

**Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Region One**

**Minutes**

**Host – Brenham CPAAA  
Saturday, October 11, 2008**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was held at Blinn College and was called to order at 10:15am by President Calvin Walker. There were 32 present and 2 employees of PHI, Inc.

**Prayer:** Calvin Walker

**Pledge:** The American Flag and the Texas Flag.

**Program:** The program by PHI, Inc., was introduced by Tina Taylor, flight nurse for the company along with air medical A. J. Toscano. There was a film presentation about PHI, Inc. Then the group went to the Blinn College practice field to watch the landing of the medical helicopter and were allowed to view the helicopter and ask questions.

PHI has received the Federal Aviation Administration's "High Flyer" Award, the National Ocean Industry Association's "Safety in Seas" Award, the Flight Safety Foundation's "President's Citation for Safety Leadership" Award, the FAA's "Spirit of Safety Award" and countless other awards honoring our commitment to safety.

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the August 9, 2009 meeting in Sugar Land were not available for vote, so those minutes and the October 11, 2009 minutes from Brenham will be ready for approval at the November 11 meeting in Texas City.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The Checking Account 8-1-09 – 8-31-09 Opening balance was \$1,811.32. There was a \$30.00 deposit of dues for Richmond CPAAA and a check written to Charles Billingsley for \$105.00 for printing and postage. The closing balance was \$1,736.16. The Scholarship Fund on 8-31-09 was \$2,391.37.
3. **The Checking Account 9-1-09 – 9-31-09** Opening and closing balances were \$1,736.16 with no deposits or withdrawals. The Scholarship fund on 9-1-09 was \$2,391.37.
4. **2009 Convention:** Dave Miller, newly elected 1st Vice President of the Texas State CPA Board, reported on the status of the 2009 Convention. Charles Suderman and Dave Miller have discussed with the State Board the effects of Hurricane Ike on Galveston and its probable effect on attendance of people to the 2009 Convention. Since Region One is obligated to Moody Gardens for the 350 rooms that have been reserved for the convention, Region One would be liable for all rooms not rented for the convention.

It is of great concern that many people in the Region One area have been affected monetarily by Hurricane Ike and getting sponsors would be difficult. Also Galveston would not be ready as a tourist attraction in August of 2009. Without the appeal of the Galveston attractions and the lack of registrations, it was felt that the attendance would not be enough to hold the convention in 2009. After talking to Moody Gardens personnel, they have given Region One the option of postponing the convention at Moody Gardens to the year 2011. The fee to cancel would have been astronomical.

Tom Miller of Bryan attended the meeting. State Board has talked to Bryan/College Station about hosting 2009, and it does not have an answer yet. The State Board will meet soon in Buffalo, Texas, and they will report the outcome of that meeting.

A motion was made by Thomas Bach to postpone the Convention hosted by Region One to the year 2011. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Canales. After a lengthy discussion, the voting delegates of Region One approved moving the convention hosted by Region One to the year 2011.

Dave Miller gave the Region One 2009 Convention vests that were completed with the 2009 emblem to the members who had previously purchased them. Joyce Beeson reported that Lake Jackson CPAAA voted to furnish table decorations for the Region One sponsored convention. Fay Burke has been working on these decorations.

5. It was discussed that nominees for the 2009 Board should be have been made at the September meeting. Because of Hurricane Ike, there no meeting in September. Calvin Walker suggested that those on the Board agree to serve and then at the November meeting, nominations from the floor could be taken and placed on the ballot. All Board members present, Calvin Walker, Georgie Benavides, and Carroll Bagley were present, and they agreed to be on the ballot for 2009. Dottie Duby, Secretary was absent.
6. Activity Reports: Because of the shortage of time, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting and let each Alumni e-mail their report to secretary Dottie Duby. They will be included in the October minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Joyce Beeson, Lake Jackson CPAAA,

Acting Secretary for Dottie Duby, Angleton CPAAA

#### REGION ONE - ALUMNI REPORTS

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LAKE JACKSON CPAAA - Lake Jackson hosted National Night Out Tuesday, October 7. LJPd furnished and served along with members of LJCPAAA 400 hot dogs, chips and drinks to citizens. A petting zoo, a clown, and the EMS and Fire Fighters were on hand to display their vehicles and answer questions. There was a very good turnout.

Lake Jackson CPA membership voted on proposed by-laws at the October 9 general meeting. None of the proposals passed. The next CPA class 28 in the Spring is open for enrollment.

Disabled Parking is usually done weekly. We have noticed a reduction in violations since we are more visible in Lake Jackson. The COP car also enhances our visibility. COPS are still patrolling on Friday and Saturday nights. COPS write warnings for vehicles blocking sidewalks and streets, and they also do disabled parking while on patrol.

Child ID has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, for students at A. P. Beutel School in Lake Jackson. The next school will be T.W. Ogg on Tuesday, November 4.

The Lake Jackson 2008 Festival of Lights will take place on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at the Civic Center in Downtown Lake Jackson. A Gobbler Cook-Off, a Beauty Pageant, Little Princess Pageant, Pet Parade, and Food and Craft Booths are among the attractions. Then the Parade of Lights at 7pm that evening will end the activities. Check the city website that has all the information: [www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us](http://www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us).

**FEMA has opened a Disaster Recovery Center at the Lake Jackson Civic Center (333 Hwy 332 East). This is where citizens can go to ask questions of FEMA personnel about their claims. We are pleased that FEMA has chosen to open this center for the convenience of people living here in southern and western Brazoria County.**

**The City of Lake Jackson and Lake Jackson PD did an excellent job of keeping the city safe during and after Hurricane Ike. Mayor Sipple and other city personnel kept the citizens advised with telephone updates. Telephone service and potable water were available to most citizens after the hurricane struck. Electricity was restored with 1,400 workers brought into the area by Center Point that were housed in the Lake Jackson Recreation and Civic centers and Catholic Church. The Civic Center was also set up with their own caterer to feed all 1,400. There were cranes and large trucks that cleaned up the fallen trees, branches and other debris. Lake Jackson has recovered well.**

**Joyce Beeson, LJCPAAA**

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