appraisal	24	2	26	18
	Oct. 11-14	Course 23	Advanced Income Approach	24	2	26	18
	Oct. 11-14	Course 27	Appraisal of Land	24	2	26	18
December	Dec. 6-8	Course 7	Texas Property Tax Law	21	3	24	16
	Dec. 6-8	Course 10	Demo Appraisal Concepts	21	3	24	16
	Dec. 6-9	Course 3	Income Approach to Value	24	2	26	18
	Dec. 6-10	Course 1	Intro to Texas Property Tax System	32	*4	*36	24
	Dec. 6-10	Course 2	Appraisal of Real Property	32	*4	*36	24

NOTE: No state courses are scheduled during April, May, June, July or November.

*2 hours for exam review and 2 hours for exam. Review may be omitted to reduce course to 34 CEUs.

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Huckabay as Vice-chair of the ARB Committee. Fortunately, I have been able to find two directors who previously served on an Appraisal Review Board that are willing to serve on the committee. In an effort to promote informed and open relationships between our offices, the taxpayer and the Appraisal Review Boards I ask this committee to search out and find ways to improve communication and share information between these groups.

Kathy Rodrigue as TAAED 2004 Secretary-Treasurer is exofficio Budget Committee Chair. I have appointed Richard Petree to be Vice-chair and other committee members who will lend experience to the budgeting process.

Dave Kimbrough as Bylaws Committee Chair and Alonzo Vega as Vice-chair have experience with the process of reviewing and updating the TAAED Bylaws. We have assembled a good

group of committee members to participate in this effort.

Many of you have told me this past year's 23rd Annual Conference was the best ever. Knowing that this was going to be a "tough act to follow," I have tried to maintain a similar makeup of the committee for the coming year. With Rick Kuehler as Conference Committee Chair, Deborah Hunt as Vice-chair and a talented and experienced committee I challenged them to "top" their own record for the 24th Annual Conference.

Mike Barnett will head up the Education Committee with Sands Stiefer as Vice-Chair. There are some new members added to the experienced members from past years. The committee is charged with the responsibility of updating and enhancing our education effort with specific attention to member services and to areas designed to aid the Appraisal District staff. Mike

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1. **Class Hours:** Unless otherwise specified, course hours are from 8:30 am - 5 pm. Registration on the first day of class is 8-8:30 am.
2. **Location/Hotel Accommodations:** Courses will be held at the *Austin North Hilton Hotel*, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, Texas, 78752, (512) 451-5757. TAAD has a room block with a rate of \$80 single or double per night. To get these rates, students must reserve their room at least three weeks in advance and ask for the TAAD block.
3. **CEUs:** All of TAAD's state certification courses are approved by BTPE for certification and continuing education units. The hours indicated on the course schedule represent the total number of hours received for the course, including examination time, as well as the credit given for auditing the course. Students must take and pass the exam to receive full credit for each course.
4. **Audit:** Credit will be given to individuals who audit state certification courses. Please contact Doris Koch at the TAAD office to find out how many CEU hours each course will provide.
5. **Certificate:** All member districts will receive a certificate for \$50 off Member District Course Fee. Certificates are valid for one individual registration. To redeem, please enclose certificate along with remaining registration fee.
6. **Cancellations:** There will be a \$50 administrative charge for all course cancellations including faxed registrations. Refund requests must be received by TAAD in writing within two weeks after the last day of the course.
7. **Cost for Courses:**
 - Courses 1, 2 & 8:**
 - \$250 for TAAD Member Districts
 - \$300 for TAAD Associate/Affiliate Members
 - \$350 for Non-members
 - Courses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 23, 25 & 27:**
 - \$225 for TAAD Member Districts
 - \$275 for TAAD Associate/Affiliate Members
 - \$325 for Non-members
 - Courses 11, 12 & 13:**
 - \$175 for TAAD Member Districts
 - \$225 for TAAD Associate/Affiliate Members
 - \$275 for Non-members

State Certification Course Registration Form

Course # _____ Course Date BTPE # (if applicable) _____

Name _____ Nickname _____ Title _____

Jurisdiction/Firm _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Property Assessment Valuation Book required for Courses 2, 3, 4 & 5 (\$35)	Course Registration Fee	\$ _____
Texas Ad Valorem Taxation Book suggested for Courses 1, 6, 7, 8 & 9 (\$20)	Enclosed	\$ _____
PTEC Glossary (\$20)	Enclosed	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

- I am taking this course for certification
- I am auditing this course
- I am taking this course for CEUs only
- I am taking the exam
- Please mail my class materials *
- I will pick up my class materials at registration

* TAAD will mail materials only if we receive registration and payment **THREE WEEKS PRIOR** to class.

