

**Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association**  
**Region One**  
**Saturday, July 14, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Lane at 10:11 a.m. at the Brenham Police Department, 210 Parks Street in Brenham. The opening prayer was led by Calvin Walker

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Tom Lane. The new Pledge to the Texas flag was led by Joyce Beeson:

**"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."**

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NOTE: According to [The Handbook of Texas Online](#)

"In 1933 the legislature passed a law establishing rules for the proper display of the flag and providing for a pledge to the flag: "Honor the Texas Flag of 1836; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible." The pledge erroneously referred to the 1836 national flag, known as David G. Burnet's flag, instead of the Lone Star Flag. Senator Searcy Bracewell introduced a bill to correct this error in 1951, but the legislature did not delete the words "of 1836" until 1965."

The pledge was again amended by House Bill 1034 during the 80th Legislature with the addition of "one state under God." The revised wording became effective on June 15, 2007.

The text of the current law, Chapter 3100, Sections 3100.101 - 3100.104 of the [Texas Government Code](#), is available to be viewed online.

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Lieutenant Todd Jacobs welcomed Region One to Brenham. He was also pleased for Brenham to host Region One in 2005. Lieutenant Jacobs announced that the Petroleum Helicopter, Inc. (PHI) Air Medical Helicopter located in Brenham was presenting the program in about 30 minutes.

Approval of the June minutes taken at the meeting in Pearland has been scheduled for approval at the August meeting in Sugar Land.

**Treasurer Georgie Benevides report for June 2007:**

**Checking Account:** The June 1 balance was \$2,539.98. This amount was transferred to Guarantee Bank of Webster to the bank used by TCPAAA Region One. A transfer of \$500 was transferred to the Scholarship Fund. The June 30 closing balance of the Checking Account was \$2,039.98.

**Scholarship Fund:** The June 1 balance of the Scholarship Fund was \$1,236.38. On June 14, \$500 from the Checking Account was deposited into this account. The June 30 balance was \$1,726.38.

**Committee Reports:** Evalyn Phillips reported on the two raffle items, the picture frame and the statue of a policeman with an angel. Both items were taken to Convention where raffle

tickets were sold from the Region One table. Evalyn said \$150 had been earned from selling tickets. The drawing was not held at the Convention banquet. The Committee decided to extend the selling of raffle tickets to allow the Region One CPA's to purchase tickets. The raffle drawing will be held at the November Region One meeting. If any raffle winners are not present at that drawing, their item will be mailed to them. The tickets sell for \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 6 for \$10. Joyce Beeson made a motion that the \$150 plus any money raised from tickets sold until the drawing in November be given to the Treasurer at the November meeting. The motion was seconded by George Gabriles; the motion carried. The money raised through the raffles will be put into the Scholarship Fund. Joyce Beeson asked if a picture of the raffle items can be e-mailed so people will know what they are bidding on. Evalyn will check on that.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**State Convention Report:**

Ben Hernandez briefly reported on the Austin 2007 Convention. On Award night, on behalf of the officers in the State of Texas TCPAAA, a \$1,000 check was given the Special Olympics. Also they encourage all the CPA's to help protect our communities; each CPA has a theme and work with local police officers and to be their eyes and ears.

Ben reported on the Austin Convention and ideas for future conventions. The 2008 dues to the Convention in Wichita Falls will be \$110; the extra, one-time \$10 fee is to bring members dues up-to-date and out of arrears. Ben Hernandez reported on the Wichita 2008 Convention. Plans are to have the Belamy Brothers concert after the Awards Banquet. The concert will be put on by the Convention and the paying public attending will pay for the performance; the 2008 Convention attendees will attend free. The Ice Breaker will be at the Air Force Base and the NATO Pilots Association will put on an International Feast. They will introduce all the Generals, and the Air Force Band will play that night. A live air strike is being considered, but is not yet confirmed. Ben said that is a lot of entertainment for the \$100 Registration Fee.

Ben said the goal of the State CPAAA is to have conventions in strategic areas to ensure all CPA's have an opportunity to attend a convention. The goal of having a convention held in the Houston/Galveston area is because of many CPA's in that area Ben emphasized that members of the State Board are only suggesting that happen; and their goal is to help CPA's host a convention.

Ben suggested several ways for hosting a Convention would be (1) a Region One local CPA could host with State Board assisting; (2) a local CPA in Region One could host, or (3) State Board will organize the convention with help from other Regions' Alumni. Ben talked about hosting the 2009 Convention in Galveston. The Board has gotten offers of some CPA's in Region One to help with hosting the 2009 convention. That would help by not having one CPA host the convention.

Calvin Walker made a motion that Region One host the 2009 Convention to be held in Galveston. After much discussion Evalyn Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Charles Suderman of Dickinson CPAAA suggested that Region One start now organizing for the 2009 Convention. A Region One Chairman of the 2009 Convention must be named soon.

At program time, inclement weather prohibited flying the PHI helicopter. Teena Taylor, one of the two Critical Care Nurses that fly on the helicopter, presented a very informative talk on their goals of immediate medical care for patients and safety of the operation. It usually takes 6 minutes to get the crew to the helicopter; nautical miles by one-half is usually the flying time. Weather is always a factor in flying. Teena was asked about a source for the 2009 Convention. Teena offered to be a resource of any information we would like to have and gave Tom Lane her business card.

**Closing Comments:** The August meeting will be in Sugar Land on August 11 at the Sugar Land Police Department.

**CPAAA activities:**

Joyce Beeson asked that each Alumni mail or e-mail to Dottie Duby their Alumni report to be included in the July Minutes report.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Beeson, Acting Secretary

All meetings are on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM.

Email Dottie at [robertduby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertduby@sbcglobal.net) for items you would like added to the agenda.

***PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG***

*Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible*

*e-mail Ms Walker the list of our Region One officers (name, addresses, phone etc)*

**ALUMNI REPORTS:**

**Montgomery County**  
Submitted by Jeanette Graff

July 3rd we prepared sack lunches for our Deputies, Troopers, Constables and the workers doing the paper work for the bookings. Lunches included ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies, fresh fruit, water or sodas and bag of candy to snack on while on the streets of Conroe, East County and South County. Coffee was also available. We started setting up about 7pm and some worked until 5am. By having the lunches ready for them it gave them more time to be out on the streets. This was the second time this was done and the deputies were very appreciative. There was also a person from MADD that was there. We owe this starting to a representative

from MADD that set up the first one in March. Several of the deputies stated that this beat eating at Whataburger or McDonald's. We served over 40 deputies in the three locations.

July 4th was our annual time to collect parking fees at the Garage for the Fireworks Show at the Woodlands Mall. Our group receives 50% of money taken in at the garage. Later that evening we had 3 people leave to go to the convention.

July 17th we hope to have a large group of our members to attend a class that our previous liaison officer is putting together for the department that he now works for.

Applications are coming in for our new classes that are to start in August.

### **Lake Jackson - Reported by Joyce Beeson**

The 2007 Child ID Project schedule in BISD schools has been issued from September 13 through November 15. Area schools have been scheduled for second graders with Stephen F. Austin in Jones Creek scheduled for second and fifth graders. Joe Ripple, new BISD superintendent, has agreed to expand this service to all of the fifth grades. This will occur in the 2008 Spring semester and will mark the completion of the short-term objectives for "Project ID".

November 17, Project ID will be at the Festival of Lights in Lake Jackson.

Class 11 of the YCPA was held the week of June 9. Twenty-two students graduated.

COP personnel responded to their first call-out to help monitor a speeding situation in Lake Jackson. COP members learned to use the radar to monitor the speed of cars. COP personnel are now scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights during the summer to patrol Lake Jackson. The COP car is also used for Disabled Parking. All citations written by the Certified Disabled Parking Team are entered into the Lake Jackson PD system. Since December 1999, over 911 citations have been written.

A retirement party for Sergeant Woody Haywood was given by the LJ PD. Another party for CPAAA members was held one evening at the home of Fay Burke. Sergeant Haywood was very active in program for CPA classes, and he will be missed by LJCPAAA members.

**SUGAR LAND - ALUMNI NEWS Deb Smith SLCPAAA Treasurer**

Preparations for our CPA Class # 40 which begins in September are under way. Current volunteer opportunities for our alumni members include Warrant Callouts and Child ID. Our warrant callout program has been very successful and we are now helping clear "cold warrants" with 5 volunteers certified for TCIC/NCIC/TLETS access.

Our alumni will participate in National Night Out on August 7 via ride-alongs with officers and city patrols in our CAST vehicles.

CAST (Community Assistance Support Team) - our citizen patrol - continues to perform patrols and house watches throughout the city. We now have two new (V6 Dodge Chargers) marked CAST patrol units and one police unit designated for use as a "ghost car". We are also writing Handicap/Disabled Parking Warnings; and plan to advance to writing actual citations in Sept. CAST Class # 3 graduates are now completing their field training rides with SLPD officers.

On the evening of July 3, ten CAST volunteers responded to assist Sugar Land Officers in a missing person search: a 77-year old Vietnamese lady who walked away from church at 10:30 that morning; she did not speak any English. However, she was found safe at @ 8:30 that evening, although a bit exhausted and upset. It was an excellent experience for our CAST members.

Our 4th of July "Red White and Blue Fest" was cancelled due to rain. CAST was scheduled to assist with traffic control for the event.

Three SLCPAAA alumni members and our Liason Officer attended the Texas State Conference in Austin. Great job Austin!!

Sugar Land will be hosting Region One on August 11. Hope to see you all then!

Deb Smith  
SLCPAAA Treasurer  
CAST CoOrdinator