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 October 20-24, 2004

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TAAD member district \$250
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 Nonmember \$350

Room Rates: \$80 single or double

CEUs: 21 hours maximum

TAAD is proud to offer a **Level III/IV RPA Review** for BTPE registrants preparing to take the state certification exam. The sessions will be three comprehensive days of course review and working problems. An optional exam will be offered on the morning of the fourth day.

aware that this is a review session, not primary instruction. The instructor will cover basic methodologies, definitions, etc. as outlined in the course material, but will not "reteach" the courses. The evening lab will be time for working on specific concern areas which students may have. Students must have basic knowledge of Course 1 before taking course, because it will not be covered in the daily review.

The sessions will be offered in Austin, prior to BTPE's Austin testing dates in 2004. The review session will use BTPE's study outline as a tool.

Daily sessions will be from 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Students attending should be

TAAD 2004 Level III/IV RPA Review Registration Form

Name _____ Title _____ BTPE # (if applicable) _____
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Date of 2004 Level III/IV RPA Review (check session attending)

- August 4-7, 2004
- October 20-24, 2004
- Level III
- Level IV

Note: The review will be only for RPA testing.

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2005 Renewals Fees and Exemption from the Online Renewal Project

We are still attempting to get your registration renewal fees lowered by \$5.00. The current fee is \$55.00 and if all goes well it will be \$50.00 for calendar year 2005. However, the battle may be long and difficult. The Texas Online Authority has not been very receptive to any exemptions from participation in the online renewal project. I think if we all pull together, we may move the authority off their current position.

To support our position, I will need to include more data on why registrants are not using the online renewal project. One significant data point is we only had eleven online renewals from 3,200 licenses renewed for 2004. We collected a \$5 per renewal (online or not online) fee for the Texas Online Authority. That is \$16,000 in fees for only eleven renewals.

I have made a list of possible reasons for not participating and would like your feedback on what area is applicable for your office:

- Entity does not authorize use of credit card to pay fees
- Entity does not authorize use of ACH (e-check)
- Too many registrants to renew online one at a time (easier to mail one check)
- Entity does not trust security of online renewal project with credit card information
- Prefer method of sending check

If you have another reason, please let me know. The Authority will be reviewing this exemption in late summer. I hope to have all my input together by the conference in August.

End of Course Exams

The end-of-course exams will be going through a transition. The State Certification examinations utilizes three different format for the questions, Multiple choice; calculation; completion questions. The end of course examination only has multiple choice and calculations. As courses are being revised and updated, the course writers are incorporating the completion questions into the end of course examination. This will assist in the preparation for the State examinations.

New Board Chairperson and Members

In accordance with the Board's Sunset Bill, the Board has reduced its size from six members to five.

The requirement to have a Board member from the public sector was also implemented. Additionally, the Governor now appoints the Board Chairperson. Governor Perry appointed Deborah Hunt, Williamson County Tax Assessor Collector, as Board Chairperson. Deborah has been on the Board since April of 1999. Normally, two new members are appointed every odd numbered year. However, last year only one member was appointed to reduce the total size of the Board. That member is Linda Hatchel from Woodway, Texas, and she represents the public sector.

In January, the Board lost one member due to a change of employment. Stanton Brown departed Knox County and is now on the staff of the Property Tax Division. The Board wishes him well. To replace Stanton, the Governor appointed the Chief Appraiser from Potter Randal C.A.D., Jim Childers. Jim was welcomed to the Board at the Board's February 17th meeting.

At the February 17th meeting, Kristy Roe was elected to be the new Board Vice-Chairperson and Jim Childers was elected to the position of Board Secretary.

Our next Board meeting will be on May 17th at 4:30 pm in Laredo at the La Posada Hotel.

Exam Schedule

Thursday, April 22, 2004 (Houston)

All exams available but no reviews available

Monday, May 24, 2004 (Austin)

Assessor Collectors and Collectors Exams only.
(No Appraisal review available for this exam.
Appraisal Exams given by special request only.
Exam Special Request Extensions will be granted to August 9, 2004 for those registrants desiring to attend a review).

Monday, August 9, 2004 (Austin)

All Exams (All reviews available).

Friday, September 3, 2004 (Amarillo)

All exams available but no reviews available

Monday, October 25, 2004 (Austin)

All Exams (All reviews available).

Your cooperation and support is always appreciated. Thank you again for your support.

Dave Montoya, Executive Director

and I agree that our education effort should address all related educational needs of the Appraisal District including the Board of Directors, Appraisal Review Board, the Chief Appraiser, the Staff and the public.

I have appointed a special "working" committee to address membership needs and services primarily related to education, membership and information. Jerry Lee will chair this committee. I am asking this committee to identify areas where we are not fulfilling the needs of our membership and to make recommendations that will best fulfill those needs. The committee will report back to the Education Committee, and in turn, the Executive Board.

The Membership Committee will be chaired by Jerry Reynolds with the help of Alonzo Vega as Vice-chair and a geographically diverse group of committee members. I am asking them to communicate with the above special committee and with the Education Committee in order to know what TAAD has to offer its current and prospective members.

John Marshall has agreed to Chair the Industry Liaison Committee with Vance Liston as Vice-chair. Many of the members have served on this committee before. I have added a few new members to broaden the scope of this committee membership.

TAAD has suspended the Technology Conference that was held every other year. We have incorporated those offerings in our Annual Conference. I have appointed Nick Williams as Chair and Diane Munson as Vice-chair of the Methods and Technology Committee for 2004. I am asking them to look for new technologies and methods that are beneficial to our operations with an eye for the practical and the affordable.

The Nominations Committee is responsible for finding individuals to lead us successfully into the future. I feel with Art Cory as Chair and

Jackie Self as Vice-chair the committee will find those of our members best suited to those ends. I have been able to assemble members for the committee that will represent a cross-section of the State.

Our PTD/BTPE Liaison Committee will be staffed with members that I hope can improve communication with our oversight State agencies. The committee is charged with building better relationships between Appraisal Districts and these groups. Chair Ron Stegall and Vice-chair Carla Pope-Osborne have the determination and ability to guide us in this effort.

Last but not least, the Standards and Practices Committee has an important and difficult responsibility. Karen McCord has agreed to chair this committee with the help of Cheryl Evans as Vice-chair. I have asked them to find ways to maintain and improve the quality of our operations, to find ways for us to be better.

Committees will be listed on the TAAD website. Anyone wishing to serve in any way can contact me by e-mail or call. Your contribution will be welcome.

This promises to be a very interesting and challenging year for Appraisal Districts as well as for the entities. I sincerely wish all of you a successful and rewarding 2004.

Pat Bagley, 2004 TAAD President

Jeff Craig receives James Goodwin Excellence in Education Award

The James Goodwin Excellence in Education Award is one of TAAD's newest, and it recognizes an individual who is noteworthy in his or her contributions to professional ad valorem education. Jeff Craig of the Tarrant AD is the latest to be recognized for his efforts.

Craig is no stranger to students in property tax education because he has taught many students and prospective teachers. That's easy to understand when you know that he wrote the book on instructor training currently being used to train new instructors for state certification courses.

The TAAD Education Committee counts him as one of its members. He started working for his appraisal district back in 1983. He's originally from Abilene, graduated from Abilene High School and received his BA from Abilene Christian University. His MA is from the Institute of Urban Affairs at University of Texas-Arlington.

When he's not working on education, he's working at his day job, Business Personal Property Division Manager at Tarrant AD. After hours you can find him coaching one of his kids' sports teams, serving as a deacon and chairman of the building committee for his church, or giving back to his alma mater as a member of the Board of Visitors for Abilene Christian University.

The award is named for the late Jim Goodwin, who served for nearly two decades as the chief appraiser of Ector County Appraisal District. Jim was a frequent instructor for TAAD, and was planning on continuing as an active part of the education process after his retirement. TAAD continues to honor Jim's memory and commitment with this award.



2003 TAAD President presents Jeff Craig with the James Goodwin Excellence in Education Award.

Previous Excellence in Education Winners

- 2002 Sands Stiefer, Harris CAD
- 2001 James Goodwin, Ector CAD (presented posthumously)
- 2000 Guy Griscom, Harris CAD
- 1999 Rod Lewallen, Callahan CAD (retired)
- 1998 Big Country TAAD Chapter

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BTPE Exam Schedule

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For more information and to obtain a study guide, contact BTPE at the William P. Hobby Building, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Suite 520, Austin, TX 78701, 512-305-7300.

2004 BTPE Exams and Locations

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Aug. 9 Austin (all)	Oct. 25 Austin (all)



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